CRITICAL AREA PLANTING
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

All critical area plantings must be maintained and functioning for 10 years (5 years for single-family homes). At a minimum the following operation and maintenance items must be followed:

Critical area planting maintenance activities	**Frequency**
Checking new seedings and plantings	Every four days during establishment
Watering **Use water conservation measures and rainwater reuse where available.*	As necessary * *very important during establishment*
Vegetation survival	
More than 80% survival	No action necessary
50-80% survival	Apply additional seed during next appropriate planting window
Less than 50% survival	Reseed using original planting plan
Controlling weeds	As necessary, using mechanical removal where feasible
Mowing	As necessary, must maintain a minimum height of 4 inches.
Applying lime and fertilizer	At establishment only. Apply at recommended rates of a soil test.

Any critical area plantings found not performing its intended function may result in the applicant having to repay a prorated amount of the cost share funds received to install the practice.

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Applicant Signature Date

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Landowner Signature Date