



This help sheet is design to ensure statewide consistency for some of the more common Compatible Use Authorizations (CUA) requested practices. Employees should refer to the National Program Manual for specifics related to CUAs.

NRCS easement policy allows the agency to approve activities which would otherwise be prohibited under the Warranty Easement Deed, through the use of a CUA process. Only activities that "further both the long-term protection and

enhancement of the wetland and other natural values of the project may be authorized as a compatible use..." A CUA is also required for any operation and management activities that are determined necessary by NRCS. CUAs are not guaranteed and may be revoked at NRCS's discretion at any time.

The information in the table below is specific to Indiana. The table details the minimum documentation necessary for the CUAs listed. Once approved, the request will be uploaded

into the National Easement Staging Tool (NEST) as a record of the activity.

Note: All requests must include a completed CPA-52 form and a map showing the location of the proposed practice(s). Multiple requests for the same Tract (or management area) can be lumped together. This is particularly helpful to the landowner if there are recurring practices which can be renewed on the same schedule. Requests for one-time-only practices or unique requests should be submitted separately.

FREQUENT COMPATIBLE USE AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS:

Table with 4 columns: Practice, Maximum Duration, Justification, and Support Documentation Needed. Rows include Cropping the first growing season*, Operation and Maintenance*, Food Plots, Access Trails, Prescribed Burning, Tree Planting, Herbaceous Planting, Moist Soil/Water Level Management, and Invasive Species Control.

* Practices that may be approved by the Area Conservationist.