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Re: Compliance update for E612C and E666R activity.
[CSP 2018 8152KY23014]

This memo is simply to stay in touch regarding my contract compliance activities.

E612C

The initial planting of 100 Pecan and 100 swamp white oak seedlings was successful. Survival rate is 100% so far as I can find no seedlings that did not “leaf out”.

Weed control is adequate to very good. We have applied tree tubes for deer protection and sprayed an area approximately 3 to 4 feet in diameter around each seedling to kill competitive weeds. We have done 2 spray applications and more are planned during this summer. Invasive plant control is ongoing with a focus on brush honeysuckle and multiflora rose.



The second planting of 120 total trees including a mix of Serviceberry, Pecan and Swamp White Oak is now planned for early November 2023. Additional plants may be selected and substituted as needed to accommodate planting needed for E666R.

E666R Songbird Habitat Maintenance Practice.

We are in the bird survey part of the program now. The Sycamore Audubon Society of West Lafayette will conduct the second survey tomorrow. These results will be posted to the compliance section of our website by 6/15/23.

Our District 2 Wildlife Biologist Tony Carroll will be here for a field visit on 6/15/23 at 1:00 PM. You are welcome to join us if you like. As a result of that visit Tony will be making a recommendation regarding additional plantings or habitat maintenance practices for further consideration and compliance.

Goals:

E666R Complete habitat maintenance by the end of November 2023.

E612C Have all trees and shrubs planted by the end of November 2023.

Sincerely,

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