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Re: Completion and Compliance with our E612C and E666R contract activity.
[CSP 2018 8152KY23014]

This memo is to confirm with you the completion of our contract compliance activities. Please note the following updates as discussed during your visit here yesterday.

E612C

The initial planting of 100 Pecan and 100 swamp white oak seedlings was successful. Survival rate is 95% so far as I can find only 10 seedlings that did not survive the summer.

On November 3 we completed the planting of the required 120 small trees and shrubs plus an additional 30 nannyberry. This represents a total of 150 plants made up of the following species:

- Serviceberry
- Nannyberry
- American plum
- Buttonbush
- Elderberry

Considering the Pecan and Swamp white oak planted this past spring, this brings the total to 350 plants of 7 species of trees and shrubs. (I have attached photos for your files.)

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

E666R Songbird Habitat Maintenance Practice.

The bird survey part of the program is complete. The Sycamore Audubon Society of West Lafayette has conducted the second survey and the results are posted to the compliance section of our website.

Our District 2 Wildlife Biologist Tony Carroll visited on 6/15/23 and made input to the plantings recommended by our forester for songbird habitat maintenance. The

required planting for compliance of this contract was also completed on November 3, 2023.

Accomplishments:

E666R Compliance for Songbirds habitat maintenance was completed as of November 3, 2023.

E612C All 350 trees and shrubs required for compliance have been planted as of November 3, 2023.

Thanks you so much for your help in the implementation of our forestry projects and for the field visit on November 3, 2023 to verify our compliance with both the E666R and E612 contracts.

Sincerely,

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