

Maryland Department of Agriculture MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY COST-SHARE PROGRAM 578 - STREAM CROSSING - BRIDGES ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA WORKSHEET & QUESTIONNAIRE

If any of the following are checked "NO" the applicant is **NOT** eligible for a Stream Crossing - Bridge.

BRIDGE CRITERIA	YES	NO
1) Are twenty-five (25) animal units regularly using or occupying the primary pasture?		
2) Does the primary pasture have a density greater than one (1) animal unit per two (2) acres?		
3) If the primary pasture is less than ten (10) acres in size, is the secondary pasture at least ten (10) acres or greater? Or, if the primary pasture is ten (10) acres or greater in size, is the secondary pasture at least five (5) acres in size?		

Questionnaire

1. What, if any, MACS practices were considered as alternatives (i.e. ford or culvert crossings)?

2. What are the environmental justifications or resource concerns addressed by the bridge that cannot be treated with a ford or culvert?

3. Have field office staff members discussed alternatives to a bridge with the applicant? What was the outcome? If a discussion was not held, please explain.

4. How do alternative practices compare with the proposed bridge as far as cost effectiveness? *Please provide specific information, such as the extent of the alternative practice(s) and their cost effectiveness in comparison to the proposed bridge.*

Special Considerations

1) If the secondary pasture being linked by the proposed bridge is less than five acres of established pasture, the SCD must provide justification for the bridge need.

2) If the deck of the proposed stream crossing bridge has a length greater than 40 feet, the SCD must provide justification.

SCD Signature

Date