Maryland Department of Agriculture
MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY COST-SHARE PROGRAM
STREAM CROSSING- BRIDGES (CODE 578)
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 is the environmental justification or resource concerns addressed by the bridge that cannot be treated with a ford or culvert?

3. Has the 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 below.

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

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SCD Signature Date