

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**  
**GEORGIA**  
**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS**  
**HEAVY USE AREA PROTECTION**  
**CODE 561**

Land Owner/Operator \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ SWCD \_\_\_\_\_ Farm/Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS**

Properly protected, operated, and maintained heavy use area(s) can be an asset to the property. This practice was designed and installed to stabilize the area identified in the plan. Estimated life span of this installation is at least 10 years. The life of the practices can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a systematic operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require periodic maintenance and may also require operational items to maintain satisfactory performance. Your operation and maintenance program requirements include:

- Treatment areas and associated practices shall be inspected annually and after significant storm events to identify repair and maintenance needs. All surfaces, structures, pipes, drains, and associated appurtenances will be repaired promptly.
- Maintain vigorous growth of vegetative coverings. This includes reseeding, liming, fertilization and application of herbicides when necessary. Apply supplemental nutrients as needed to maintain the desired species composition and stand density. Control undesired weed species, especially state-listed noxious weeds.
- Maintain hardened surfaces in good condition, which includes periodic grading and addition of surface material when necessary. Prevent surface ponding by localized grading or addition of surface materials to remove depressions. Repair of surfaces shall be made with material compatible with original construction materials.
- Remove debris or blockages from associated roads, lots, drainage ditches, drop inlets, culverts, waterways and/or storm water outlets. Maintain pathway drainage capacities.
- Eradicate or otherwise remove all rodents or burrowing animals. Immediately repair any damage caused by their activity.
- Immediately repair any vandalism, vehicular, or livestock damage to surfaces, structures, earthfills, side slopes, drainage facilities, water ways, storm water outlets, or other appurtenances.

