



PENNSYLVANIA

## Conservation Practice Effects on Cultural Resources

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### Cultural Resources Ratings

**G Ground or Site Disturbing** - conservation practices considered as “undertakings with the potential to effect cultural resources”.

Some conservation practices have a high potential to affect cultural resources when installed according to standard NRCS criteria. These practices are considered “undertakings with the potential to effect cultural resources”. **Cultural resource considerations are required. A Cultural Resources Review Worksheet (CRRW) must be completed and submitted to the NRCS State Office.**

**PG Potentially Ground or Site Disturbing** - conservation practices considered as “undertakings with the potential to effect cultural resources”, except when non-intrusive.

Some conservation practices may affect cultural resources unless they are installed under situations that are considered to be non-intrusive. **Cultural resource considerations are required, including completion and submittal to the NRCS State Office of a Cultural Resources Review Worksheet (CRRW), unless the installation is non-intrusive.** If non-intrusive, then no further cultural resource considerations are required.

Conservation practices are considered to be non-intrusive if:

The installation of the practice will not change the landscape or viewshed near buildings and other structures that are 50 years old or older **and** either of the following applies:

- (1) The installation of the practice will not exceed the depth, extent, or kind of previous cultivation or other earth disturbance activity.
- (2) The installation of the practice will result in no ground disturbance.

**NG Not Ground or Site Disturbing** - conservation practices **not** considered as “undertakings with the potential to effect cultural resources”.

Some conservation practices are primarily management related and will not have any physical effects or alteration to a cultural resource. These practices are not just benign, but often provide beneficial effects by affecting soil or cover stability. Such practices do not require further cultural resources considerations.

## CONSERVATION PRACTICE RATINGS

**New or unrated Conservation Practices have a default rating of PG**

Practice Name & Units	Unit	Practice Code	Cultural Resources Rating
Access Control (ac.)	ac	472	<b>PG</b>
Access Road (ft.)	ft	560	<b>PG</b>
Agri-Chemical Handling Facility (no.)	no.	309	<b>PG</b>
<i>Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste (AU)</i>	<i>AU</i>	591	NG
Anaerobic Digester, Controlled Temp. (no.)	no.	366	<b>G</b>
Animal Mortality Facility (no.)	no.	316	<b>PG</b>
Animal Trails and Walkways (ft.)	ft	575	<b>PG</b>
Aquaculture Ponds (ac.)	ac	397	<b>G</b>
Brush Management (ac.)	ac	314	<b>PG</b>
<i>Channel Bank Vegetation (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	322	NG
Channel Stabilization (ft.)	ft.	584	<b>PG</b>
<i>Clearing &amp; Snagging (ft.)</i>	<i>ft</i>	326	NG
Closure of Waste Impoundments (no.)	no.	360	<b>G</b>
Composting Facility (no.)	no.	317	<b>PG</b>
<i>Conservation Cover (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	327	NG
<i>Conservation Crop Rotation (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	328	NG
Constructed Wetland (no.)	no.	656	<b>G</b>
<i>Contour Buffer Strip (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	332	NG
<i>Contour Farming (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	330	NG
<i>Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Area (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	331	NG
<i>Cover Crop (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	340	NG
Critical Area Planting (ac.)	ac	342	<b>PG</b>
Dam (no. & ac. ft.)	no./ac-ft	402	<b>G</b>
Deep Tillage (ac.)	ac	324	<b>PG</b>
Dike (ft.)	ft	356	<b>G</b>
Diversion (ft.)	ft	362	<b>PG</b>
Dry Hydrant (no.)	no.	432	<b>PG</b>
<i>Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (ac.)</i>	<i>ac.</i>	647	NG
<i>Feed Management (no. and AU)</i>	<i>no./AU</i>	592	NG
<i>Fence (ft.)</i>	<i>ft</i>	382	NG
<i>Field Border (ft.)</i>	<i>ft</i>	386	NG
<i>Filter Strip (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	393	NG
<i>Firebreak (ft.)</i>	<i>ft</i>	394	NG
Fish Passage (mi.)	mi.	396	<b>G</b>
<i>Forage Harvest Management (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	511	NG
<i>Forest Stand Improvement (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	666	NG
Forest Trails & Landings (ac.)	ac	655	<b>PG</b>
Grade Stabilization Structure (no.)	no.	410	<b>PG</b>

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Grassed Waterway (ac.)	ac	412	PG
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (ac.)	ac	548	PG
Heavy Use Area Protection (ac.)	ac.	561	PG
Hedgerow Planting (ft.)	ft	422	PG
Irrigation Regulating Reservoir (no.)	no.	552	PG
Irrigation Storage Reservoir (no. & ac. ft.)	no./ac-ft	436	G
Irrigation System			
<i>Microirrigation</i> (no. & ac.)	no./ac	441	NG
Sprinkler (no. & ac.)	no./ac	442	PG
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline			
Aluminum Tubing (ft.)	ft	430AA	PG
Non-reinforced Concrete (ft.)	ft	430CC	PG
High-pressure, Underground, Plastic (ft.)	ft	430DD	PG
Low-pressure, Underground, Plastic (ft.)	ft	430EE	PG
Steel (ft.)	ft	430FF	PG
Reinforced Plastic Mortar (ft.)	ft	430GG	G
<i>Irrigation Water Management</i> (ac.)	ac	449	NG
Land Reclamation			
Landslide Treatment (no. & ac.)	no./ac	453	PG
Toxic Discharge Control (no.)	no.	455	PG
Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mined Land	ac	543	PG
Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land (ac.)	ac	544	PG
Lined Waterway or Outlet (ft.)	ft	468	PG
Manure Transfer (no.)	ac	634	PG
<i>Mulching</i> (ac.)	ac	484	NG
<i>Multi-Story Cropping</i> (ac.)	ac	379	NG
<i>Nutrient Management</i> (ac.)	ac	590	NG
Obstruction Removal (ac.)	ac	500	PG
Open Channel (ft.)	ft	582	G
<i>Pasture &amp; Hayland Planting</i> (ac.)	ac	512	NG
<i>Pest Management</i> (ac.)	ac	595	NG
Pipeline (ft.)	ft	516	PG
Pond (no.)	no.	378	G
Pond Sealing or Lining			
Flexible Membrane (no.)	no.	521A	PG
Soil Dispersant (no.)	no.	521B	PG
Bentonite Sealant (no.)	no.	521C	PG
Compacted Clay Treatment (no.)	no.	521D	PG
<i>Prescribed Burning</i> (ac.)	ac	338	NG
<i>Prescribed Grazing</i> (ac.)	ac	528	NG
Pumping Plant for Water Control (no.)	no.	533	G
<i>Record Keeping</i> (no.)	no.	N991	NG
<i>Recreation Area Improvement</i> (ac.)	ac	562	NG
Recreation Trail and Walkway (ft.)	ft	568	PG

Practice Name & Units	Unit	Practice Code	Cultural Resources Rating
Regulating Water in Drainage Systems (ac.)	ac	554	PG
<i>Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till</i>	ac	345	NG
<i>Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till, Strip Till, Direct Seed (ac)</i>	ac	329	NG
<i>Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till</i>	ac	346	NG
<i>Residue Management, Seasonal (ac)</i>	ac	344	NG
<i>Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats (ac.)</i>	ac	643	NG
Riparian Forest Buffer (ac.)	ac	391	PG
<i>Riparian Herbaceous Cover (ac.)</i>	ac	390	NG
Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment (ft.)	ft	654	PG
Roof Runoff Structure (no.)	no.	558	PG
Sediment Basin (no.)	no.	350	G
Shallow Water Development & Management (ac)	ac	646	PG
Sinkhole and Sinkhole Area Treatment (ac.)	ac	527	PG
Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (no.)	no.	632	G
Spring Development (no.)	no.	574	PG
Stream Crossing (no.)	no.	578	PG
Stream Habitat Improvement & Management (ac)	ac	395	PG
Streambank and Shoreline Protection (ft.)	ft	580	PG
<i>Stripcropping, Contour (ac.)</i>	ac	585	NG
Structure for Water Control (no.)	no.	587	PG
Subsurface Drain (ft.)	ft	606	PG
Surface Drainage			
Field Ditch (ft.)	ft	607	PG
Main or Lateral (ft.)	ft	608	PG
Terrace (ft.)	ft	600	PG
Tree/Shrub Establishment (ac.)	ac	612	PG
<i>Tree/Shrub Pruning (ac.)</i>	ac	660	NG
<i>Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (ac.)</i>	ac	490	NG
Underground Outlet (ft.)	ft	620	PG
<i>Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac.)</i>	ac	645	NG
Waste Facility Cover	no.	367	PG
Waste Storage Facility (no.)	no.	313	G
Waste Treatment (no.)	no.	629	PG
Waste Treatment Lagoon (no.)	no.	359	G
<i>Waste Utilization (ac.)</i>	ac	633	NG
Wastewater Treatment Strip (ac.)	ac	635	PG
Water and Sediment Control Basin (ft.)	ft	638	G
Water Well (no.)	no.	642	PG
Watering Facility (no.)	no.	614	PG

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Well Decommissioning (no.)	no.	351	<b>PG</b>
<i>Well Water Testing (no.)</i>	<i>no.</i>	355	<i>NG</i>
Wetland Creation (ac.)	ac	658	<b>PG</b>
Wetland Enhancement (ac.)	ac	659	<b>PG</b>
Wetland Restoration (ac.)	ac	657	<b>PG</b>
<i>Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	644	<i>NG</i>
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (ac.)	ac	380	<b>PG</b>