



Operation & Maintenance Plan Obstruction Removal (Code 500)

Expected Lifespan

The minimum expected lifespan of this practice is at least 10 years.

A properly operated and maintained **Obstruction Removal** is an asset to your property. The purpose of this practice is to safely remove and dispose unwanted obstructions in order to apply a conservation practice. The life of the practice can be assured and usually extended by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance to maintain satisfactory performance. The following are some requirements to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

Inspection and Maintenance

1. Inspect after significant storm events and at least annually to identify repair and maintenance needs.
2. Fertilize as needed to maintain a vigorous vegetative cover, as appropriate.
3. Promptly repair eroded areas. Re-establish vegetation cover immediately where erosion has removed established vegetation.
4. When debris is buried on site, periodically check to ensure that the disposal site has not settled and remains stable.

Operation, Maintenance and Inspection Costs

1. It is estimated that the annual time to routinely inspect and make minor repairs to your Access Road will be:
 - a. Inspection = 1 hour/year
 - b. Minor Repairs = 1 hour/year
 - c. Major repairs caused by settlement will require extra time and materials.
2. Most maintenance, such as mowing, reseeding, filling in low points, etc., can be accomplished using common farm equipment. Major damage may require heavy construction equipment to make repairs.

Specific Site Requirements