

## **Conservation Practices Applicable in Illinois List of Undertakings**

### **Conservation Practices/Activities Considered as Undertakings by Illinois NRCS**

*Some conservation practices and activities have a high potential to affect cultural resources when installed according to standard NRCS criteria. Such practices and activities are considered undertakings and cultural resources review is required. These practices and activities are:*

Access Road  
Anaerobic Digester\*  
Animal Mortality Facility\*  
Composting Facility\*  
Constructed Wetland  
Dike  
Diversion\*  
Dry Hydrant  
Fish Passage  
Forest Site Preparation  
Forest Stand Improvement  
Forest Trails and Landings  
Grade Stabilization Structure  
Heavy Use Area Protection  
Irrigation Land Leveling  
Lined Waterway or Outlet  
Pond  
Sediment Basin  
Shallow Water Management for Wildlife  
Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility\*  
Spoil Spreading  
Spring Development  
Stream Crossing  
Streambank and Shoreline Protection  
Structure for Water Control  
Subsurface Drain\*  
Surface Drain  
Terrace  
Underground Outlet\*  
Vertical Drain  
Waste Storage Facility\*  
Waste Treatment Lagoon\*  
Wastewater Treatment Strip  
Water and Sediment Control Basin  
Water Well  
Watering Facility  
Wetland Creation  
Wetland Enhancement

### **Conservation Practices Considered as Undertakings Only When Intrusive**

*The following conservation practices may affect cultural resources unless they are installed under two different situations. First, the installation of the practice will not exceed the depth, extent, or type of previous cultivation(s). Second, if the land has not been previously cultivated, and the installation of the practice will result in no ground disturbance. If these situations apply, no further cultural resources consideration is needed. All tree/shrub planting areas are reviewed for the presence of human burials.*

Clearing and Snagging  
Critical Area Planting  
Filter Strip  
Grassed Waterway  
Hedgerow Planting  
Irrigation Water Conveyance  
Riparian Forest Buffer  
Tree/Shrub Establishment  
Pipeline (trenching width greater than 6 inches)  
Waste Utilization  
Wetland Restoration  
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment  
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation

For Conservation Practices noted by an Asterisk (\*):

### **Barnyard Conservation Practice Exemption**

*NRCS policy concerning installation of structural practices in barnyards is that barnyards in continual use for over 10 years do not need to be reviewed when planning for installation of runoff practices and waste control. However, if the following situations apply, consult with the cultural resources specialist even if the practice shows up on the list below:*

- *Filter strips and diversions requiring land grading outside of the heavy use area are not exempt and must still be reviewed for cultural resources.*
- *Because historically significant farm landscapes may be adversely affected by new above ground facilities, above ground waste storage units installed on farmsteads over 50 years old must be reviewed for their visual effect on cultural appearance.*

*The practices that qualify for potential barnyard conservation practice exemption are:*

Anaerobic Digester  
Animal Mortality Facility  
Composting Facility  
Diversion  
Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility  
Subsurface Drain  
Underground Outlet  
Waste Storage Facility  
Waste Treatment Lagoon