

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE
FOR YOUR
HILLSIDE DITCH**

OPERATOR: _____ DATE: _____

TAX MAP KEY OF PRACTICE LOCATION: _____

NRCS OFFICE: _____ PHONE: _____

A properly operated and maintained hillside ditch is an asset to your farm. This hillside ditch was designed and installed to safely convey runoff from the drainage area. The estimated life span of this installation is at least 10 years. The life of this installation can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

Here are some recommendations to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

OPERATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- Keep machinery away from steep sloped ridges. Keep equipment operators informed of all potential hazards
- Avoid excessive travel on any portion of the system that will harm or destroy the vegetative cover.
- Additional operation recommendations, if applicable:
