

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE
FOR YOUR
HEAVY USE AREA PROTECTION**

OPERATOR: _____ DATE: _____

TAX MAP KEY OF PRACTICE LOCATION: _____

NRCS OFFICE: _____ PHONE: _____

A properly operated and maintained heavy use area is an asset to your farm. This heavy use protection is designed and installed to stabilize the area from intensive use. 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 recommendations to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

OPERATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- Inspect the area annually and after significant rainfall to identify repair and maintenance needs.

MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Repair cracks, holes, depressions, and other damages to the surfacing material.
- Maintain vigorous growth of desirable vegetative coverings. This includes reseeding, fertilization, and controlled application of herbicides when necessary. Periodic mowing may also be needed to control height.
- If fences are installed, they shall be maintained to prevent unauthorized human or livestock entry.
- Immediately repair any vandalism, vehicular, or livestock damage.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE YOU MIGHT NEED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE.