

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE SPECIFICATION
RECREATION LAND GRADING AND SHAPING
(acre)
CODE 566

SCOPE

This specification covers the grading and shaping of land for recreational use. Construction shall be in accordance with the construction plans and/or as staked in the field.

INSTALLATION

Site Preparation. All undesirable material, such as grass, shrubs, trees, stumps, and large rocks shall be removed from the area to be shaped. Undesirable material shall be placed in such a manner that it blends with the surrounding area and does not detract from the appearance of the area.

Special attention shall be given to saving and maintaining key trees and other vegetation that have scenic value, provide shade, reduce erosion and runoff, provide shelter and food for wildlife, or add to the visual quality of the areas.

Drainage. Surface and subsurface drainage measures shall be installed according to the plan and as staked in the field. All material used shall be as specified in the plans.

Grading and Shaping. Grading and shaping shall be done according to the drawings and/or as staked in the field. All fills shall be made in lifts not exceeding 6 inches.

Measures and construction methods that enhance fish and wildlife values shall be incorporated as needed and practical.

Fencing and cover to control erosion and pollution shall be established as needed.

WORKMANSHIP. All construction shall be performed in a workmanlike manner, and the job site shall have a neat appearance when finished.

All disturbed areas not graveled or paved will be vegetated to control erosion.

CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

Construction operations shall be carried out in such a manner and sequence that erosion and air and water pollution are minimized and held within legal limits.

The owner, operator, contractor or other persons will conduct all work and operations in accordance with proper safety codes for the type of construction being performed with due regards to the safety of all persons and property.

SAFETY

Landowners or operators, sponsoring organizations, and contractors shall be liable for damage to utilities and damage resulting from disruption of service caused by construction activities. The Natural Resources Conservation Service makes no representation on the existence or non-existence of any utilities. Absence of utilities on the drawings is not assurance that no utilities are present at the site.

It is the responsibility of the landowner or operator to determine if there are buried or overhead utilities in the vicinity of the proposed work. They should take proper procedures to insure that the utilities shall not be jeopardized and that equipment operators and others will not be injured during construction operations.