

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
FILTER STRIP
CODE 393**

Landowner/Operator _____

Job Location _____ GPS _____

Prepared By _____ Date _____

Operation and Maintenance Items

A properly operated and maintained vegetated filter strip is an asset to your farm. This vegetated filter strip was designed and installed to remove sediment and pollutants from runoff. This filter strip should be effective as long as an effective operation and maintenance program is followed. An effective program includes:

- Maintain vigorous growth of vegetative coverings. This includes reseeding, fertilizing and application of herbicides when necessary. Periodic mowing or short term grazing may also be needed to control height. Limit livestock usage to vegetative growth periods when vegetation root systems will not be damaged or soil compacted.
- Remove all foreign debris that hinders system operation.
- Avoid excessive travel on any portion of the system that will harm or destroy the vegetative cover.
- Repair any rodent, burrowing animal, vandalism, vehicle, or livestock damage.
- Maintain fences to prevent unauthorized human access or uncontrolled grazing.

Other _____

