

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE SPECIFICATIONS**

**VEGETATIVE BARRIERS
(Feet)
CODE 601**

DEFINITION

Permanent strips of stiff, dense vegetation along the general contour of slopes or across concentrated flow areas.

PURPOSE

- Reduce sheet and rill erosion.
- Reduce ephemeral gully erosion.
- Manage water flow.
- Stabilize steep slopes.
- Trap sediment.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Plans and specifications will include:

1. Field map with location of vegetative barriers.
2. Width of crop strip.
3. Vegetative barrier and crop strip orientation.
4. Width of barrier.
5. Vegetative species and cultivar.
6. Vegetation establishment date, seeding rate or vegetation spacing.
7. Completed job sheet for vegetative barriers.
8. Guidance for operation and maintenance.