



Natural Resources Conservation Service

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ALABAMA TECHNICAL GUIDE – SECTION IV – NOTICE AL81

This notice transmits revisions to the eFOTG.

CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARDS:

Channel Bed Stabilization, Code 584 – **REVISED** – Provides additional clarification regarding the conditions where the practice applies, general criteria, considerations, and technical references.

Groundwater Testing, Code 355 – **REVISED** – Changed the title from Well Water Testing to Groundwater Testing to reflect that this practice can be used to test groundwater from both wells and springs. Also modified conditions where practice applies and removed items from the criteria and operation and maintenance sections.

Heavy Use Area Protection, Code 561 – **REVISED** – Changed the units of this practice from acres to square feet to better reflect usage. The definition of this practice changed slightly. Criteria for the use of concrete and mulches were modified. Criteria for the use of vegetation and other material as a surface treatment were added. Considerations for animal health and air quality were added. Clarified references to supporting practices. Referenced Alabama CPS Watering Facility, Code 614 for watering ramp requirements.

Heavy Use Area Protection, Construction Specifications – **REVISED** – Updated the minimum requirements for geotextile materials. Updated specifications for concrete slabs up to 4.5" thick or greater.

Livestock Pipeline, Code 516 – **REVISED** – Title changed from Pipeline to Livestock Pipeline. Revised Criteria and removed material specifications; expanded Considerations; revised Plans and Specifications, and revised Operation and Maintenance.

Open Channel, Code 582 – **REVISED** – Refined the definition, modified criteria, added considerations, updated requirements for plans and specifications, and updated requirements for operation and maintenance.

Pond, Code 378 – **REVISED** – Refined the definition, modified criteria, updated considerations, updated requirements for plans and specifications, and updated requirements for operation and maintenance.

Recreation Land Grading and Shaping, Code 566 – **REVISED** – To conform to the new National Standard.

Statement of Work, Recreation Land Grading and Shaping (566) – **REVISED** – To conform to the new National Standard.

[Trails and Walkways, Code 575](#) – **REVISED** – To reflect new National Standard. Trails and Walkways, Code 568 and Animal Trails and Walkways, Code 575 were incorporated under the name Trails and Walkways, Code 575. These standards were combined into one because many of the criteria are very similar. The practice name, definition, purpose, and conditions where practice applies were modified accordingly and references to supporting practices were clarified.

[Statement of Work, Trails and Walkways \(575\)](#) – **NEW** – To conform to the new National Standard

Trails and Walkways, Code 568 – **DELETED** – Combined with Animal Trails and Walkways, Code 575.

[Watering Facility, Code 614](#) – **REVISED** – Updated to revise the definition of the practice, added a purpose and criteria for watering ramps, water storage tanks now have more emphasis, lifespan is changed from 20 years to 10 years and supporting practices are clarified and added watering ramp criteria to standard.

GUIDE/JOB SHEETS:

[Heavy Use Area Protection, Alabama Job Sheet No. AL561](#) – **REVISED** – Added the area to include at least 6 feet for small ruminants.

DRAWINGS:

[Concrete Heavy Use Area Protection for Watering Facility, AL-ENG-561-01](#) – **REVISED** – Note 5.

[GAB Heavy Use Area Protection for Watering Facility, AL-ENG-561-02](#) – **REVISED** – Note 7.

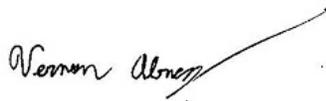
[GAB Only Heavy Use Area Protection for Watering Facility, AL-ENG-561-02a](#) – **REVISED** – Note 5.

FORMS:

[Earthfill Pond Plan, AL-ENG-2](#) – **REVISED** – Updated to reflect the filter diaphragm requirements contained in CPS Pond, Code 378.

[Plan of Pond, AL-ENG-3](#) – **REVISED** – Updated to reflect the filter diaphragm requirements contained in CPS Pond, Code 378.

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