

ACCESS ROAD

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

Operator: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

A properly operated and maintained access road is an asset to your farm. This access road was designed and installed to provide a fixed route for vehicular travel for resource management activities while protecting the soil from erosion, protecting adjacent water bodies and other natural resources. The practice must be maintained for the life span of the practice which is 10 years. The life of the access road can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require you to perform periodic maintenance and may also require operational items to maintain satisfactory performance. The following actions shall be carried out to insure that the practice functions as intended throughout its life span.

1. Inspect after significant storm events and at least twice a year to identify repair and maintenance needs.
2. Maintain the roadway surface in a good condition, which includes periodic grading or reshaping to maintain the design grade and dimensions.
3. Fill low areas in travel treads and re-grade, as needed, to maintain road cross section.
4. Remove debris to prevent blockage of stream crossings, culverts or bridges.
5. Inspect culverts, roadside ditches, water bars, and outlets after each major runoff event and restore flow capacity as needed.
6. Promptly repair and re-vegetate bare spots and eroded areas adjacent to roadway. Apply fertilizer and lime as appropriate to maintain vigorous vegetation.
7. Operate mowing and other equipment on slopes in accordance with machinery operation manual.
8. Inspect for damage from rodents or burrowing animals. Repair any damage and take appropriate corrective actions to prevent further damage.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR INSTALLATION

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

New Castle Field Office
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Kent Field Office
(302) 741-2600

Sussex Field Office
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Landowner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Operator Signature: _____ Date: _____

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