

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR
HEAVY USE AREA PROTECTION**

CODE 561

Name _____

Ident. No. _____

Legal Desc. _____

County _____

Properly operated and maintained areas of heavy use are an asset to your farm. This practice was designed and installed to reduce soil erosion, improve water quantity and quality, improve air quality, improve aesthetics, and improve livestock health. The estimated life span of this installation is at least 10 years. The life of this installation can be ensured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

- Remove and manage accumulations of manure on livestock heavy use areas.
- Mow, fertilize, and control vegetation on a periodic basis on heavy use areas that include vegetation.

Specific Recommendations for This Project

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance for satisfactory performance. Here are some recommendations to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

General Recommendations

- Inspect the treated areas and associated practices annually and after significant storm events.
- Repair or replace damaged components—especially surfaces that are subjected to wear or erosion.

If you need additional technical assistance to implement the operation and maintenance plan for this structure, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at your local USDA Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government).