

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR
RECREATION LAND GRADING AND SHAPING**

CODE 566

Name _____

Ident. No. _____

Legal Desc. _____

County _____

Properly operated and maintained recreation land grading and/or shaping is an asset to your property. This was designed and installed to establish or improve effective use of the land area for recreation or to minimize on-site and off-site damage to resources from recreation land use. The estimated life span of this installation is at least 15 years. The life of this installation can be ensured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

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 annually and after storm events. Repair or replace damaged components as necessary. Perform maintenance as needed.
- Maintain recreation land surfaces in good condition. Replace or add surface material when necessary. Prevent surface ponding by using localized grading or by adding surface materials (aggregate, mulch, or topsoil as appropriate) to remove depressions. Replace protective vegetation as soon as possible.
- Promptly repair or replace soil, vegetation, mulch, aggregate, etc., in areas damaged by erosion or heavy use. Limit heavy traffic to areas protected for that purpose.

- Maintain vigorous growth of desirable vegetative coverings. Mow periodically or use short-term grazing to control height. Reseed, fertilize, and apply herbicides when necessary.
- Maintain drainage facility capacities. Remove debris and blockages in drainage ditches, drop inlets, culverts, bridges, waterways, or stormwater outlets.
- Maintain installed fences to prevent unauthorized human access or uncontrolled livestock grazing.
- Inspect for damage by rodents or burrowing animals. Repair any damage and take appropriate corrective actions to avoid further damage.
- Immediately repair any damage due to vandalism, vehicles, or livestock that has been done to earthfills, slopes, drainage facilities, waterways, stormwater outlets, or other appurtenances.

Specific Recommendations

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).