

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
Animal Trails and Walkways
Code 575

Landowner/Operator	Farm/Tract No.
Job Location	Area
Field Office	County
Prepared By	Date

Inspections and maintenance are required to achieve the intended function, benefits, and life of the practice. The landowner/operator is responsible to establish and implement an inspection and maintenance program. Items to inspect and maintain during the 10-year design life of the practice include, but are not limited to, the following:

General Recommendations:

- Provide periodic inspections, especially immediately following storms with a 10-year or greater return frequency to identify repair and maintenance needs.
- Check areas where unusual settlement has occurred. Determine cause of settlement and fill or otherwise repair, as needed, to maintain cross section.
- Maintain design width and crown with periodic grading or shaping. Promptly repair or replace damaged surface treatment.
- Maintain vegetated areas in adequate cover to meet the intended purpose(s). Re-seed and mow as needed.
- Minimize the damage to vegetative buffers adjacent to the trail or walkway when it is necessary to chemically treat the trail or walkway surface to maintain erosion protection.
- Manure accumulations shall be removed periodically according to the intended use of the trails or walkways and according to the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan, where appropriate.

Special Considerations:

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Optional items to consider:

- In the case of multiple adjacent vegetated walkways where there is rotation of walkways to allow for recovery of vegetation and for improvement of traffic supporting conditions, the grazing plan shall be followed.
- Control vehicular traffic, as appropriate.

Signatures:

Reviewed By _____ Date _____
Landowner/Producer

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