

OHIO NRCS PRACTICES

The following present lists of practices that are grouped by the potential for the practices to have an adverse effect on archaeological and historic properties in Ohio.

Group 1: Conservation Practices That Qualify for an Exempted Level of Review

These are practices that provide conservation benefit to soil or landscape cover and qualify for an Exempted Level of Review because they will have little to no physical effects or alteration to cultural resources or their potential to effect cultural resources are foreseeable and minimal.

Brush Management (314)
Conservation Cover (327)
Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
Contour Buffer Strips (332)
Contour Farming (330)
Cover and Green Manure Crop (340)
Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647)
Fence (382) [note: for new fencing across agricultural fields, an Enhanced Level of Review might be appropriate; Use Exclusion now a part of fencing]
Field Border (386)
Filter strip (393)
Forage Harvest Management (511)
Forage Management Plan—Written (106)
Forest Site Preparation (490)
Grazing Management Plan—Written (110)
Integrated Pest Management Plan—Written (114)
Irrigation Water Management Plan—Written 118)
Irrigation Water Management (449)
Mulching (484)
Nutrient Management (590)
Pasture and Hayland Planting (512)
Prescribed Grazing (528)
Pest Management (595)
Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A)
Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Earth Liner (521D)
Residue Management, Mulch Till (345)
Residue Management, No Till and Strip Till (329)
Residue Management, Ridge Till (346)
Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643)

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
Roof Runoff Structure (558)
Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (646)
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
Vegetative Barrier (601)
Waste Utilization (633)
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (650)

- * These Group 1 practices provide conservation benefit to soil or landscape cover and qualify for an Exempted Level of Review and don't require case-by-case review submitted individually to OHPO because Ohio NRCS and OHPO agree in this agreement that their potential to adversely affect historic properties is predictable and minimal due to the design of the practice and the minimal amount of ground disturbance necessary to complete the construction for the practice. Practices exempt from case-by-case review submitted individually to OHPO will be reviewed individually by Ohio NRCS personnel and for Group 1 practices we agree that this review may be completed by Ohio NRCS field staff at Field Offices at an Exempted Level of Review.

Group 2: Practices Where Ground Disturbance is Likely

These practices are considered to have only minor potential to cause adverse effects to cultural resources. In order for Ohio NRCS Field Office staff to complete the review of a proposed Group 2 practice, the first step is to determine through a Limited Review if the practice qualifies for an Exempted Level of Review. To qualify for an Exempted Level of Review, a practice must meet the following three (3) considerations; otherwise the practice will require an Enhanced Level of Review:

1. The practice will not exceed the depth or extent of any previous use.
2. If the area has not been previously cultivated, the practice will not cause significant depth disturbance. This includes disturbance caused by heavy equipment in areas where such equipment is not normally used.
3. The activity or practice will be restricted to the typical NRCS standard specifications for construction implementation and/or resulting structural components.

Animal Mortality Facility (316)
Clearing and Snagging (326)
Composting Facility (317)

Drainage Water Management (554)
Fence (382) (Use exclusion now a part of fencing.)
Field Border (386)
Firebreak (394)
Microirrigation (441)
Monitoring and Evaluation (799)
Tree and Shrub Site Preparation (490)
Forest Stand Improvement (666)
Grassed Waterway (412)
Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
Hedgerow Planting (422)
Prescribed Burning (338)
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
Roof Runoff Structure (558)
Seasonal High Tunnels for Crops (798)
Spring Development (574)
Stream Crossing (578)
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395)
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
Waste Storage Facility (313)
Watering Facility (614)
Wetland Enhancement (659)

* It is expected that Ohio NRCS will conduct an individual review for each Group 2 practice and for most practices that the review may be completed by Ohio NRCS Field Office staff, given appropriate coordination with the Ohio NRCS Area CRC and/or Ohio NRCS CRS or Specialist, and without submitting the practice for individual, case-by-case review to OHPO. The Ohio NRCS review for many of these Group 2 practices listed above may be completed at the Exempted Level of Review level, however, it is expected that some of these practices may require an Enhanced Level of Review.

Group 3: Conservation Practices considered Ground Disturbing and Require an Enhanced Level of Review

These practices have a high potential to affect cultural resources when installed according to Ohio NRCS standards and specification. Practices in this group will require at least an Enhanced Level of Review. In some cases it may become necessary to elevate the review to a Standard Review level.

Access Road (560)
Agrichemical Handling Facility (309)
Animal Mortality Facility (316)
Bedding (310)
Brush Management (314)
Constructed Wetland (656)

Composting Facility (317)
 Critical Area Planting (342)
 Denitrifying Bioreactor (747)
 Dike (356)
 Diversion (362)
 Fence (382), (where extensive construction is required, includes use exclusion).
 Firebreak (394)
 Fish Passage (396)
 Grade Stabilization Structure (410)
 Grassed Waterway (412), where extensive construction is required
 Irrigation Pipeline (430)
 Lined Waterway or Outlet (468)
 Livestock Use Area Protection (561)
 Pipeline (516)
 Pond (378)
 Prescribed Burning (338)
 Pumping Plant (533)
 Sediment Basin (350)
 Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632)
 Spring Development (574)
 Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)
 Structure for Water Control (587)
 Structure for Subsurface Drain (606)
 Underground Outlet (620)
 Vegetated Treatment Area (635)
 Waste Facility Cover (367)
 Waste Storage Facility (313)
 Waste Transfer (634)
 Waste Treatment Lagoon (359)
 Water and Sediment Control Basin (638)
 Water Well (642)
 Watering Facility (614) (Wildlife)
 Wetland Creation (658)
 Wetland Enhancement (659)
 Wetland Restoration (657)
 WRP Projects

* It is expected that NRCS will conduct an individual review for each Group 3 practice and that for some practices that the review may be completed by NRCS field staff, given appropriate coordination with the Area CRC and NRCS CRS or Specialist, and without submitting the practice for individual, case-by-case review to OHPO. The NRCS review for many of these Group 3 practices listed above may be completed at an Enhanced Level of Review, however some practices will require a Standard Review and must be submitted individually to OHPO for case-by-case concurrence.