

Access Road



- The purpose of this Job Sheet is to provide:**
- Background information on practice
 - Construction guidelines
 - Reference to drawings, specifications, and special requirements
 - Landowner/producer acknowledgment
 - Practice approval by engineer
 - Practice certification by planner

Definition

An access road is a travel way included in a conservation plan to provide a safe, fixed route of travel for moving livestock, equipment, products and supplies. The practice applies to roads that provide access for proper management of the enterprise, including operation and maintenance of conservation practices. The roads also provide access to farms, ranches, specific fields, woodlands, recreation areas and various kinds of structures.

General criteria applicable to all purposes

Access roads shall be designed to serve the enterprise or planned use with the expected vehicular or equipment traffic. The type of vehicle or equipment, speed, loads, soil climatic, and other conditions under which vehicles and equipment are expected to operate need to be considered. Planned work shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations. Where general public use is anticipated, roads shall be designed to meet applicable federal, state and local criteria. Roads shall be located to serve the purpose intended, to facilitate the control and disposal of surface and subsurface water, to control or reduce erosion, to make the best use of topographic features, and to include scenic vistas where possible. The roads should generally follow natural contours and slopes to minimize disturbance of drainage patterns. Roads shall be located where they can be maintained and where water management problems are not created. To minimize the risk of pollution, roads shall be located away from wetlands and watercourses. Utilize buffers where possible to protect water bodies.

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| Landowner/Operator _____ | Field number _____ |
| Planner _____ | Location _____ |
| Designed by _____ | Date _____ |
| Checked by _____ | Date _____ |

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Construction Guidelines:

It shall be the responsibility of the landowner to obtain all necessary permits and/or rights, and to comply with all ordinances and laws pertaining to this installation.

Contact RI NRCS state office (401-828-1300) and notify the NRCS engineer (_____ at 401-822- ___) at least 24 hours before construction begins.

All construction work shall take place between 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless approved by NRCS engineer.

Underground utilities should be identified before any work is done.

Notify Dig Safe prior to construction, 1-888-344-7233.

Installation shall be in accordance with the following drawings, specifications and special requirements. NO CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE IN THE DRAWINGS OR SPECIFICATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE NRCS.

1. Drawing No. _____
2. Construction Specifications _____
3. Earthfill Compaction by Method: _____
4. Special Requirements: _____

The landowner/operator acknowledges that:

- a. He/she has received a copy of the above referenced drawings and specifications, and Operation and Maintenance plan, and that he/she has an understanding of the contents and the requirements.
- b. He/she has or will obtain all of the necessary permits prior to construction.
- c. No changes will be made in the installation of the job without prior concurrence of the NRCS technician.
- d. This practice has a lifespan of 10 years.
- e. Adherence to the Operation and Maintenance plan of the installed work is necessary for proper performance during the project life.

Accepted by: _____

Date: _____

Address _____

PRACTICE APPROVAL:

Lead Discipline for this practice: Conservation Engineering Division/Agricultural Engineer
 Job Classification: (Ref: Section 501 NEM). Show the limiting elements for this job.

| Limiting elements | Units | Amount |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|
| Length | ft | |
| Culvert pipe, area | sq. ft. | |
| Surface protection method | type | |
| Bridge-span | ft. | |

This job is classified as, Class _____

Design Approved by: _____

Date: _____

PRACTICE COMPLETION:

The as-built drawing has been completed by: _____ **Date:** _____

I have made an on-site inspection of the site (or I am accepting owner/contractor documentation), and have determined that the job as installed does conform to the drawings and practice specifications.

Completion Certification by:

/s/ _____

Date _____