

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
RECREATION TRAIL AND WALKWAY
CODE 568**

Land Owner/Operator _____

Job Location _____ GPS _____

Prepared By _____ Date _____

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

Operation and maintenance (O&M) is necessary for all conservation practices and is required for all practices installed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service assistance. The land user is responsible for proper O&M throughout the life of the practice and as may be required by federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

Operation refers to operation of the practice in compliance with all laws, regulations, ordinances, and easements; and in such a manner that will result in the least adverse impact on the environment and will permit the practice to serve the purpose for which it was installed. Maintenance includes work to prevent deterioration of the practice, repairing damage, or replacing components which fail.

Necessary operation and maintenance items for this practice include:

- Repair or replace damaged components is necessary.
- Maintain land, trail and walkway surfaces in good condition. Repair areas damaged by erosion or heavy use. Replace or add surface material when necessary. Prevent surface ponding using localized grading or addition of surface materials (aggregate, mulch, topsoil as appropriate) to remove depressions. Replace protective vegetation as soon as possible.
- Maintain vigorous growth of desirable vegetative coverings. This includes reseeding, fertilization, and application of herbicides when necessary. Periodic mowing or short term grazing may also be needed to control height.
- Maintain drainage facility capacities. Remove debris and blockages in drainage ditches, drop inlets, culverts, bridges, waterways, and storm water outlets.
- Maintain installed fences to control human and animal access.
- Remove debris and litter from trail and walkway areas, and adjoining land areas.
- Remove nuisance rodents or burrowing animals. Repair any damage caused by their activity.
- Repair any vandalism, vehicular, or animal damage.

Other _____

