

Practice: 527 - Karst Sinkhole Treatment

Scenario: #1 - Sinkhole Treatment

Scenario Description:

Installing a sinkhole protection cap on a circular sinkhole with a vertical opening. The area around a sinkhole may be unstable and slippage or subsidence may occur. Sinkholes present fall hazards to people and livestock. Sinkholes are direct conduits to groundwater. Nutrient or chemical laden runoff may flow directly into sinkholes polluting groundwater. Sinkholes are routinely used for waste pits by landowners. Critical Area Planting (342), Fence (382), Vertical Drain (630), Obstruction Removal (500) & Filter Strips (393) may be associated practices for this scenario.

Before Situation:

Open sinkhole poses threat to people, livestock, & wildlife. Absence of buffer allows nutrients and chemicals to flow into the open sinkhole untreated. Trash & Debris have accumulated in the sinkhole from years of use as a waste pit. Typical Sinkhole treated is 30' Dia & 5' depth

After Situation:

Debris removed and properly disposed of off site. The sinkhole protection cap installation resolves the safety issue for people, livestock, & wildlife. The sinkhole is filled with porous material so as not to disrupt the hydrology of the karst system while filtering runoff. For this scenario, the sinkhole is assumed to be 5' deep. An inverted filter consisting of 1.5' of riprap and 2' of aggregate capped by 1.5' of compacted soil will be used. The gravel will be covered with geotextile fabric to prevent loss of soil. The concrete is removed from the components because the filter is supposed to be porous. The pipe is removed to avoid creating a direct conduit into the sinkhole. For practice units: total of 94 CY x 27 = 2538 CF

Scenario Feature Measure: Cubic Foot of Treatment

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

Scenario Typical Size: 2,538

Scenario Cost: \$5,254.63

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$2.07

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Hydraulic Excavator, 1 CY	931	Track mounted hydraulic excavator with bucket capacity range of 0.8 to 1.5 CY. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$115.06	16	\$1,840.96
Earthfill, Dumped and Spread	51	Earthfill, dumped and spread without compaction effort, includes equipment and labor	Cubic yard	\$3.03	40	\$121.20
Geotextile, woven	42	Woven Geotextile Fabric. Includes materials, equipment and labor	Square Yard	\$2.11	65	\$137.15
Labor						
Equipment Operators, Heavy	233	Includes: Cranes, Hydraulic Excavators >=50 HP, Dozers, Paving Machines, Rock Trenchers, Trenchers >=12", Dump Trucks, Ag Equipment >=150 HP, Scrapers, Water Wagons.	Hour	\$22.84	16	\$365.44
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$18.41	4	\$73.64
Materials						
Rock Riprap, graded, angular, material and shipping	1200	Graded Rock Riprap for all gradation ranges. Includes materials and delivery only.	Ton	\$27.38	29	\$794.02
Aggregate, Gravel, Graded	46	Gravel, includes materials, equipment and labor to transport and place. Includes washed and unwashed gravel.	Cubic yard	\$29.23	36	\$1,052.28
Mobilization						
Aggregate, Shipping, Cubic Yard-mile	2360	Mobilization of aggregate material beyond 20 miles of local delivery from quarry to construction site. Cubic Yard-mile (Cubic Yard * miles of haul).	Cubic Yard-Mile	\$0.34	1800	\$612.00
Mobilization, medium equipment	1139	Equipment with 70-150 HP or typical weights between 14,000 and 30,000 pounds.	Each	\$257.94	1	\$257.94

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Scenario: #2 - Debris removal and proper disposal

Scenario Description:

Removing and properly disposing of debris. Sinkholes present fall hazards to people and livestock. Sinkholes are direct conduits to groundwater. Nutrient or chemical laden runoff may flow directly into sinkholes polluting groundwater. Sinkholes are routinely used for waste pits by landowners. Critical Area Planting (342), Fence (382), Vertical Drain (630), Obstruction Removal (500) & Filter Strips (393) may be associated practices for this scenario.

Before Situation:

Open sinkhole poses threat to people, livestock, & wildlife. Absence of buffer allows nutrients and chemicals to flow into the open sinkhole untreated. Trash & Debris have accumulated in the sinkhole from years of use as a waste pit. Typical Sinkhole treated is 30' Dia & 8' depth

After Situation:

Debris removed and properly disposed of off site. Associated practices to be used include 382 Fencing, 390 Riparian Herbaceous Buffer or 391 Riparian Forest Buffer or 393 Filter Strip to create a setback around the sinkhole.

Scenario Feature Measure: Each

Scenario Unit: Each

Scenario Typical Size: 1

Scenario Cost: \$832.47

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$832.47

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Hauling, bulk, highway truck	1615	Hauling of bulk earthfill, rockfill, waste or debris. One-way travel distance using fully loaded highway dump trucks (typically 16 CY or 20 TN capacity). Includes equipment and labor for truck only. Does not include cost for loading truck.	Cubic Yard Mile	\$0.33	320	\$105.60
Hydraulic Excavator, 1 CY	931	Track mounted hydraulic excavator with bucket capacity range of 0.8 to 1.5 CY. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$115.06	3	\$345.18
Labor						
Equipment Operators, Heavy	233	Includes: Cranes, Hydraulic Excavators >=50 HP, Dozers, Paving Machines, Rock Trenchers, Trenchers >=12", Dump Trucks, Ag Equipment >=150 HP, Scrapers, Water Wagons.	Hour	\$22.84	3	\$68.52
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$18.41	3	\$55.23
Mobilization						
Mobilization, medium equipment	1139	Equipment with 70-150 HP or typical weights between 14,000 and 30,000 pounds.	Each	\$257.94	1	\$257.94