

**Practice: 657 - Wetland Restoration**

**Scenario: #3 - Depression Sediment Removal and Ditch Plug**

**Scenario Description:**

A Depressional HGM class wetland is to be restored. The tract size is 15 acres, and the actual wetland size is 10 acres. The site is a recharge depression, fed only from surface runoff. Resource Concerns are: 4-SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION - Organic matter depletion, 11- WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters, 12 - WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Pesticides transported to surface and ground waters, 16 - WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive sediment in surface waters, 18 - DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Undesirable plant productivity and health, 19 - DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION, Inadequate structure and composition, 22- INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE - Habitat degradation.

**Before Situation:**

The wetland has been converted to agricultural production, and the tract drained with a surface ditch. The ditch is 4' average depth, and 12 feet average width. The wetland receives surface runoff from an adjacent upland watershed, and ponds water on a shallow perched layer. The watershed has been converted from native to agricultural landuse, and the resultant soil erosion has deposited 6" of sediment in the bottom of the depression.

**After Situation:**

The ditch has been plugged by the installation of a 50' long section of compacted clay fill, and the deposition has been removed down to the original topsoil layer. A herbaceous plant community has been seeded. Facilitative practices include Conservation Cover. Restoration of hydrology and plant community functions will improve the WATER QUALITY and DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION concerns listed above. The hydrologic and vegetative practices will address the SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION and INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE concerns.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Acres of Tract

**Scenario Unit:** Acre

**Scenario Typical Size:** 15

**Scenario Cost:** \$17,150.12

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$1,143.34

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Earthfill, Roller Compacted	49	Earthfill, roller or machine compacted, includes equipment and labor	Cubic yard	\$3.64	89	\$323.96
Excavation, Common Earth, side cast, small equipment	48	Bulk excavation and side casting of common earth with hydraulic excavator with less than 1 CY capacity. Includes equipment and labor.	Cubic yard	\$1.96	8067	\$15,811.32
<b>Mobilization</b>						
Mobilization, large equipment	1140	Equipment >150HP or typical weights greater than 30,000 pounds or loads requiring over width or over length permits.	Each	\$507.42	2	\$1,014.84

**Practice: 657 - Wetland Restoration**

**Scenario: #6 - Crush Tile/Fill Ditch**

**Scenario Description:**

This scenario involves crushing tile and/or plugging an open ditch to restore hydrology to a wetland. Exploratory ditches or holes are placed to determine locations. A paralell ditch is dug along side of unknown tile to detrmine depth, size, etc. Tile(s) are removed, crushed or otherwise disabled. Soil material is compacted in the areas of excavation. Vegetation is then established. Associated practices expected to be included are Conservation Cover (327), Mulching (484) and or other vegetative establishment. Typical size is 20 acres.

**Before Situation:**

An existing crop field was drained in the past either by an open ditch or tile drains or a combination of the two. This practice plugs existing ditch(es) and crushes drain tile so as to restore wetland conditions and restore hydrologic conditons.

**After Situation:**

Tile drains are strategically crushed and/or ditches are plugged with fill from on-site sources. A herbaceous plant community will be be seeded. Facilitative practices include Conservation Cover. Restoration of hydrology and plant community functions will improve the WATER QUALITY and DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION concerns listed above. The hydrologic and vegetative practices will address the SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION and INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE concerns.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** CY of material excavated

**Scenario Unit:** Cubic Yard

**Scenario Typical Size:** 165

**Scenario Cost:** \$794.47

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$4.81

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Excavation, common earth, side cast, large equipment	1227	Bulk excavation and side casting of common earth with hydraulic excavator with less greater than 1 CY capacity. Includes equipment and labor.	Cubic Yard	\$1.87	180	\$336.60
<b>Labor</b>						
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	\$19.21	10	\$192.10
<b>Mobilization</b>						
Mobilization, medium equipment	1139	Equipment with 70-150 HP or typical weights between 14,000 and 30,000 pounds.	Each	\$265.77	1	\$265.77

**Practice: 657 - Wetland Restoration**

**Scenario: #9 - Fill shallow drainage ditches, no macro features**

**Scenario Description:**

Restore the area back to a wetland by filling the downstream end and midway section of the 18 shallow ditches that have 4' Width, 2:1S. Fill material for ditch is created from existing 0.5' macrofeature (1.1 surface area). This creates shallow pools of water where the ditch is left in tack thus removing the surface drainage and restoring hydraulic functions. Resource Concerns are water quality from excess nutrients in surface and ground waters and pesticides transported to surface and ground waters, associated with farming of the area, as well as excessive sediment in surface waters and degraded habitat for waterfowl, fish and wildlife.

**Before Situation:**

The 40 acre farmed wetland has 18 shallow drainage ditches (4' bottom and 1.75' deep) which removes surface water and wetland hydrology allowing the area to be cropped at times. Resource Concerns are water quality from excess nutrients in surface and ground waters and pesticides transported to surface and ground waters as well as excessive sediment in surface waters and degraded habitat for waterfowl, fish and wildlife.

**After Situation:**

Restoration of hydrology and plant community functions are improved for the water quality, soil condition improvement, and habitat for fish and wildlife. The farmed wetland has filled 16 surface drainage ditches with 32-40' Long (center and end) of the shallow drainage ditches (16 SF/FT) of ditch section in addition a 1.1 surface area of macrofeatures and swales to connect upslope ditches is created. Some of the property has hydrophilic vegetation and by filling in the ditches, the wetland hydrology of the area will be completely restored. The disturbed areas are planted with hydrophilic vegetation using CAP (342) as needed. The levee breaches are protected by bioengineered methods using live stakes, fascines and bare root stock plantings using Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580). Facilitating practices include CAP (342), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Structure for Water Control (587), Channel Bed Stabilization (584), Conservation Cover (327), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), Wetland Enhancement (659) and Riparian Forest Cover (391) or Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390).

**Scenario Feature Measure:** CY Macro Feature Creation

**Scenario Unit:** Cubic Yard

**Scenario Typical Size:** 887

**Scenario Cost:** \$5,005.06

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$5.64

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Earthfill, Roller Compacted	49	Earthfill, roller or machine compacted, includes equipment and labor	Cubic yard	\$3.64	758	\$2,759.12
Excavation, Common Earth, side cast, small equipment	48	Bulk excavation and side casting of common earth with hydraulic excavator with less than 1 CY capacity. Includes equipment and labor.	Cubic yard	\$1.96	887	\$1,738.52
<b>Mobilization</b>						
Mobilization, large equipment	1140	Equipment >150HP or typical weights greater than 30,000 pounds or loads requiring over width or over length permits.	Each	\$507.42	1	\$507.42