

Wetland Restoration

PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service - practice code 657



DEFINITION

The rehabilitation of a drained or degraded wetland where the hydrology, vegetation and biological habitat are as close to the natural condition as possible.

PRACTICE INFORMATION

This practice applies primarily to areas that were once wetland but were drained to accommodate another land use. It also applies to sites that were never wetland but are capable of storing water for wetland purposes. In most cases, dikes, or other

water control structures are used to create or improve water storage on the site.

The purpose of this practice is to establish or reestablish wetlands for the benefit of wildlife, to reduce flooding, provide offsite water quality benefits, and increase groundwater recharge.

Additional information including design criteria and specifications are in the local NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.