Another Conservation Success Story...

Dodge County, Georgia

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Critical Area Treatment



Water Channel



Rip Rap Used to slow water and filter sediment

NRCS Helps Eastman Dodge Recreation Department Save \$30,000 by Providing Free Conservation Technical Assistance

The Eastman Dodge Recreation Department was making plans to construct a new soccer field and gymnasium for local citizens to enjoy. A private engineering firm advised them that they would be required to obtain a storm water Permit.

The firm informed the Recreation Board that they would develop the plan and assist with obtaining a permit for a consulting fee of \$30,000.00.

That's when the board, who had previous experience with NRCS, turned to the agency for assistance.

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NRCS assisted the Recreation Board by contacting Environmetal Protection Department to determine that they were exempt from this permit.

NRCS then went on to provide technical assistance with erosion and sediment

control practices for the project. The agency also provided engineering assistance and prevented the county from spending over \$30,000.00 of unnecessary cost.

Board Member

NRCS provided technical advice on the following erosion and sediment control practices: Sediment Barriers; Diversions; Permanent Vegetation; Sediment Basin. Engineering and surveying assistance was also provided to calculate the amount of earth work and leveling to be done.

Steve Knight, Dodge Recreation Board Member, said, "NRCS saved the tax

payers of Dodge County over \$30,000.00 of unnecessary cost for a recreation project that is a valuable asset and benefit to the community.

The Recreation Board was already making plans to obtain the funds for this consulting fee when we contacted NRCS and found out that we were about to spend

money on consulting fees for obtaining a permit that was not required." The site and areas adjacent to it continue to benefit from the conservation practices that were installed. Benefits to the area include reducing runoff from the recreation complex during construction projects, while at the same time reducing erosion and sediment deposition.



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