

**Soil Erosion Enhancement Activity – SOE02 - Protection of cultural resource**



**Enhancement Description**

Stabilization and protection of identified cultural resource and/or historic properties with vegetation to prevent damage from erosion and loss of cultural and historic deposits, including associated artifacts.

**Land Use Applicability**

Cropland, pastureland, rangeland and forestland.

**Benefits**

Culturally important and historic sites can be damaged by erosion. Historic and prehistoric cultural deposits, including associated artifacts and features can be lost or destroyed making later study or interpretation of the sites impossible. Revegetating these areas with conservation cover can protect the sites from further damage and loss of cultural and historic remains.

**Criteria for Protection of Cultural Resources**

1. Areas to be protected must be identified as a culturally significant or historic site and documented as such in one of the following ways:
  - a. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)
  - b. Determined eligible for listing on NRHP through Section 106 review (National Historic Preservation Act compliance).
  - c. State government or Tribal government registry.
  - d. State government or Tribal government inventory of historic places.
2. Areas must be protected from further degradation by revegetating with conservation covers that emphasize the use of native species that enhance fish and wildlife habitat including pollinator habitat.

**Documentation Requirements**

1. Documentation that the site meets one of the 4 criteria listed above.
2. A map or sketch showing the location and extent of the area that is protected.
3. Documentation of the plant species used for revegetation.

**ALABAMA SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR THIS ENHANCEMENT**

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Producer Name:		Date:	
Tract Number:		County:	
Field Number	Site Acreage	Protective Measure Activity/Activities (Include plant species for any re-vegetated sites)	Percent of Site Area To be Protected

Additional documentation required:

1. Delineations on a map or aerial photo of the location and extent of the area that is protected. (NRCS Cultural Resources Specialist may provide site perimeter if requested.)
2. Representative digital pictures of site area.
3. National Register documentation or statement of eligibility/cultural significance from the NRCS Cultural Resources Specialist, State Historic Preservation Office (Alabama Historical Commission) or Tribal Historic Preservation Office or tribal representative for a federally recognized tribe (Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Seminole, etc.).

The submitted documentation accurately reflects the implementation of this enhancement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_