

Land Clearing

PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service - practice code 460



DEFINITION

Land Clearing is removing trees, stumps, and other vegetation from wooded areas.

PRACTICE INFORMATION

The purpose of the practice is to achieve needed land use adjustments and improvements in the interest of natural resource conservation. The practice applies to wooded areas where the removal of woody vegetation and debris is necessary as part of a conservation plan that involves a change in land use. The proposed land use change will be in accordance with the NRCS capability classification system. This means that the land being cleared is suited for the proposed

land use considering the needs of the natural resources for sustainability.

The specifications for this practice specify the kinds of timber to be salvaged, lengths of logs, and place of stacking. Methods of disposing of debris and unsalvaged timber is also specified in the plan, and the disposal methods are planned in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The plan also provides for measures necessary to protect the cleared area from erosion and minimize adverse effects on fish and wildlife.

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