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**NATIONAL ENGINEERING HANDBOOK (NEH) FILING SYSTEM (PARTS 600 THROUGH 659)  
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**SUBJECT:** ENG--DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL ENGINEERING HANDBOOK (NEH), PART 653,  
STREAM CORRIDOR RESTORATION: PRINCIPLES, PROCESSES, AND PRACTICES

**Purpose.** To distribute copies of the interagency document titled Stream Corridor Restoration: Principles, Processes, and Practices.

**Effective Date.** When filed.

**Explanation of Changes.** Interest in restoring stream corridor systems is expanding. A cooperative effort that was led by the NRCS and involving fifteen Federal agencies, has produced a common technical reference.

The technical document incorporates and reflects the experiences of the collaborating agencies and promotes an integrated, approach to restoration. As a general goal, it promotes the understanding of ecological processes (physical, biological, and chemical) to restore self-sustaining stream corridor functions. The guidance in this reference is applicable nationwide in both urban and rural settings.

The document is written in a general nature and should be used as a general reference. Montana does have additional knowledge and methods of treatment for stream restorations. Reference should be made for additional guidance to Chapter 51, Engineering Practice Planning and Design Guide, Stream Channel Stabilization/Streambank Protection, of the Montana Supplement to the Engineering Field Handbook.

It is anticipated that additional outside NRCS individuals will be requesting copies of this document. Requests for copies to be used outside of NRCS should be referred to the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) in Springfield, VA. NTIS is selling printed documents for \$71 plus \$5 handling fee. They are also selling a CD-ROM version of the product for \$60 plus \$5 handling fee. If the outside NRCS source desires to order, they can call the NTIS Sales Desk at 1-800-553-NTIS (6847).

The document is also available on the Internet at: [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/stream\\_restoration/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/stream_restoration/)

**Filing Instructions.** File the new Part 653 notebook after Part 652, National Irrigation Guide or Part 651, Agricultural Waste Management Field Handbook within the National Engineering Handbook Series (Parts 600-659). File the Montana (green) transmittal letter and tabulation sheet in front of General, Book I, Part 600/609.

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