

Conservation Practice Standard Overview

Recreation Land Grading and Shaping (566)

Recreation land grading and shaping is the modification of sites to permit the installation or operation of recreation facilities.

Practice Information

Recreation land grading and shaping is reshaping the land to support effective and safe use of a recreation resource and/or to minimize on-site and off-site impacts to natural resources from recreation land use. This practice is used where surface irregularities, slopes, obstructions, or surface drainage interfere with planned recreational use or where such use requires designed land surfaces.

The grading and shaping is configured to minimize adverse on-site and off-site impacts. Considerations during the planning process include measures to reduce soil erosion, riparian zone degradation, stream channel and streambank damage, hydrology modification, other water resource damage, aesthetics or unacceptable damage to wildlife habitat, fragmentation, or restrictions to wildlife movement. Plans will include measures for erosion control and for removing or otherwise providing for control of excess surface water.



Recreation land grading and shaping will require maintenance over the expected life of the practice.

Common Associated Practices

Recreation Land Grading and Shaping (566) is commonly associated with conservation practices, such as Recreation Area Improvement (562), Trails and Walkways (568), Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), Access Control (472), and Critical Area Planting (342).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.