

Name of Practice: STREAM CHANNEL STABILIZATION
VACS Program Specification for No. WP-2C

This document specifies terms and conditions for the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program's Stream Channel Stabilization best management practice which are applicable to all contracts entered into with respect to that practice.

A. Description and Purpose

This practice will stabilize the stream channel with the use of non-erodible material and/or structures that will prevent the stream channel from eroding.

The purpose of this practice is to improve water quality by reducing erosion by stabilizing stream channels.

B. Policies and Specifications

1. Tax credit is authorized:
 - i. For riprap revetments, rock vortex weirs and other methods needed to stabilize the stream channel.
 - ii. For vegetative cover on areas that were disturbed during stream channel stabilization.
2. All appropriate local, state and federal permits must be obtained before tax-credit is authorized.
3. This practice is subject to NRCS Standard 584 Channel Stabilization.
4. All practice components implemented must be maintained for a minimum of five years following the calendar year of installation. The lifespan begins on Jan. 1 of the calendar year following the year of implementation. By accepting a state tax credit for this practice, the participant agrees to maintain all practice components for the specified lifespan. This practice is subject to spot check by the District throughout the lifespan of the practice and failure to maintain the practice may result in reimbursement of cost-share and/or tax credits.

C. Rate(s)

1. As set forth by Virginia Code, the Commonwealth currently provides a tax credit for implementation of certain agricultural best management practices as discussed in the Tax Credit Guidelines of the VACS Manual.
2. If a participant receives cost-share, only the participant's share of the project is used to determine the tax credit.

D. Technical Responsibility

Technical and administrative responsibility is assigned to qualified technical DCR and District staff in consultation, where appropriate and based on the controlling standard, with DCR, Virginia Certified Nutrient Management Planner(s), NRCS, DOF, and VCE. Individuals certifying technical need and technical practice installation shall have appropriate certifications as identified above and/or Engineering Job Approval Authority (EJAA) for the designed and installed component(s). All practices are subject to spot check procedures and any other quality control measures.

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