

Name of Practice: STORMWATER RETENTION POND  
VACS Program Specifications for No. WP-5

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

A. Description and Purpose

This practice creates a structure that will collect and retain stormwater in order to release the water at a rate that will reduce the amount of downstream erosion due to stormwater flow.

The purpose is to improve water quality by reducing the amount of channel erosion during storm events.

B. Policies and Specifications

1. Tax credit is authorized:
  - i. For engineering and design assistance.
  - ii. For construction of structures that will reduce storm flows in order to reduce the amount of downstream flow.
  - iii. For fencing where the structure needs to be protected from livestock.
  - iv. For filter strips and other sediment trapping devices to protect the structure from sediment.
  - v. For seed and mulch to establish vegetation to protect the structure from erosion.
2. Tax credit is not authorized for multipurpose structures. The structure and pond must be designed for stormwater retention only.
3. This practice is subject to NRCS Standards 342 Critical Area Planting, 350 Sediment Basin, 362 Diversion, 378 Pond, 382 Fencing, and 393 Filter Strip.
4. All practice components implemented must be maintained for a minimum of 10 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 expense 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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