

Name of Practice: SURFACE WATER RUNOFF IMPOUNDMENT FOR WATER QUALITY
VACS Program Specification for No. WP-7

This document specifies terms and conditions for the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program's Agricultural Surface Water Runoff Impoundment for water quality which are applicable to all contracts entered into with respect to that practice.

A. Description and Purpose

This practice will promote structures that will impound surface water runoff and allow sediment and nutrients to settle.

The purpose of the practice is to improve water quality by impounding surface water and allowing sediments and nutrients to settle out.

B. Policies and Specifications

1. Tax credit is authorized:
 - i. For earth moving to construct or develop impoundment.
 - ii. For vegetation establishment to protect structure from eroding.
 - iii. For fencing to protect the structure from livestock.
 - iv. For engineering and design assistance.
2. This practice is subject to NRCS Standards 342 Critical Area Planting, 350 Sediment Basin, 362 Diversion, 378 Pond, 382 Fence, 393 Filter Strip, and 472 Use Exclusion.
3. 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 certification of completion. 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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