



Conservation Practice Overview

Land Clearing (Code 460)

Land clearing is the removal of trees, stumps, and other vegetation from wooded areas.

Practice Information

The purpose of the practice is to achieve needed land use adjustments and improvements in the interest of natural resource conservation. The practice applies to areas where the removal of woody vegetation and debris is necessary as part of a conservation plan that involves a planned change in land use. The proposed land use change will be in accordance with the NRCS capability classification system. This means a determination was made that the land to be cleared is suited for the proposed land use and the proposed land use is sustainable.



Disposal methods for cleared woody, vegetation, and other debris are specified in the plan in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The plan provides for measures to protect the cleared area from erosion and minimize adverse effects on water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. The specification for this practice identifies trees to be salvaged, lengths of logs, and location of stacking.

Additional information, including design criteria and specifications, can be found in NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 460 of the Field Office Technical Guide.

Common Associated Practices

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.