

## **Wetland Restoration - NRCS practice code 657**

Wetland restoration is a conservation practice used on areas where a former or degraded wetland was present to return the wetland to a close approximation of its original condition.

Wetlands are a valuable part of the natural landscape due to the ecosystem services they provide, like improved water quality and reducing flooding. Wetlands have three major characteristics; hydric (acidic) soils, hydrology, and hydrophytic (water-loving) vegetation. These components are important to look at these three components when planning a wetland restoration, especially hydrology. The restoration of hydrology usually causes natural vegetation and aquatic species to return to the wetland. Some restoration of vegetation may be needed. This conservation practice has a minimum expected life of 15 years and will need monitoring and management activities. Maintenance of the vegetation is important once the vegetation has established.

