**GENERAL MAINTENANCE CARD**
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**FACILITY: WETLAND - POCKET WETLAND (W-4)**

**PURPOSE AND FUNCTION**
A shallow wetland design, adapted for the treatment of runoff from small drainage areas, that has variable water levels and relies on groundwater for its permanent pool.

**SHORT-TERM MEASURES (FREQUENCY: AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH)**

1. Inspect wetland surface area.
   - Remove accumulated debris/floatables manually or by other approved means, if required. Dispose of debris off-site.
   - Note the existence of excessive algae. If present, refer to Item 2 of Medium-Term Measures.
   - Correct any issues relating to flow short-circuiting, if present.

2. Inspect the swale (Location B) and sediment forebay (Location C).
   - Remove accumulated debris/floatables near the swale approach and discharge channels manually or by other approved means, if required. Dispose of debris off-site.
   - Note any displaced field stone. Remove as required.
   - Note any eroded areas in swale and stabilize for further maintenance.

3. Inspect the outlet structure (riser/barrel at Location E), micropool (Location D), and outfall (Location F).
   a. Riser/Barrel:
      - Manually remove debris accumulated on the trash rack; dispose of debris off-site.
      - Note any damage to riser/barrel (see critical maintenance issues box).
   b. Micropool:
      - Remove accumulated debris/floatables near the inlet manually or by other approved means, if required. Dispose of debris off-site.
      - Note any displaced field stone. Remove as required.
   c. Outfall:
      - Remove accumulated debris/floatables near the outfall spillway approach and discharge channels manually or by other approved means, if required. Dispose of debris off-site.
      - Note any displaced field stone. Remove as required.

4. Inspect the emergency spillway (Location G).
   - Vegetated emergency spillway channels should be mowed and should not be cut to less than 6 to 8 inches in height.
   - The emergency spillway approach and discharge channels should be cleared of brush and other woody growth.
   - After any flow has passed through the emergency spillway, the spillway crest (control section) and exit channel should be inspected for erosion. Note location of any eroded areas for future maintenance.

**MAJOR AREAS OF PRACTICE**

- Maintenance Accessway
- Swale
- Sediment Forebay
- Outlet Structure
- Outfall
- Micropool
- Emergency Spillway

**CRITICAL MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

1. Risers and barrells
   - Presence of corrosion
   - Weld joint weakness
   - Valves operational
   - Security key in known location
   - Clogging of barrel outlets

2. Embankments
   - No rodents
   - No trees and shrubs
   - No seepage and settlement

**MEDIUM-TERM MEASURES (FREQUENCY: ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS)**

Drainage Issues:
1. Measure the sediment depth in sediment forebay and micropool (Locations C & D).
2. If excessive algae persists after large storms, flush wetland surface area with clean water.
3. Inspect the swale (Location B) and sediment forebay (Location C).
   - Replace displaced field stone, as required.
4. Inspect the outlet structure (Location E) and micropool (Location D).
   - Repair cracks/damages to outlet structure, as required.
   - Replace displaced field stone, as required.
5. Inspect the emergency spillway (Location G).
   - Repair and stabilize eroded areas in the exit channel, as necessary.
6. Inspect for unstable embankments.
   - Repair/reinforce unstable embankments using field stone, plantings, etc.

**Landscaping Issues:**
7. Inspect plant mortality.
   - Remove dead plants by hand; dispose off-site, replant as required.
   - Trim and remove specified trees, as required.
8. Inspect for significant establishment of invasives and develop an area-wide plan for removal.
9. Inspect for herbivore damage.
   - Repair burrows/damage created by rodents, as required.
   - Introduce alternative plantings, as required.

**Perimeter Treatment (perimeter boundaries not shown in figures):**
10. Lubricate locks and hinges on gates, as required.
11. Refurbish or new accessway and site perimeter, as required.
12. Inspect and repair damaged sidewalks, fencing, guardrail, and signs, as required.

**LONG-TERM MEASURES (FREQUENCY: AFTER SECOND GROWING SEASON)**

**Landscaping Issues:**
1. Inspect the Low Marsh and High Marsh zones.
   - If a minimum coverage of 50% is not achieved in the planted wetland zones after the second growing season, a reinforcement planting is required.
   - Ensure that adequate water depth is maintained for desired wetland plant species.
   - Ensure survival of desired wetland plant species and that the distribution is in accordance with the landscaping plan. Replace plantings and revise landscaping plan, as required.

**LONG-TERM MEASURES (FREQUENCY: ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS)**

**Drainage Issues:**
1. Remove sediment from sediment forebay/micropool and adjacent catch basins; “vactoring” recommended.

**DEWATERING PROCEDURE AT FOREBAY/MICROPOLL**

The forebay/micropool must be dewatered before proceeding with “vactoring” operations.

**Methodology:**
1. Park the “vactor” truck along the maintenance accessway near the inlet (Location A). The boom should be extended in the direction of the forebay/micropool.
2. Ensure clear access for a two-person crew down the slope near the forebay/micropool (Locations C & D).
3. Isolate the forebay/micropool by erecting a sand bag wall perpendicular to the direction of flow at Locations 1 & 3.
4. The sand bag wall should extend up the slopes of the safety bench beyond the edge of water to ensure no flow conveyance.
5. Pump out water from the forebay to the low marsh zone downstream (Location 2) or in the case of the micropool, to a sediment tank on the other side of the embankment.
6. Proceed with “vactoring” operations.
7. On completion of “vactoring” work, disassemble the sand bag wall manually and remove from site.

**MAJOR AREAS OF PRACTICE**

- B. Swale
- C. Sediment Forebay
- D. Micropool
- E. Outlet Structure with Trash Rack
- F. Outfall

**“VACTORING” PROCEDURE AT FOREBAY/MICROPOLL**

**Methodology:**
1. Connect the “vactor” truck to an approved nearby source of clean water for “vactoring” purposes.
2. Place water jet hose down the slope of the forebay/micropool (Locations C & D). Use hose to loosen accumulated sediment.
3. Place the flexible suction hose into the forebay/micropool (Locations C & D).
4. Perform “vactoring” operations by simultaneously using the suction arm and water jet hose to remove slurry until the rip-rap base is reached.
5. Continue slurry removal until capacity of “vactor” truck is reached.
7. Repeat Steps 1-6 until all the sediment has been removed.
8. After “vactoring” work is complete, carefully remove the flexible suction hose and the water jet hose from the forebay/micropool, and transport them back to the truck.
9. Inspect the accessway and adjacent area for damage, such as dislodged field stone, wood chips, etc., and refurbish as required.

**Note:** Secure locks on gates as necessary prior to exiting site.