
Additional Resources

There are many local, state and federal resources available to provide technical assistance and support. The following list includes many sources of help and information.

Federal Engineering staffs at USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service) state offices may be able to supply specific references or sources of information for many practices, including design references and procedures, and computer programs. They can be reached at:

USDA-NRCS (Kansas State Office)
760 South Broadway
Salina, KS 67401-4642
785-823-4565 or FAX 785-823-4540

USDA-NRCS (Missouri State Office)
Parkade Center, Suite 250
601 Business Loop 70 West
Columbia, MO 65203-2546
573-876-0910 or FAX 573-876-0913

Also, nearly every county in Missouri and Kansas has a USDA-NRCS field office. They will be listed in the government pages of your phone book under federal offices.

For practice standards and specifications, see your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide.

For design procedures, see one or more of the following:

- NRCS Engineering Field Handbook, Chapter 9 on Diversions. The handbook is available from NTIS, NTIS Access Number PB85-175164 and NRCS Forms Catalog Number EFM-1. Chapter 9 is Access Number PB86-197449 and Forms Catalog Number EFM-1F.
- The Missouri Terrace/Diversion design program for personal computers. Contact Missouri NRCS State Office.

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- The Kansas Starter.wk1 (slope terrace) design program for personal computers. Contact Kansas NRCS State Office.

State The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Quality, Water Pollution Control Program handles permits for land disturbance. Write MDNR, P.O. Box 176, 205 Jefferson St., Jefferson City, MO 65102 or call 573-751-1300.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Quality also has Regional Offices in Kansas City (816-795-8655), Macon (816-386-2129), Jefferson City (573-751-2729), St. Louis (314-822-0101), Springfield (417-895-6950) and Poplar Bluff (573-686-9750).

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment handles permits for land disturbance. Write KDHE, Bureau of Water, Building 283, Forbes Field, Topeka, KS 66620 or call 785-296-5557.

The Missouri Department of Conservation has experts on staff who can provide lists of plant materials suitable for wetlands and streambanks; they also have experience and recommendations on bioengineering techniques for streambank stabilization. Contact your local office, listed in the state government section of the phone book or call the state office at 314-751-4115.

To contact the Kansas State Conservation Commission for information on streambank stabilization, write KSCC, 109 SW Ninth Suite 500, Topeka, KS 66612-1299 or call 785-296-3600.

To contact the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for information on bioengineering, plant materials and native seedings, write KDWP, 3300 SW 29th Street, Topeka, KS 66614 or call 785-273-6740.

University Extension has local offices in almost every county. The offices have on-staff experts in agronomy, engineering and other disciplines. Extension staff can provide the latest in research results and may be particularly helpful in vegetation establishment. A variety of guides can be picked up at these offices. Soil samples can be turned in at the offices for soil testing. Look under state government listings for a phone number.

Local Contact the authorizing unit of local government (city or county) for local regulations and permit requirements. These will usually be listed in the appropriate government section (city or county) of the phone book under Government Engineer, Government Building, etc.

County Soil & Water Conservation Districts can provide information on plant materials, erosion and sediment control, and most offices have a Soil Survey of the county. Look under the county government listing.

Manufactured Products Check advertisements in trade magazines such as “Land and Water, the Magazine of Natural Resource Management and Restoration,” or contact associations or societies that deal with erosion, sediment and stormwater control, such as:

Professional Organizations The Soil and Water Conservation Society, 7515 Northeast Ankeny Road, Ankeny, IA 50021-9764; the International Erosion Control Association, P.O. Box 4904, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477-4904 or the Missouri Chapter of the Land Improvement Contractors Association, P.O. Box 1743, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

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