

WATERING FACILITY

PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service—Practice Code 614



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A watering facility is a trough or tank installed as a livestock watering facility.

PRACTICE INFORMATION

A watering trough or tank provides livestock with drinking water at planned locations that will protect vegetative cover through proper distribution of grazing or other management techniques. The water source(s) may be a well, spring, stream, pond, or other sources including water hauling, in some situations.

In addition to providing livestock water, troughs are sometimes installed to keep cattle out of streams and other surface water areas where water quality is a concern.

COMMON ASSOCIATED PRACTICES

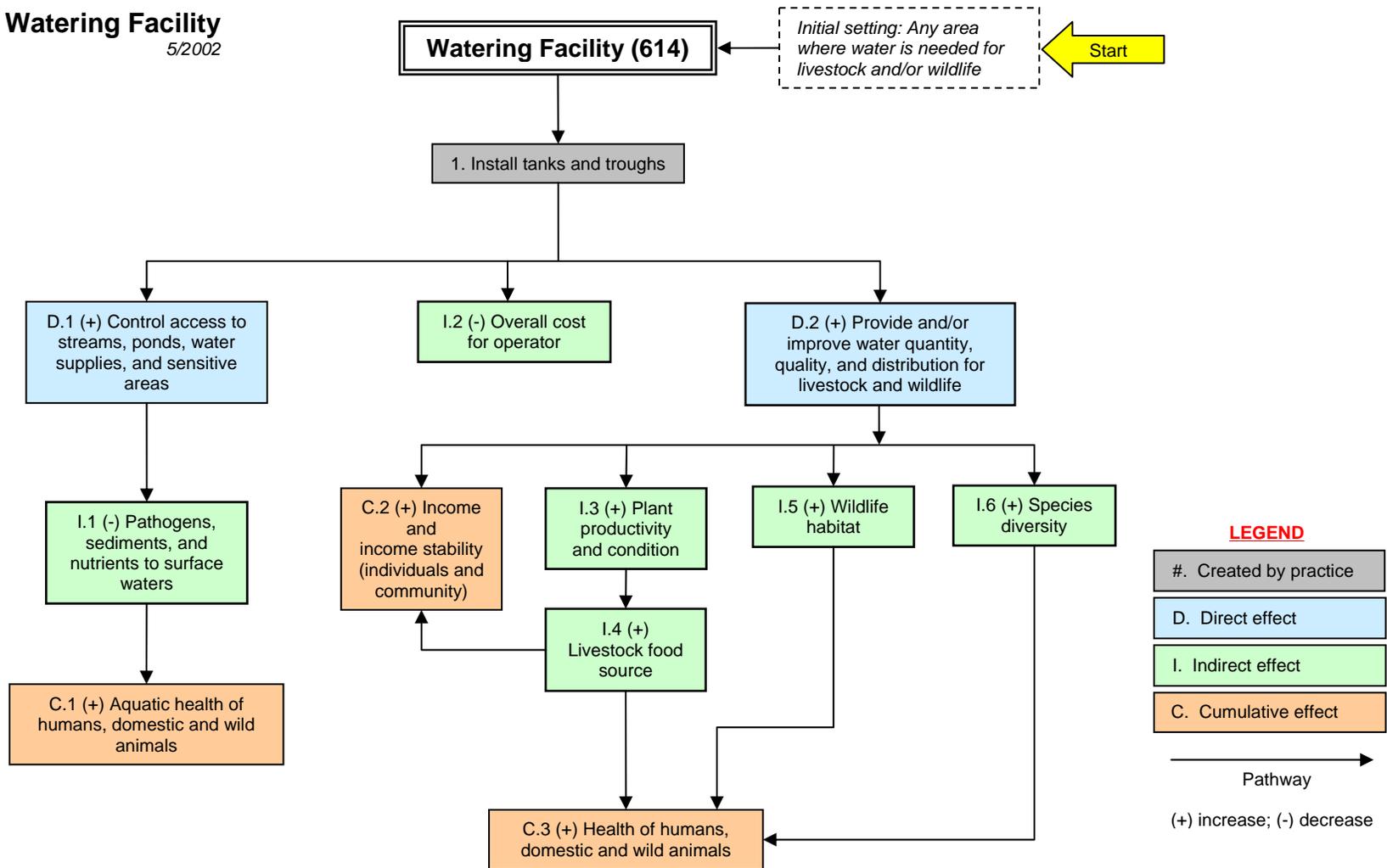
Watering Facility is commonly used as part of a Conservation Management System with practices such as Water Well (642), Pipeline (516), Spring Development (574), and Prescribed Grazing (528).

For further information, refer to the practice standard in the local Field Office Technical Guide and associated specifications and job sheets.

The following page identifies the effects expected to occur when this practice is applied. These effects are subjective and somewhat dependent on variables such as climate, terrain, soil, etc. All appropriate local, State, Tribal, and Federal permits and approvals are the responsibility of the landowner and are presumed to have been obtained. Users are cautioned that these effects are estimates that may or may not apply to a specific site.

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Note: Effects are qualified with a plus (+) or minus (-). These symbols indicate only an increase (+) or a decrease (-) in the effect upon the resource, not whether the effect is beneficial or adverse.

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