

## **Heavy Use Area Protection**

### **Description**

Vegetative cover, concrete pads or other artificial surfaces are installed to protect water quality by stabilizing areas subject to intensive animal or equipment traffic.

### **Benefits**

- Reduces soil erosion by covering the ground with permanent cover such as tough grasses, gravel, or concrete.
- Can be designed to include storage for stackable manure.
- Improves water quality where livestock/animal manure is concentrated.
- Concrete walkways or pads allow farmers to scrape up manure more easily and manage it for future use.
- Improves livestock health by providing firm footing.
- Improves air quality by reducing windblown dust.