



Critical Area Planting

Description

Grasses and legumes are established in areas with excessive soil erosion, often in places where there is bare ground or steep slopes. The vegetation provides surface cover to stop erosion caused by raindrop splash and helps slow runoff water flow.

Benefits

- Reduces soil erosion.
- Improves water quality by reducing the amount of sediment, nutrients and pesticides running off farmland.
- Protects dams or gullied areas where vegetation may be difficult to establish.
- Vegetation provides nesting cover for birds and small animals.