

TWO RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT POLICY

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MAINTENANCE VS. IMPROVEMENT

When determining whether a water-related work is maintenance as opposed to an improvement, the managers may apply the following criteria among the relevant considerations:

- 1) The available pre-work technical and hydrologic data;
- 2) The ratio of top soil to subsoil within a new or disturbed spoil;
- 3) To what extent the new work moves or changes the existing culverts;
- 4) To what extent the new work changes grade, ditch bottom, or slope. Depending on the circumstances re-sloping for safety or slope stability may be viewed as maintenance, in spite of an increase in ditch capacity;
- 5) The extent to which vegetation is left in place;
- 6) The propensity for the existing soil type to erode.