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1. Contour Plowing

- Plowing along the contour lines of a slope to reduce water runoff and soil erosion.
- Helps retain water and nutrients in the soil, promoting plant growth.

2. Terracing

- Building step-like structures on slopes to reduce water runoff and soil erosion.
- Helps create flat areas for agriculture and prevents soil degradation.

3. Cover Cropping

- Planting cover crops like legumes or grasses to protect soil from erosion.
- Improves soil structure, fertility, and water retention.

4. Crop Rotation

- Alternating the types of crops grown in a field each season.
- Helps prevent soil depletion, control pests, and diseases, and improve soil health.

5. Mulching

- Applying a layer of organic material on the soil surface.
- Helps retain moisture, suppress weeds, and prevent soil erosion.

6. Agroforestry

- Integrating trees and shrubs into agricultural landscapes.
- Improves soil fertility, provides shade, and helps retain water.

7. Contour Buffer Strips

- Planting vegetation along the contour lines of a field.
- Reduces water runoff, filters pollutants, and prevents soil erosion.

8. Rainwater Harvesting

- Collecting and storing rainwater for agricultural or domestic use.

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- Helps conserve water resources and reduce soil erosion.

9. Drip Irrigation

- Providing water directly to plant roots through a network of tubes.
- Reduces water wastage, improves water efficiency, and minimizes soil erosion.

10. Terrace Gardens

- Creating small gardens on terraces or slopes.
- Helps prevent soil erosion, promote biodiversity, and conserve water.

By implementing these soil and water conservation techniques, farmers and land managers can protect the environment, enhance agricultural productivity, and ensure sustainable land use practices.