

Standard Erosion and Sediment Control Notes

1. The contractor shall notify the Maryland Department of the Environment, Sediment Control Inspector at (410) 901-4020 and the Cecil County Department of Public Works at (410) 996-1104 at least 48 hours prior to commencing any land disturbing activities and, unless waived by the Sediment Control Inspector, shall be required to hold a pre-construction meeting at the project site. The contractor must provide the name of the person on the site who is responsible for inspection and maintenance of erosion and sediment control measures, and a copy of their green card to the sediment control inspector.
2. All projects with construction activities disturbing 1 acre or more are required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to MDE to comply with the General Permit for Construction Activity for Stormwater Discharges. The NOI should be submitted after E&SC/SWM approval has been issued and prior to beginning construction. To attain a NOI form contact Barbara Tyler, MDE General Permits Coordinator at (410) 537-3525 or, preferably, by e-mail at btyler@mde.state.md.us
3. The limits of construction shall be clearly delineated in the field prior to the pre-construction meeting or any grading activities to ensure compliance with the approved plan.
4. The approved erosion and sediment control plan must be kept at the project the site.
5. The Cecil Soil Conservation District reserves the right to modify the erosion and sediment control plan.
6. The Cecil Soil Conservation District may revoke the approval of the erosion and sediment control plan if work performed at the project site does not conform to the provisions of the grading permit, the approved plan or to any written instructions from the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Cecil County Department of Public Works or the Cecil Soil Conservation District.
7. The contractor must request that the MDE Sediment Control Inspector approve work completed in accordance with the approved erosion and sediment control plan, the grading or building permit and the Cecil County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance at the following points of project development:
 - A. Upon completion of the installation of perimeter erosion and sediment control measures, but before proceeding with any other earth disturbance or grading. Other building or grading inspection approvals may not be authorized until this initial approval by MDE is made.
 - B. Prior to removal or modification of any sediment control structure(s).
 - C. Upon final stabilization of the site and prior to the removal of any sediment control measures.
8. The contractor shall construct all erosion and sediment control measures per the approved plan and construction sequence and, shall have them inspected and approved by the MDE Sediment Control Inspector prior to beginning any other land disturbances.
9. The contractor shall ensure that all runoff from disturbed areas is directed to the sediment control devices, and shall not remove any erosion or sediment control measure without prior permission from the MDE Sediment Control Inspector.
10. The following minor plan modifications may be approved by the inspector in the field:
 1. Moving any sediment control structures (except basins) to meet the existing contours and field conditions, when moving of these structures would have no impact on their function or design criteria.
 2. Changes in trap dimensions may be made to meet field conditions provided the designed capacity is maintained or exceeded.
 3. Substitution of perimeter control measures may be made provided the measure substituted is equivalent (i.e., silt fence for straw bales) or is an upgrade of the original measure (i.e., silt fence to a perimeter berm with properly sized outlet).
 4. Addition and extension of perimeter controls (including stone construction entrances) may be made to meet field conditions.

Any modifications to the plan which are not listed above require the plan to be submitted to the Cecil Soil Conservation District for review and approval.
11. The contractor shall protect all points of construction ingress and egress to prevent the deposition of materials onto public roads. All materials deposited onto public roads shall be removed immediately.
12. On-site temporary stockpile areas must be placed as shown on the approved plan. Off-site stockpile areas must have an approved erosion and sediment control plan and must be protected by sediment control measures. If the construction

schedule is to exceed 14 days, the stockpile areas must be stabilized. Upon the completion of the use of the stockpile area, existing ground surfaces shall be restored to their original conditions and permanently stabilized.

13. The contractor shall inspect daily and maintain continuously in an effective operating condition all erosion and sediment control measures until such times as they are removed with prior permission from the MDE Sediment Control Inspector.
14. Following initial soil disturbance or redisturbance, permanent or temporary stabilization shall be completed within:
 - A). Seven calendar days as to the surface of all perimeter controls, dikes, swales, ditches, perimeter slopes, and all slopes equal to or greater than 3 horizontal to 1 vertical (3:1), and
 - B). Fourteen days as to all other disturbed or graded areas on the project site.

The above requirements do not apply to those areas which are shown on the plan and are currently being used for material storage or for those areas on which actual construction activities are currently being performed or to interior areas of a surface mine site where the stabilization material would contaminate the recoverable resource. Maintenance shall be performed as necessary to ensure that the stabilized areas continuously meet the appropriate requirements of the 1994 Maryland Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control.

15. Sediment control practices will be maintained until the entire contributing area to the practice has been stabilized to the satisfaction of the Sediment Control Inspector. Sediment Controls may only be removed with the authorization of the sediment control inspector.
16. All areas disturbed by the removal of sediment control devices must be immediately stabilized.
17. Surface drainage flows over unstabilized cut and fill slopes shall be controlled by either preventing drainage flows from traversing the slopes or by installing protective devices to lower the water downslope without causing erosion. Dikes shall be installed and maintained at the top of cut or fill slopes until the slope and drainage area to it are fully stabilized, at which time they must be removed and final grading done to promote sheet flow drainage. Protective methods must be provided at points of concentrated flow where erosion is likely to occur.
18. No permanent cut or fill slope with a gradient steeper than 3:1 will be permitted in lawn maintenance areas. A slope gradient of up to 2:1 will be permitted in non-maintenance areas provided that those areas are indicated on the erosion and sediment control plans with a low-maintenance ground cover specified for permanent stabilization. Slope gradient steeper than 2:1 will not be permitted with vegetation stabilization.
19. All flow lines are to be stabilized with sod or seed with erosion control matting to a depth of flow of 1 foot.
20. Sediment traps or basins are not permitted within 20 feet of a foundation which is existing or under construction. No structure may be constructed within 20 feet of an active sediment trap or basin.
21. Temporary sediment trap(s) shall be cleaned out and restored to the original dimensions when sediment has accumulated to a point one half (1/2) the depth between the outlet crest and the bottom of the trap. Sediment basins shall be cleaned out and restored to the original dimensions when sediment has accumulated to one half (1/2) the depth between the dewatering elevation and the bottom of the basin.
22. Sediment removed from traps (and basins) shall be placed and stabilized in approved areas, but not within a floodplain, wetland or forest retention area. When pumping sediment laden water, the discharge must be directed to a sediment trapping device prior to release from the site. A sump pit may be used if sediment traps themselves are being pumped out.
23. Sediment control devices placed in infiltration areas must have bottom elevations at least two (2) feet higher than the finished grade elevation of the infiltration practice. When converting sediment trap to an infiltration device, all accumulated sediment must be removed and disposed of prior to final grading of infiltration device.
24. When a storm drain system outfall is directed to a sediment trap or sediment basin and the system is to be used for temporarily conveying sediment laden water, all storm drain inlets in non-sump areas shall have temporary asphalt berms constructed at the time of base paving to direct gutter flow into the inlets to avoid surcharging and overflow of inlets in sump areas.
25. The developer is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits prior to any construction activities. Further, the issuance of a grading permit does not relieve the developer of the responsibility to obtain any additional local, state or federal permits.