## FREQUENTLY ASKED **QUESTIONS (FAQS)**

#### What is a sensitive area?

Any area needing additional protection including, but not limited to, buffered state waters, wetlands, or floodplain.

#### How will having a sensitive area on-site affect my ES&PC inspections?

- Approved ES&PC Plans delineate these areas and require additional BMPs if disturbance occurs within 200ft of these areas.
- Installation of additional BMPs will be required if unplanned disturbance encroaches in or near these areas.

#### Can an inspector require me to install additional BMPs (not in my plan)?

If an inspector determines that required measures are ineffective in controlling erosion and sedimentation, additional BMPS can be required.

#### Can an inspector require me to cover my construction materials/ use a dumpster?

Sites with an open NOI are required, by their permits, to cover construction materials. This can be accomplished with a tarp or a dumpster that is free of leaks.

#### TO CONTACT BUILDING SAFETY:

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## **FAYETTE COUNTY** RESIDENTIAL EROSION **CONTROL INSPECTIONS**



LEARN WHAT TO EXPECT FROM **COUNTY INSPECTIONS AND** HOW TO PREPARE TO PASS.

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#### **BEFORE YOU BUILD— CHECK THE BASICS**



#### **REVIEW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Before beginning land disturbance, always review what you will be responsible for on your site.

- Do you have an open Notice of Intent (NOI)?
- Do you have any sensitive areas on your site?
- What Best Management Practices (BMPs) are required in your approved erosion control plan?
- Is your "blue card", GSWCC Level I Certification, up-to-date?



Check your blue card: gaswcc.org/ esc-search.php



Initial installation of BMPs

Area Disturbed Matches Plan

Permit Box Documents

#### KNOW WHEN TO SCHEDULE INSPECTIONS

Sites with open land disturbance permits (LDPs) are required to schedule 3 Erosion and Sedimentation Control (ESC) inspections throughout the building process.

**Beginning of Building Process End of Building Process** ESC<sub>1</sub> ESC 2 Schedule before: **Schedule before: Schedule before:** Final Building Slab or Footing Framing **Inspectors check: Inspectors check:** 

Maintenance of BMPs Application of Temporary

**Inspectors check:** Final Stabilization (no NOI)

Final Stabilization (NOI)

ADDITIONAL, UNSCHEDULED INSPECTIONS MAY OCCUR FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, SUCH AS CITIZEN COMPLAINTS OR MAJOR VIOLATIONS NOTED DURING BUILDING INSPECTIONS.

Stabilization

### **ABC'S OF PREPARING FOR RESIDENTIAL EROSION INSPECTIONS**



#### ESC 1

A. Initial Installation of BMPs B. Permit Box Documents C. Area Disturbed Matches Plan



#### ESC 2

D. Maintenance of BMPs E. Temporary Stabilization Applied



#### ESC 3

F. Final Stabilization (no NOI)
G. Final Stabilization (NOI)



#### **INITIAL INSTALLATION OF BMPs**

- Construction Exits (Co):
  - Geotextile Underliner
  - 50' x 20' Dimensions
  - 6" Stone/ Gravel
- Silt Fence (Sd1):
  - Sensitive-type used as needed
  - Downslopes wrapped
  - Correct # rows
  - Proper Installation
- Other BMPs per (approved) ES&PC plan.



#### **PERMIT BOX DOCUMENTS**

- Keep on-site through construction for superintendent and inspector review.
  - LDP, ES&PC Plan, NOI (as needed)



#### **AREA DISTURBED MATCHES PLAN**

- Disturbed area matches ES&PC plan
- < 0.95 acre disturbance if not specified in plan
- Disturbance outside sensitive areas/ buffers



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#### **MAINTENANCE OF BMPs**

- Construction Exits (Co):
  - Mud not tracking or washing into road
- Silt Fence (Sd1):
  - Replaced every 6 months
  - Less than (<) 2/3 full
  - No sediment leaving site/ disturbed area
- Other BMPs per ES&PC Plan
  - Inlet sediment traps (Sd2) < 1/2 full
  - Temporary sediment traps (Sd4) < 1/3 full



#### **TEMPORARY STABILIZATION APPLICATION**

- Disturbed Area Stabilization (Ds1, Ds2):
  - Within 14 days of disturbance
  - Mulch only (Ds1) 90% coverage, >2" depth
  - Temporary seeding (Ds2) 90% coverage

Can reduce maintenance frequency and costs for silt fence and other BMPS.



Re-schedule online at sagesgov.com/fayettecounty-ga



#### **FINAL STABILIZATION (NO NOI)**

- Site relatively stable, seed and straw applied.
  - Mud not tracking or washing into road
  - Sediment not leaving site
  - Temporary BMPs removed (recommended)
- Stabilization can be reasonably maintained by the homeowner after permit closure.

All sites can pass ESC 3 if above criteria are met.



#### **FINAL STABILIZATION (NOI)**

- Disturbed Area Stabilization (Ds3, Ds4)
  - Permanent vegetation (Ds3), Sod (Ds4)
- 100% Coverage, 70% Density
  - Ds3 and/or Ds4
  - Landscaping as prescribed in ES&PC Plan
- Removal of Temporary BMPs

NOIS (A LIABILITY) ARE NOT RELEASED UNTIL SECTION F CRITERIA IS MET AND A NOTICE OF TERMINATION (NOT) IS FILED IN GEOS. IF THE NOI IS NOT RELEASED, A "CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP" MUST BE FILED WITHIN 1 MONTH OF TRANSFER OF (PROPERTY) TITLE.

