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EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN

FOR

CRAVEN LCID
356 Sanders Lane
Township No. 8, Craven County, NC

FOR

CRAVEN LCID, LLC
109 Swift Creek Road
Vanceboro, NC 28586
(252) 670-6749

PREPARED BY

8/6/13

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FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY/OWNERSHIP FORM
SEDIMENTATION POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

No person may initiate any land-disturbing activity on one or more acres as covered by the Act before this form and an acceptable erosion and sedimentation control plan have been completed and approved by the Land Quality Section, N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources. (Please type or print and, if the question is not applicable or the e-mail and/or fax information unavailable, place N/A in the blank.)

Part A.

1. Project Name: Craven LCID
2. Location of land-disturbing activity: County: Craven City of Township: 8
   Highway/Street: Sanders Lane (NCSR 1243) River Basin: Neuse
   Latitude: 35.1583 Longitude: 77.1633 Datum: NCGS QUAD
   (Lats and Longs given to **4 decimal places** i.e. xx.xxxx N, -xx.xxxx W, not xx° xx' xx" N, -xx° xx' xx" W)
3. Approximate date land-disturbing activity will commence: Upon receipt of permits
4. Purpose of development (residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, etc.): Land clearing and inert debris landfill
5. Total acreage disturbed or uncovered (including off-site borrow and waste areas): 4.5
6. Amount of fee enclosed: $ 325 The application fee of $65.00 per acre (rounded up to the next acre) is assessed without a ceiling amount (Example: a 9-acre application fee is $585).
7. Has an erosion and sediment control plan been filed? Yes ______ No ______ Enclosed xx
8. Person to contact should erosion and sediment control issues arise during land-disturbing activity:
   Name: Terry D. Morris E-mail Address: ______
   Telephone: 252 670-6749 Cell #: ______ Fax #: ______
9. Landowner(s) of Record (attach accompanied page to list additional owners):

Craven LCID, LLC		
Name	Telephone	Fax Number
109 Swift Creek Road		
Current Mailing Address	Current Street Address	
Vanceboro, NC 28586		
City State Zip	City State Zip	

10. Deed Book No. 3193 Page No. 218 Provide a copy of the most current deed.

Part B.

1. Person(s) or Legal Entity(s) who are financially responsible for the land-disturbing activity (Provide a comprehensive list of all responsible parties on an attached sheet):

Craven LCID, LLC	
Name	E-mail Address
109 Swift Creek Road	
Current Mailing Address	Current Street Address
Vanceboro, NC 28586	
City State Zip	City State Zip

Telephone: 252 670-6749 Fax Number: ______

2. (a) If the Financially Responsible Party is not a resident of North Carolina, give name and street address of the designated North Carolina Agent:

Name	E-mail Address
Current Mailing Address	Current Street Address
City State Zip	City State Zip
Telephone	Fax Number

(b) If the Financially Responsible Party is a Partnership or other person engaging in business under an assumed name, **attach a copy of the Certificate of Assumed Name**. If the Financially Responsible Party is a Corporation, give name and street address of the Registered Agent:

Name of Registered Agent	E-mail Address
Current Mailing Address	Current Street Address
City State Zip	City State Zip
Telephone	Fax Number

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and was provided by me under oath (This form must be signed by the financially Responsible Person if an individual or his attorney-in-fact, or if not an individual, by an officer, director, partner, or registered agent with the authority to execute instruments for the Financially Responsible Person). I agree to provide corrected information should there by any change in the information provided herein.

Terry D. Morris — Agent

Type of print name — Title or Authority

Terry D Morris — 6-6-13

Signature — Date

I, Barbara D. Francis a Notary Public of the County of Craven

State of North Carolina, hereby certify that Terry D. Morris appeared personally before me this day and being duly sworn acknowledged that the above form was executed by him.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 6th day of JUNE, 20 13

BARBARA D. FRANCIS NOTARY PUBLIC CRAVEN COUNTY, NC

Seal

Barbara D. Francis

Notary Public

My commission expires JUNE 24, 20 17

NCDENR DEMLR LQS, E&SC PLAN PRELIMINARY REVIEW CHECKLIST:

The following items shall be incorporated with respect to specific site conditions, in an erosion & sediment control plan:

NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit NCGO010000

X Designation on the plans where the 7 or 14 day ground stabilization requirements apply per Section II.B.2 of the permit.

N/A Design of basins with one acre or more of drainage area for surface withdrawal as per Section II.B.4 of the permit.

LOCATION INFORMATION

X Project location & labeled vicinity map (roads, streets, landmarks)

X North arrow and scale

X Identify River Basin.

X Provide a copy of site located on applicable USGS quadrangle and NRCS Soils maps if it is in a River Basin with Riparian Buffer requirements.

GENERAL SITE FEATURES (Plan elements)

X Property lines & ownership ID for adjoining properties

X Existing contours (topographic lines)

X Proposed contours

X Limits of disturbed area (provide acreage total, delineate limits, and label). Be sure to include all access to measures, lots that will be disturbed, and utilities that may extend offsite.

N/A Planned and existing building locations and elevations

X Planned & existing road locations & elevations, including temporary access roads

N/A Lot and/or building numbers

N/A Hydrogeologic features: rock outcrops, seeps, springs, wetland and their limits, streams, lakes, ponds, dams, etc. (include all required local or state buffer zones and any DWQ Riparian Buffer determinations)

N/A Easements and drainageways, particularly required for offsite affected areas. Include copies of any recorded easements and/or agreements with adjoining property owners.

N/A Profiles of streets, utilities, ditch lines, etc.

N/A Stockpiled topsoil or subsoil locations

OKAY If the same person conducts the land-disturbing activity & any related borrow or waste activity, the related borrow or waste activity shall constitute part of the land-disturbing activity unless the borrow or waste activity is regulated under the Mining Act of 1971, or is a landfill regulated by the Division of Waste Management. If the land-disturbing activity and any related borrow or waste activity are not conducted by the same person, they shall be considered separate land-disturbing activities and must be permitted either through the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act as a one-use borrow site or through the Mining Act.

N/A Location and details associated with any onsite stone crushing or other processing of material excavated. If the affected area associated with excavation, processing, stockpiles and transport of such materials will comprise 1 or more acres, and materials will be leaving the development tract, a mining permit will be required.

N/A Required Army Corps 404 permit and Water Quality 401 certification (e.g. stream disturbances over 150 linear feet)

EROSION & CONTROL MEASURES (on plan)

X Legend (provide appropriate symbols for all measures and reference them to the construction details)

X Location of temporary measures

X Location of permanent measures

N/A Construction drawings and details for temporary and permanent measures. Show measures to scale on plan and include proposed contours where necessary. Ensure design storage requirements are maintained through all phases of construction.

N/A Maintenance requirements for measures

X Contact person responsible for maintenance

SITE DRAINAGE FEATURES

N/A Existing and planned drainage patterns (include off-site areas that drain through project and address temporary and permanent conveyance of stormwater over graded slopes)

N/A Method used to determine acreage of land being disturbed and drainage areas to all proposed measures (e.g. delineation map)

N/A Size, pipe material and location of culverts and sewers

X Soil information: type, special characteristics

N/A Soil information below culvert storm outlets

X Name and classification of receiving water course or name of municipal operator (only where stormwater discharges are to occur)

STORMWATER CALCULATIONS

N/A Pre-construction runoff calculations for each outlet from the site (at peak discharge points). Be sure to provide all supporting data for the computation methods used (rainfall data for required storm events, time of concentration/storm duration, and runoff coefficients).

N/A Design calculations for peak discharges of runoff (including the construction phase & the final runoff coefficients for the site)

N/A Design calcs for culverts and storm sewers (include HW, TW and outlet velocities)

N/A Discharge and velocity calculations for open channel and ditch flows (easement & rights-of-way)

N/A Design calcs for cross sections and method of stabilization for existing and planned channels (include temporary linings). Include appropriate permissible velocity and/or shear stress data.

N/A Design calcs and construction details for energy dissipaters below culvert and storm sewer outlets (include stone/material specs & apron dimensions). Avoid discharges on fill slopes.

N/A Design calcs and dimension of sediment basins (note current surface area and dewatering standards as well as diversion of runoff to the basins). Be sure that all surface drains, including ditches and berms, will have positive drainage to the basins.

VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION

X Area & acreage to be vegetatively stabilized

X Method of soil preparation

X Seed type & rates (temporary & permanent)

X Fertilizer type and rates

X Mulch type and rates (include mulch anchoring methods to be used)

NOTE: Plan should include provisions for groundcover in accordance with NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit NCG010000 and; permanent groundcover for all disturbed areas within 15 working days or 90 calendar days (whichever is shorter) following completion of construction or development.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY/OWNERSHIP FORM

X Completed, signed & notarized FR/O Form

X Accurate application fee payable to NCDENR ($65.00 per acre rounded up the next acre with no ceiling amount)

N/A Certificate of assumed name, if the owner is a partnership

X Name of Registered Agent (if applicable)

X Copy of the most current Deed for the site. Please make sure the deed(s) and ownership information are consistent between the plan sheets, local records and this form.

X Provide latitude & longitude (in decimal degrees) at the project entrance.

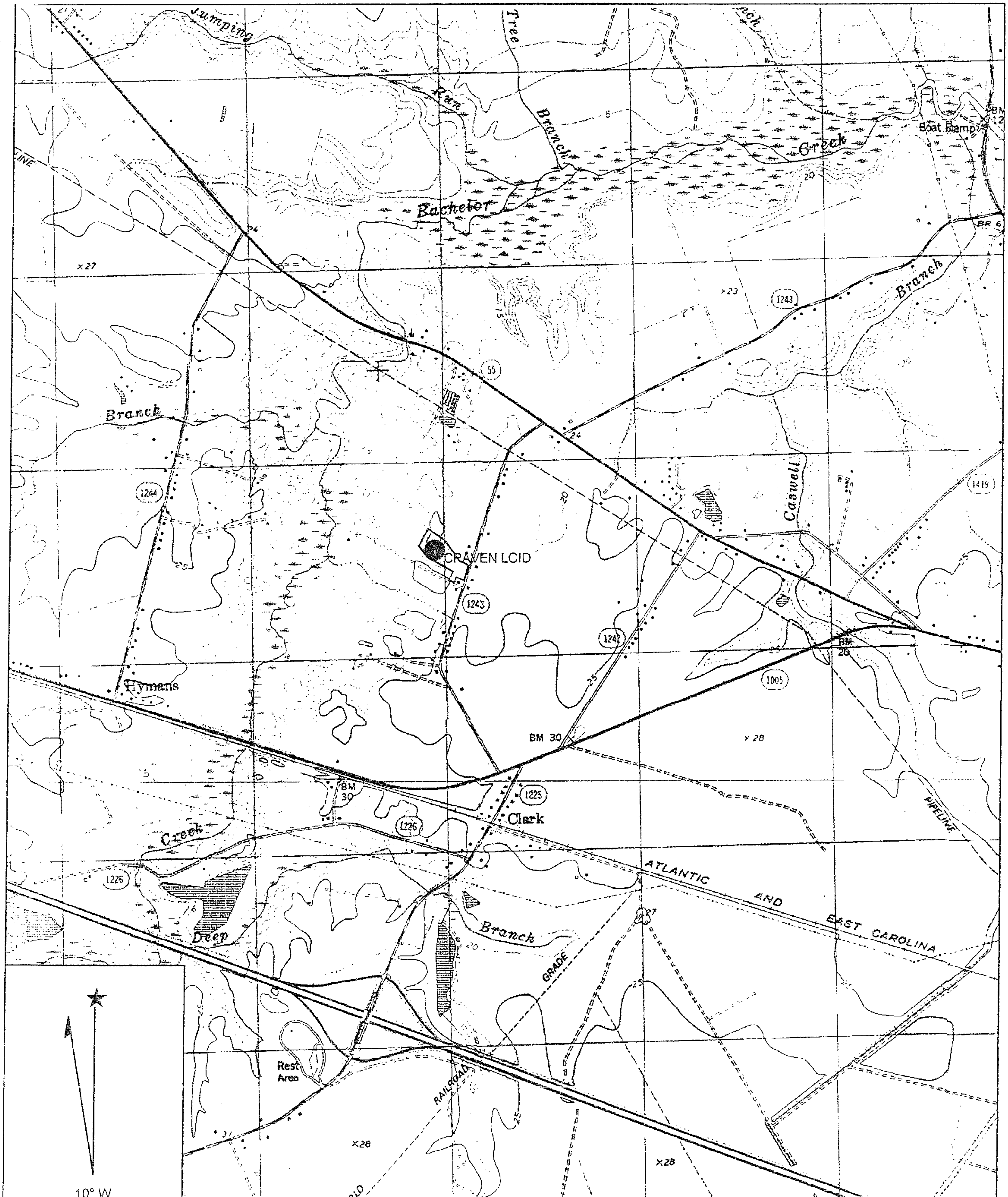
NOTE: For the Express Permitting Option, inquire at the local Regional Office for availability.

NARRATIVE AND CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE

X Narrative describing the nature & purpose of the construction activity

N/A Construction sequence related to erosion and sediment control (including installation of critical measures prior to the initiation of the land-disturbing activity & removal of measures after areas they serve are permanently stabilized). Address all phases of construction and necessary practices associated with temporary stream bypasses and/or crossings

N/A Bid specifications related only to erosion control



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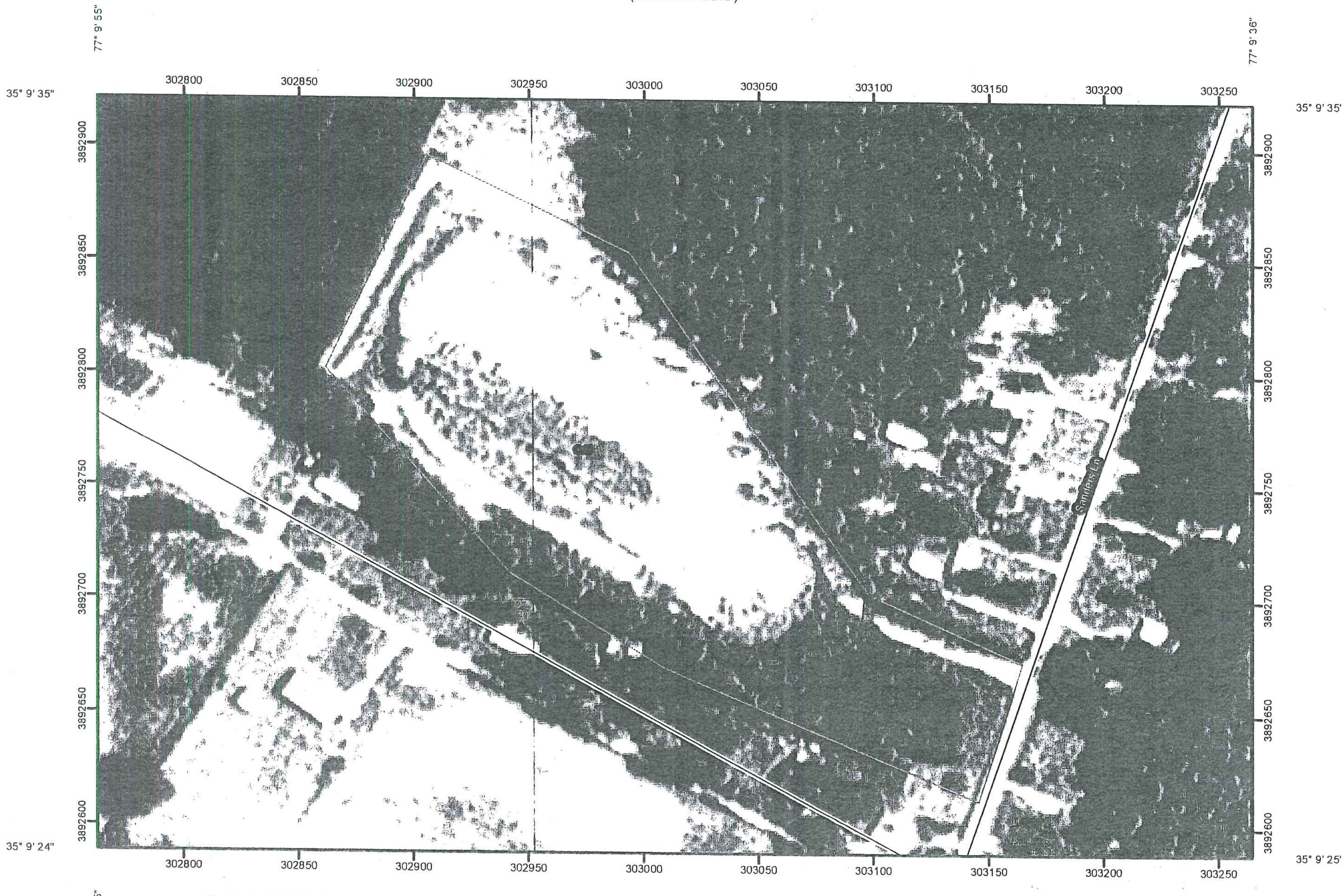
Caption: Craven LCID
356 Sanders Lane



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MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)
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Soils
- Soil Map Units

Special Point Features
- Blowout
- Borrow Pit
- Clay Spot
- Closed Depression
- Gravel Pit
- Gravelly Spot
- Landfill
- Lava Flow
- Marsh or swamp
- Mine or Quarry
- Miscellaneous Water
- Perennial Water
- Rock Outcrop
- Saline Spot
- Sandy Spot
- Severely Eroded Spot
- Sinkhole
- Slide or Slip
- Sodic Spot
- Spoil Area
- Stony Spot
- Very Stony Spot
- Wet Spot
- Other

Special Line Features
- Gully
- Short Steep Slope
- Other

Political Features
- Cities

Water Features
- Streams and Canals

Transportation
- Rails
- Interstate Highways
- US Routes
- Major Roads
- Local Roads

MAP INFORMATION

Map Scale: 1:2,380 if printed on A size (8.5" × 11") sheet.

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for accurate map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov
Coordinate System: UTM Zone 18N NAD83

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Craven County, North Carolina
Survey Area Data: Version 12, Jul 3, 2012

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: 7/10/2006

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend

Craven County, North Carolina (NC049)			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
CrB	Craven silt loam, 1 to 4 percent slopes	7.5	87.3%
Le	Lenoir silt loam	1.1	12.6%
Totals for Area of Interest		**8.5**	**100.0%**

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
LAND QUALITY SECTION

REVISED EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN APPLICATION CHECKLIST ATTACHMENT

CRAVEN LCID
356 SANDERS LANE
TOWNSHIP NO. 8, CRAVEN COUNTY, NC

EROSION CONTROL MEASURES

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS OF MEASURES

The Owner is responsible for installation and maintenance of all erosion and sediment control devices. It is his responsibility to ensure removal of any debris from the erosion control devices (ditches), and that accumulated sediment is removed when the control device becomes one-half full, in order to maintain the erosion control devices. Also, the project site perimeter shall be inspected weekly and after every major rain event while the project area remains active. Reseed bare areas where vegetation did not germinate, is damaged, and/or erodes.

SITE DRAINAGE FEATURES

SOILS IN THE PROJECT AREA

Soil Survey Craven County, NC

1. CrB: Craven Silt Loam, 1 to 4 percent slopes.
2. Le: Lenoir Silt Loam

SOIL INFORMATION BELOW THE STORMWATER OUTLETS

N/A this application.

NAME AND CLASSIFICATION OF RECEIVING WATER COURSE, AND BASIN

Bachelor Creek   C Sw NSW – Neuse River Basin

STORMWATER CALCULATIONS–Revised 8-6-13

Grassed fill slopes at 3H:1V or flatter and possible ditch realignment is only proposed construction. Estimated runoff from the 4 acre disposal area using the rational method is approximately 3.6 CFS (assuming Tp = 5 min, C= 0.15, I = 6 in/hr). With a disposal area perimeter of approx 2,000 ft, 100 ft long 3H:1V slope, the resulting overland runoff depth and velocity are approx .02 inches and 0.5-1.0 ft/sec, respectively.

VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION

AREA AND ACREAGE TO BE VEGETATIVELY STABILIZED

The areas to be vegetatively stabilized are those disturbed during consolidation of the existing LCID and those slopes/fill surfaces created within the LCID disposal area. Temporary seeding and/or permanent seeding shall be used, as is seasonally appropriate.

The LCID disposal area is contained within an area of approximately 4.05 acres.

STABILIZATION TIMELINE

In accordance with NPDES General Permit - NCG010000, soil stabilization shall be achieved on any area of a site where land-disturbing activities have temporarily or permanently ceased according to the following schedule:

All swales, ditches, perimeter slopes and all slopes steeper than 3 horizontal to 1 vertical (3H:1V) shall be provided temporary or permanent stabilization with ground cover as soon as practicable but in any event within 7 calendar days from the last land-disturbing activity

All other disturbed areas shall be provided temporary or permanent stabilization with ground cover as soon as practicable but in any event within 14 calendar days from the last land-disturbing activity.

For all slopes 50' in length or greater, apply the ground cover within 7 days except when the slope is flatter then 4:1. For slopes less than 50', apply ground cover within 14 days except when slopes are steeper than 3:1, the 7 day-requirement applies.

Slopes 10' or less in length are exempt from the 7-day ground cover requirement except when the slope is steeper than 2:1.

Note: Annual rye grass is not in the NC DENR LQS approved seeding specifications, nor is it an acceptable substitute for the providing of a "nurse" cover for permanent grass cover.

For specifications concerning method of soil preparation, seeding, fertilizer, and mulch see the specification sheets located with this document, or the NC DENR LQS Design Manual, latest edition.

NARRATIVE AND CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE–Revised 8-6-13

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

The proposed landfill will incorporate and reactivate an existing land clearing and inert debris landfill that is located on the site. The landfill will be operated entirely above the original ground surface and within the boundary of the existing disposal area.

CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE

The site is already established, and a notice of closure was issued for the previous owner. Re-initiation of landfill operations requires no other constriction and can begin following receipt of operating permit from NCDENR, DWM, Solid Waste Section and other applicable permits.

There are portions of the existing LCID disposal area where new material cannot be added because of its proximity to the property line. A small area near the Sanders Lane entrance can only be used after re-aligning the existing ditch in order to provide 50 feet of clearance between the new fill and ditch. If constructed, the re-aligned portion shall be excavated and stabilized with vegetation prior to connecting it to the existing ditches. After vegetation is established and the new alignment is connected to the existing ditches, then the replaced section will be filled and stabilized.

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS –Revised 8-6-13

Sedimentation and erosion control measures proposed for use at the LCID site include fill slopes that rise one foot or less for every three feet of horizontal distance (1V:3H or flatter), stabilized vegetatively with temporary and permanent seeding.

As perimeter fill slopes are constructed within the LCID, cover soils will be placed and vegetation planted/seeded to stabilize slopes.

An existing paved entrance road will serve to reduce/eliminate any offsite transportation of sediment on vehicle wheels. Any dirt/debris carried onto and deposited on the public roads from the LCID site will be swept and removed from the road as discovered.
The paved entrance will be supplemented with a gravel construction entrance at the existing gravel/paved surface interface if necessary.
Check dams will be added to the proposed access ramp ditch approximately every five feet of vertical elevation change.

6.10 Temporary Seeding

6.11 Permanent Seeding

6.14 Mulching

6.06 Temporary Gravel Construction Entrance

6.66 Compost Sock

6.83 Check Dam

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL DRAWINGS

Erosion & Sediment Control Plan for Craven LCID, 356 Sanders Lane, for Craven LCID, LLC, Rev 2.

6.06

TEMPORARY GRAVEL CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE/EXIT

Definition

A graveled area or pad located at points where vehicles enter and leave a construction site.

Purpose

To provide a buffer area where vehicles can drop their mud and sediment to avoid transporting it onto public roads, to control erosion from surface runoff, and to help control dust.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

Wherever traffic will be leaving a construction site and moving directly onto a public road or other paved off-site area. Construction plans should limit traffic to properly constructed entrances.

Design Criteria

Aggregate Size—Use 2-3 inch washed stone.

Dimensions of gravel pad—

Thickness: 6 inches minimum
Width: 12-feet minimum or full width at all points of the vehicular entrance and exit area, whichever is greater
Length: 50-feet minimum

Location—Locate construction entrances and exits to limit sediment from leaving the site and to provide for maximum utility by all construction vehicles (Figure 6.06a). Avoid steep grades, and entrances at curves in public roads.

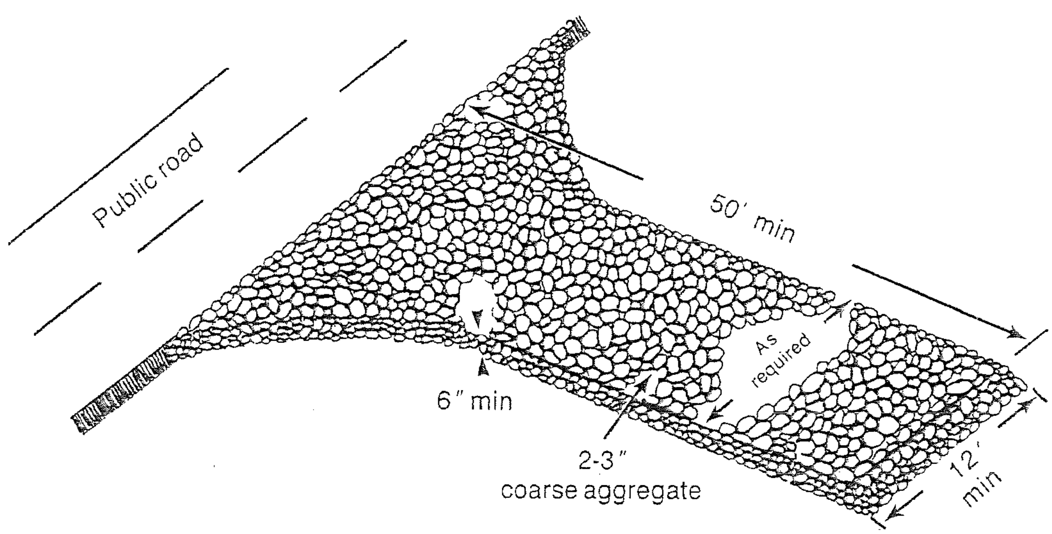

Figure 6.06a Gravel entrance/exit keeps sediment from leaving the construction site (modified from Va SWCC).

Washing—If conditions at the site are such that most of the mud and sediment are not removed by vehicles traveling over the gravel, the tires should be washed. Washing should be done on an area stabilized with crushed stone that drains into a sediment trap or other suitable disposal area. A wash rack may also be used to make washing more convenient and effective.

Construction Specifications

1. Clear the entrance and exit area of all vegetation, roots, and other objectionable material and properly grade it.

2. Place the gravel to the specific grade and dimensions shown on the plans, and smooth it.

3. Provide drainage to carry water to a sediment trap or other suitable outlet.

4. Use geotextile fabrics because they improve stability of the foundation in locations subject to seepage or high water table.

Maintenance

Maintain the gravel pad in a condition to prevent mud or sediment from leaving the construction site. This may require periodic topdressing with 2-inch stone. After each rainfall, inspect any structure used to trap sediment and clean it out as necessary. Immediately remove all objectionable materials spilled, washed, or tracked onto public roadways.

References

Runoff Conveyance Measures
6.30. Grass-lined Channels

Sediment Traps and Barriers
6.60. Temporary Sediment Trap

6.10

TEMPORARY SEEDING

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Definition

Planting rapid-growing annual grasses, small grains, or legumes to provide initial, temporary cover for erosion control on disturbed areas.

Purpose

To temporarily stabilize denuded areas that will not be brought to final grade for a period of more than 21 calendar days.

Temporary seeding controls runoff and erosion until permanent vegetation or other erosion control measures can be established. In addition, it provides residue for soil protection and seedbed preparation, and reduces problems of mud and dust production from bare soil surfaces during construction.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

On any cleared, unvegetated, or sparsely vegetated soil surface where vegetative cover is needed for less than 1 year. Applications of this practice include diversions, dams, temporary sediment basins, temporary road banks, and topsoil stockpiles.

Planning Considerations

Annual plants, which sprout and grow rapidly and survive for only one season, are suitable for establishing initial or temporary vegetative cover. Temporary seeding preserves the integrity of earthen sediment control structures such as dikes, diversions, and the banks of dams and sediment basins. It can also reduce the amount of maintenance associated with these devices. For example, the frequency of sediment basin cleanouts will be reduced if watershed areas, outside the active construction zone, are stabilized.

Proper seedbed preparation, selection of appropriate species, and use of quality seed are as important in this Practice as in Practice 6.11, *Permanent Seeding*. Failure to follow established guidelines and recommendations carefully may result in an inadequate or short-lived stand of vegetation that will not control erosion.

Temporary seeding provides protection for no more than 1 year, during which time permanent stabilization should be initiated.

Specifications

Complete grading before preparing seedbeds, and install all necessary erosion control practices such as, dikes, waterways, and basins. Minimize steep slopes because they make seedbed preparation difficult and increase the erosion hazard. If soils become compacted during grading, loosen them to a depth of 6-8 inches using a ripper, harrow, or chisel plow.

SEEDBED PREPARATION

Good seedbed preparation is essential to successful plant establishment. A good seedbed is well-pulverized, loose, and uniform. Where hydroseeding methods are used, the surface may be left with a more irregular surface of large clods and stones.

Liming—Apply lime according to soil test recommendations. If the pH (acidity) of the soil is not known, an application of ground agricultural limestone at the rate of 1 to 1 1/2 tons/acre on coarse-textured soils and 2-3 tons/acre on fine-textured soils is usually sufficient. Apply limestone uniformly and incorporate into the top 4-6 inches of soil. Soils with a pH of 6 or higher need not be limed.

Fertilizer—Base application rates on soil tests. When these are not possible, apply a 10-10-10 grade fertilizer at 700-1,000 lb/acre. Both fertilizer and lime should be incorporated into the top 4-6 inches of soil. If a hydraulic seeder is used, do not mix seed and fertilizer more than 30 minutes before application.

Surface roughening—If recent tillage operations have resulted in a loose surface, additional roughening may not be required, except to break up large clods. If rainfall causes the surface to become sealed or crusted, loosen it just prior to seeding by disking, raking, harrowing, or other suitable methods. Groove or furrow slopes steeper than 3:1 on the contour before seeding (Practice 6.03, *Surface Roughening*).

PLANT SELECTION

Select an appropriate species or species mixture from Table 6.10a for seeding in late winter and early spring, Table 6.10b for summer, and Table 6.10c for fall.

In the Mountains, December and January seedings have poor chances of success. When it is necessary to plant at these times, use recommendations for fall and a securely tacked mulch.

SEEDING

Evenly apply seed using a cyclone seeder (broadcast), drill, cultipacker seeder, or hydroseeder. Use seeding rates given in Tables 6.10a-6.10c. Broadcast seeding and hydroseeding are appropriate for steep slopes where equipment cannot be driven. Hand broadcasting is not recommended because of the difficulty in achieving a uniform distribution.

Small grains should be planted no more than 1 inch deep, and grasses and legumes no more than 1/2 inch. Broadcast seed must be covered by raking or chain dragging, and then lightly firmed with a roller or cultipacker. Hydroseeded mixtures should include a wood fiber (cellulose) mulch.

MULCHING

The use of an appropriate mulch will help ensure establishment under normal conditions, and is essential to seeding success under harsh site conditions (Practice 6.14, *Mulching*). Harsh site conditions include:

- seeding in fall for winter cover (wood fiber mulches are not considered adequate for this use),
- slopes steeper than 3:1,
- excessively hot or dry weather,
- adverse soils (shallow, rocky, or high in clay or sand), and
- areas receiving concentrated flow.

If the area to be mulched is subject to concentrated waterflow, as in channels, anchor mulch with netting (Practice 6.14, *Mulching*).

Maintenance

Reseed and mulch areas where seedling emergence is poor, or where erosion occurs, as soon as possible. Do not mow. Protect from traffic as much as possible.

References

Site Preparation
6.03. Surface Roughening
6.04. Topsoiling

Surface Stabilization
6.11. Permanent Seeding
6.14. Mulching

Appendix
8.02. Vegetation Tables

Table 6.10a Temporary Seeding Recommendations for Late Winter and Early Spring

Seeding mixture

Species	Rate (lb/acre)
Rye (grain)	120
Annual lespedeza (Kobe in Piedmont and Coastal Plain, Korean in Mountains)	50

Omit annual lespedeza when duration of temporary cover is not to extend beyond June.

Seeding dates

Mountains—Above 2500 feet: Feb. 15 - May 15
Below 2500 feet: Feb. 1- May 1
Piedmont—Jan. 1 - May 1
Coastal Plain—Dec. 1 - Apr. 15

Soil amendments

Follow recommendations of soil tests or apply 2,000 lb/acre ground agricultural limestone and 750 lb/acre 10-10-10 fertilizer.

Mulch

Apply 4,000 lb/acre straw. Anchor straw by tacking with asphalt, netting, or a mulch anchoring tool. A disk with blades set nearly straight can be used as a mulch anchoring tool.

Maintenance

Refertilize if growth is not fully adequate. Reseed, refertilize and mulch immediately following erosion or other damage.

Table 6.10b Temporary Seeding Recommendations for Summer

Seeding mixture

Species	Rate (lb/acre)
German millet	40

In the Piedmont and Mountains, a small-stemmed Sudangrass may be substituted at a rate of 50 lb/acre.

Seeding dates

Mountains—May 15 - Aug. 15
Piedmont—May 1 - Aug. 15
Coastal Plain—Apr. 15 - Aug. 15

Soil amendments

Follow recommendations of soil tests or apply 2,000 lb/acre ground agricultural limestone and 750 lb/acre 10-10-10 fertilizer.

Mulch

Apply 4,000 lb/acre straw. Anchor straw by tacking with asphalt, netting, or a mulch anchoring tool. A disk with blades set nearly straight can be used as a mulch anchoring tool.

Maintenance

Refertilize if growth is not fully adequate. Reseed, refertilize and mulch immediately following erosion or other damage.

Table 6.10c
Temporary Seeding Recommendations for Fall

Seeding mixture

Species	Rate (lb/acre)
Rye (grain)	120

Seeding dates

Mountains—Aug. 15 - Dec. 15
Coastal Plain and Piedmont—Aug. 15 - Dec. 30

Soil amendments

Follow soil tests or apply 2,000 lb/acre ground agricultural limestone and 1,000 lb/acre 10-10-10 fertilizer.

Mulch

Apply 4,000 lb/acre straw. Anchor straw by tacking with asphalt, netting, or a mulch anchoring tool. A disk with blades set nearly straight can be used as a mulch anchoring tool.

Maintenance

Repair and refertilize damaged areas immediately. Topdress with 50 lb/acre of nitrogen in March. If it is necessary to extent temporary cover beyond June 15, overseed with 50 lb/acre Kobe (Piedmont and Coastal Plain) or Korean (Mountains) lespedeza in late February or early March.

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PERMANENT SEEDING

Definition

Controlling runoff and erosion on disturbed areas by establishing perennial vegetative cover with seed.

Purpose

To reduce erosion and decrease sediment yield from disturbed areas, to permanently stabilize such areas in a manner that is economical, adapts to site conditions, and allows selection of the most appropriate plant materials.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

Fine-graded areas on which permanent, long-lived vegetative cover is the most practical or most effective method of stabilizing the soil. Permanent seeding may also be used on rough-graded areas that will not be brought to final grade for a year or more.

Areas to be stabilized with permanent vegetation must be seeded or planted within 15 working days or 90 calendar days after final grade is reached, unless temporary stabilization is applied.

Introduction

During the initial phase of all land disturbing projects, the protective layer, either natural or man-made, is removed from the earth's surface. As the protective layer is removed, the resulting bare areas are exposed to the natural forces of rainfall, freezing, thawing, and wind. The result is soil erosion that leads to sediment pollution of North Carolina streams, rivers, lakes, and estuaries.

This design manual presents many alternative strategies for preventing erosion and reducing sediment loss during the construction process. Establishment of protective vegetative cover during the construction project, however, is the crucial step in achieving soil stabilization, controlling soil erosion, and preventing sedimentation of waterways. Without a sufficient amount of root mat and leaf cover to protect and hold the soil in place, large volumes of soil will be lost and waterways will be degraded long after projects are considered complete.

Sections of this practice standard address many of these various situations and set forth selection criteria for the appropriate cover based on purpose and adaptability. Some sediment and erosion control practices recommended in earlier editions of the manual may no longer be applicable. For example, many popular and commonly used seed and plant varieties have been identified as invasive. Invasive plants are defined as species that aggressively compete with, and displace, locally adapted native plant communities. In select cases where no practical alternative is available, these plants may be considered on a limited basis for soil stabilization, understanding that the goal is to eliminate the use of all invasive plants in favor of non-invasive native and/or introduced species that will provide an equally acceptable vegetative cover. Where there is no alternative to the use of invasive species, measures need to be incorporated in the installation and maintenance of these plants to limit their impacts.

It is imperative that disturbed soils be totally protected from erosion and sediment loss during construction and before a project is considered complete and acceptable. Installing appropriate vegetation in an immediate and timely fashion is the optimal means of achieving this stabilization. Vegetative specifications for most exposed soil conditions across North Carolina are provided in this section of the manual. It should be noted however, that no two sites in the State are exactly alike; therefore the protective vegetative cover for individual sites should be carefully selected. Each requires its own investigation, analysis, design and vegetative prescription as set forth in this section of the manual.

This practice standard describes three stages of vegetative cover; immediate, primary and long term. Effective and acceptable stabilization can be provided only when the optimum combination of immediate, primary, and long term vegetative practices are applied.

The vegetative measures presented in this chapter include application of seed, sod and sprigs. Use of field and container grown plants are not addressed in this manual. Planting of these types of vegetation is typically at spacing and intervals that will not provide the required protective cover. However, the design professional is encouraged to utilize these larger plants to compliment the required protective cover, particularly where these types of plants will provide seed for continued long term cover and wildlife habitat.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

SOILS

Test and analyze the type(s) and quality of the existing soils on a site, their pH ranges, and their nutrient levels. Taking soil samples from the different areas of the project site and having them tested at a state or independent lab will provide a baseline for determining the pH modifiers and additional nutrients required for the selected plant varieties.

Disturbed conditions on a site may produce a variety of soil communities. Nutrient and pH levels in deeply cut soils will be quite different from those soils found on the original surface. When sites are highly disturbed through mechanical means such as grading, the soils become mixed together in many different ratios. These areas should be identified and tested.

Results from soil tests will usually include recommended application rates of soil modifiers such as lime and fertilizer for the selected plant species in the particular soils. Application rates will be itemized in the report.

The texture of the soil on a site, which is the proportion of sand, silt, and clay in the soil, is an important physical indicator of the site's ability to support vegetation. In heavy clay soils amendments may be necessary to provide an adequately drained planting medium. Conversely, in extremely sandy soils, amendments may be required to provide for moisture and nutrient retention.

Soil tests will indicate the texture of the given soil but will not provide recommendations for amendments that will improve the soil texture. Generally, the addition of organic materials will improve the porosity of heavy clay soils and improve the water holding capacity of extremely sandy soils. On sites where these different soil conditions exist, it is recommended that a design professional with experience in soil modification be employed to recommend the proper amendments.

For more information visit the NCDA Agronomic Services Soil Testing web page http://www.agr.state.nc.us/agronomic/sthome.htm

SOIL PREPARATION

Proper soil preparation is necessary for successful seed germination and root establishment. It is also necessary for establishment of rooted sprigs, sod and woody plants. Heavily compacted soils prevent air, nutrients and moisture from reaching roots thereby retarding or preventing plant growth. The success of site stabilization and reduction of future maintenance are dependent on an adequately prepared soil bed. Following are the requirements for preparation of areas to be vegetated by grassing, sprigging, sodding, and/or planting of woody plants:

General Requirements:

- Preparation for primary/permanent stabilization shall not begin until all construction and utility work within the preparation area is complete. However, it may be necessary to prepare for nurse crops prior to completion of construction and installation of utilities.

- A North Carolina Department of Agriculture Soils Test (or equal) shall be obtained for all areas to be seeded, sprigged, sodded or planted. Recommended fertilizer and pH adjusting products shall be incorporated into the prepared areas and backfill material per the test.

- All areas to be seeded or planted shall be tilled or ripped to a depth specified on the approved plans, construction sequence and/or construction bid list. Ripping consists of creating fissures in a criss-cross pattern over the entire surface area, utilizing an implement that will not glaze the side walls of the fissures. Site preparation that does not comply with these documents shall not be acceptable. The depth of soil preparation may be established as a range based on the approval of the reviewing state or local agency. Once tilled or ripped according to the approved plan, all areas are to be returned to the approved final grade. pH modifiers and/or other soil amendments specified in the soil tests can be added during the soil preparation procedure or as described below.

- All stones larger than three (3) inches on any side, sticks, roots, and other extraneous materials that surface during the bed preparation shall be removed.

Areas to be Seeded:

- Till or disc the prepared areas to be seeded to a minimum depth of four (4) inches. Remove stones larger than three (3) inches on any side, sticks, roots and other extraneous materials that surface. If not incorporated during the soil preparation process, add pH modifier and fertilizers at the rate specified in the soil test report.

- Re-compact the area utilizing a cultipacker roller. The finished grade shall be a smooth even soil surface with a loose, uniformly fine texture. All ridges and depressions shall be removed and filled to provide the approved surface drainage. Seeding of graded areas is to be done immediately after finished grades are obtained and seedbed preparation is completed.

Areas to be Sprigged, Sodded, and/or Planted:

- At the time of planting till or disc the prepared areas to a depth of four (4) to six (6) inches below the approved finished grade. Remove all stones larger than three (3) inches on any side, sticks, roots and other extraneous materials that surface. If not incorporated in the ripping process, add pH modifier, fertilizer, and other recommended soil amendments.

- Re-compact the area utilizing a cultipacker roller and prepare final grades as described above. Install sprigs, sod and plants as directed immediately after fine grading is complete. Mulch, mat and/or tack as specified.

VEGETATION

Availability of seed and plant materials is an important consideration of any construction stabilization effort. Throughout North Carolina, climate, economics, construction schedule delays and accelerations, and other factors present difficult challenges in specifying the different vegetation needed for site stabilization. To help resolve this issue, vegetative stabilization requires consideration in three categories:

- Immediate Stabilization – nurse crop varieties (Note: temporary mulching may be utilized for immediate stabilization if outlined on the approved plans and construction sequence.)

- Primary Stabilization – plant varieties providing cover up to 3 years with a specified maintenance program

- Long Term Stabilization – plant varieties providing protective cover with maintenance levels selected by the owner

An adequate job in one of these areas does not guarantee success in the later phases. Horticultural maintenance must be included in the plans.

Immediate vegetative cover will always require additional fertilization, soil amendments, soil tests, overseeding and/or other horticultural maintenance until primary vegetative cover is established.

Where provisions are made for regular maintenance, primary vegetative cover may be the end result. An example of primary vegetative cover being acceptable as an end use would be lawns in residential and commercial developments that are established, monitored and complimented with regular and approved horticultural maintenance practices. (See Example 6.11.a.)

In projects where continual maintenance will not be provided or scheduled following the primary stabilization of a project, long-term stabilization will be necessary. Maintenance of initial and long-term stabilization can cease only after the long-term cover has established and hardened to local climatic conditions. Maintenance of long-term vegetation must be included in the project construction sequence and on the approved plans. Examples of areas suitable for long term vegetation include roadsides, reforestation areas, restored flood plains, restored riparian areas, phased closing of landfills, and mining reclamations.

Complete stabilization requires using at least two, and most times, all three vegetative phases. The design professional must clearly communicate this point in their specifications, construction sequence, and in direct communications to owners and installers. The charts in tables 6.11.a through 6.11.d provide information to assist the design professional in this task. The tables are not inclusive and are presented only as alternatives. The professional is expected and required to provide design and specifications that combine the information in the manual with knowledge of the particular sites and their constraints.

pH AND NUTRIENT AMENDMENTS

Determining the nutrients that enable seed and container plants to grow, flourish, and become established after planting are critical elements of the design and stabilization process. The soils tests previously described will provide a recipe for amendments based on particular plants and particular soils. The test results will recommend the amounts of base elements (nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium), pH modifiers and other trace elements that should to be added to the soil for selected species of seeds and plants.

The acid/base characteristic of the soil is a primary component of soil fertility. If the soil acidity is not in the proper range, other nutrients will be ineffective, resulting in less productive plant growth. Most plants grow best in a pH range of 6.5 – 7.0 (slightly acidic to neutral). The soil tests will recommend the specific amendments and application rates required to achieve this range. These amendments must be incorporated into the soil (not applied on the surface) to be effective. (See the General Requirements for soil preparation specifications and timing for incorporation of soil amendments.)

The base elements are easily found in bulk quantities. Lime can also be obtained in large quantities. They all must be thoroughly incorporated into the soil through appropriate mechanical means. Ground surface applications without proper soil mixing will result in poor results.

In addition to the base fertilizers, other trace elements are needed to produce healthy and vigorous growth. These include but may not be limited to sulfur, manganese, zinc, boron, chlorine and molybdenum. If not already included with bulk mixes of the base elements, they can be obtained from commercial suppliers.

Provisions for soils test during and/or after initial grading is complete shall be included on the approved plan, in the approved construction sequence, and on the bid item list utilized for the project. *If you did not obtain a soil test:* Follow these recommendations for all grasses except centipedegrass.

1. Apply 75 pounds of ground limestone per 1,000 sq. ft.
2. Apply a starter type fertilizer (one that is high in phosphorus) based on the type of grass and planting method. Fertilizer bags have a three-number system indicating the primary nutrients, such as 8-8-8 or 5-10-10. These numbers denote the N-P-K ratio—the percentage of each nutrient in a fertilizer. The percentages are always not ed in the following order:
N Nitrogen for green color and growth.
P_2O_5 Phosphorus for good establishment and rooting.
K_2O Potassium to enhance pest and environmental stress tolerance.

Some common examples of starter type fertilizers required for a 1,000 sq. ft. area include 40 pounds of 5-10-10, 20 pounds of 10-20-20, or 16 pounds of 18-24-6. For sandy soils, typical to coastal plain and sandhills of North Carolina, fertilizer rates should be increased by 20 percent.

Where available, it is recommended that the design professional specify organic compounds that meet the fertilization requirements, pH and other element requirements. Initial studies have indicated that these compounds have a more positive effect on the environment than some of the synthetic compounds used to manufacture inorganic fertilizers. These materials are readily available in the commercial trade as well as found in recycled yard waste debris, sewerage sludge, lime-stabilized sludge and animal manures. Materials proposed for use must be industry certified and/or privately tested and certified to be acceptable for proposed areas of use and application prior to approval.

MULCHES AND TACKING AGENTS

Mulches and tacking agents may be required or necessary to protect a seedbed's disturbed surface until the seed can germinate and provide the required protection from erosion. Selection of the materials used in this application should be based on their ability to hold moisture in the soil, as well as protect exposed soil from rainfall, storm water runoff, and wind. The availability of the selected material and the means to apply it are critical factors to consider when planning for the stabilization of any disturbed area. The mulch must cover a minimum of eighty (80) percent of the soil surface and must be secured by a tacking agent, crimping, or protective biodegradable netting. Netting that incorporates plastic mesh and/or plastic twine should not be used in wetlands, riparian buffers or floodplains due to the potential of small animal mortality. See Section 6.14 for detailed specifications and product applications.

SOIL BLANKETS

Soil blankets can be an acceptable and effective method of temporary sediment and erosion control in lieu of nurse crops. See Section 6.17 of the manual for descriptions of this product and how it can be used in conjunction with this section. In absence of mulches and tracking agents other means of protection may be necessary and required.

PROTECTIVE MATTING

Protective matting consists of an impervious cover secured to the soil surface in lieu of vegetative cover. It is used to protect and stabilize the surface where the process of seeding or planting forms of vegetation may cause more erosion and off-site sedimentation than application of the mat. It is also used where a disturbed area is intended to lay fallow for a period of time before additional construction or land disturbance takes place. If a pervious matting is selected, a combination of vegetation and matting is required. Seeds can be applied prior to installation of the matting only after proper seedbed preparation has been provided. Also, live stakes, dormant sprigs, and other vegetation forms can be inserted in the pervious matting once it has been installed. Pre-seeded pervious matting may be used for quicker root establishment and stabilization only if certified dating and germination guarantees are provided. The reviewing agency must approve all pre-seeded matting on site prior to installation. Matting that incorporates plastic mesh and/or plastic twine should not be used in wetlands, riparian buffers or floodplains due to the potential of small animal mortality. See Section 6.17 for detailed specifications and recommended product applications.

STABILIZATION IN WETLANDS, RIPARIAN BUFFERS, AND FLOODPLAINS

Land disturbing activity involving streams, wetlands or other waterbodies may also require permitting by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the N.C. Division of Water Quality. Approval of an erosion and sedimentation control plan is conditioned upon the applicant's compliance with federal and State water quality laws, regulations, and rules. Additionally, a draft plan should be disapproved if implementation of the plan would result in a violation of rules adopted by the Environmental Management Commission to protect riparian buffers along surface waters. Care should be taken in selecting vegetative stabilization of wetlands and riparian buffers to comply with permitting requirements of other agencies, as well as provide adequate ground cover.

Planning Considerations for Land Disturbing Activities Within Wetland, Riparian, and Floodplain Areas

Wetlands, riparian areas, floodplains, and/or terrestrial areas between streams and uplands, serve to buffer surface water and provide habitat for aquatic and terrestrial flora and fauna. When cleared and disturbed, these sensitive areas are difficult to protect. Because of their proximity to water courses, relatively high ground water tables, and flooding potential, detailed analysis and design is necessary to determine the appropriate erosion control measures during construction. Determining the appropriate and most expeditious means of permanent vegetative stabilization in these areas requires equally detailed analysis and design. The following considerations for erosion control and stabilization should be taken into account during the design phase of the land disturbing project where sensitive areas are involved:

- Obtain soil tests to determine the soil type, pH, texture and available nutrients.
- Based on the soil tests provide a schedule of nutrients and other soil amendments that will be required.

- Select a seeding mix of non-invasive species that will provide immediate stabilization (a short-term environment that will support and compliment permanent vegetative stabilization) and include a selective native species mix that will eventually provide a permanent cover (a long-term environment that, with minimal maintenance, will provide adequate root and leaf cover).

- Invasive species are to be avoided. If native species and introduced non-invasive seed sources are not available, protective matting that will hold and foster the development of native cover from adjacent seed sources should be used. Continuous maintenance must be employed until the selected species have matured and are no longer susceptible to competition from invasive plants. If no alternative to the use of invasive seeds and plants is available, invasives approved on the plans may be utilized only with strict containment measures outlined in detail on the plans, in the construction sequence and in the maintenance specifications.

- A quickly germinating nurse crop of non-invasive, non-competitive annual grass species can be used along with native seeding and/or matting. These temporary systems should be planted at minimal density so that they do not inhibit the growth and establishment of the permanent, native species. (See the plant chart in Table 6.11.a for recommended native and nurse crop species.)

- Seed bed preparation is key to successful establishment of seeds. Particular care should be taken, however, when working in wetlands, riparian areas, or floodplains due to their sensitive nature. Careful consideration should be given to the types and placement of large equipment working in these areas. This process must be outlined in detail on the plan's construction sequence.

- Installation techniques vary and should be planned for accordingly.

- A maintenance plan must be established for optimal plant establishment, submitted with the plans and included in the bid list for the project.

Like all construction sites, wetlands, riparian areas, and floodplains will vary widely in physical makeup across North Carolina. Different conditions will dictate specific treatment, design and plant selection within the Mountains, Piedmont, and Coastal Plain regions. Soil tests, seedbed preparation, mulching, matting, and maintenance will be critical for successful vegetative establishment and long-term protection of these environmentally sensitive areas. Unavoidable impacts to these areas during land disturbing activities need to be addressed in detail on the plan sheets and construction sequence.

Native Seed and Plant Selection for Stabilization of Wetlands, Riparian Areas, and Floodplains

Upon the completion of the land disturbing activity, vegetative cover must be established on all areas not stabilized by other means. If work in these areas stops for more than 15 working days, temporary vegetative cover and/or matting must be applied to all disturbed areas. The goal is to protect these areas from erosion and to prevent sedimentation of adjacent streams, wetlands, lakes, and other water bodies.

Planning considerations for wetlands, riparian areas and floodplains will require additional research, detail and specifications. Native grasses are usually required as a condition of a 401 Water Quality Certification or a trout buffer variance.

Native vegetative species are plant species that naturally occur in the region in which they evolved. These plants are adapted to local soil types and climatic variations. Because most native species do not germinate and establish as readily as some introduced species, it is necessary to provide a non-native nurse crop or matting to stabilize the soil until the native crop can become established as the dominant cover. Once established, the native plants will produce an extensive root structure that, if properly maintained, will stabilize soils and reduce erosive forces of rainfall and overland stormwater flow. Many of these plants also possess characteristics that, when established, allow them not only to survive, but also to thrive under local conditions.

Seeding a mixture of perennial native grasses, rushes, and sedges is a way to establish permanent ground cover within wetlands, riparian areas and floodplains. The use of propagated plants is another method of reestablishing natives in these environments. Selecting a seed mixture and/or propagated plants of different species with complimentary characteristics will provide vegetation to fill select niches on sites with varying physical conditions. The design professional should note that because most native species do not germinate and establish as readily as some introduced species, it is necessary to provide a non-native nurse crop or matting to stabilize the soil until the native crop can become established as the dominant cover. For additional information about acceptable nurse crop varieties, consult the planting list in Appendix 8.02, local seed and plant suppliers, the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service or a qualified design professional to assure the proper selection and plant mix.

Permanent native seed species within the seed mixture should be selected based on natural occurrence of each species in the project site area. Climate, soils, topography, and aspect are major factors affecting the suitability of plants for a particular site and these factors vary widely across North Carolina, with the most significant contrasts occurring among the three major physiographic regions of the state – Mountains, Piedmont, and Coastal Plain. Sub-regions of the state should also be considered. For example, the Triassic Basin in the Piedmont region may have characteristics that call for special soil treatment, limited plant selection, and special maintenance. Even within the riparian area, there may be need for different species depending on site conditions (i.e., dry sandy alluvial floodplains with wet pockets). Therefore, thoughtful planning is required when selecting species for individual sites in order to maximize successful vegetation establishment.

Native seed and plant species are included on the plant list in Appendix 8.02 of this manual.

The design professional should note that regardless of the benefits and advantages of native seeds and plants, there are potential issues if proper planning, installation and maintenance do not occur. These may include:

- Potential for erosion or washout during the establishment stage;
- Seasonal limitation on suitable seeding dates and availability of seed and plants;
- Adaptability of species at specific sites;
- Availability of water and appropriate temperatures during germination and early growth; and
- Lack of maintenance to control invasive plants and undesirable competition.

PLANTING

- **Seed** – Prepare the seed bed as described above in soil preparation. Apply seed at rates specified on the plans, and/or as recommended in Tables 6.11a-c of this manual, with a cyclone seeder, prop type spreader, drill, or hydroseeder on and/or into the prepared bed. Incorporate the seed into the seed bed as specified. Provide finished grades as specified on the approved plan and carefully culti-pack the seedbed as terrain allows. If terrain does not allow for the use of a cultipacker, the approved plans and construction sequence must provide an alternative method of lightly compacting the soil. Mulch immediately.
- **Sprigs and Sod** – Install onto the prepared seed bed per the most current guidance in Carolina Lawns, NCSU Extension Bulletin AG-69, or Practice 6.12 *Sodding*.

- **Woody plants (liners, container, B&B)** – These materials are typically used to complement an herbaceous protective cover. They eventually are major components of long-term, permanent stabilization and should be chosen and planned in conjunction with immediate and long-term maintenance. The plants should be selected and specified by the design professional for each individual project. See Practice 6.13 *Trees, Shrubs, Vines, and Ground Covers.*

MAINTENANCE

The absence of or an incomplete landscape management specification and/or complete maintenance schedule shall constitute grounds for disapproval of the plans. Proper maintenance is critical for the continued stabilization once vegetative cover is established. Although maintenance strategies for different sites may be similar, no two construction sites in North Carolina have been or will be able to be controlled or protected in identical ways. Variations in climate, topography, soils, available moisture, size and many other conditions will dictate the maintenance methodology to be used. A detailed schedule of maintenance will be required on the plans. This schedule will illustrate how the initial planting will be maintained to assure immediate, short term and permanent protection. The schedule will address topics such as appropriate irrigation of plants during the early establishment phase, drought conditions, excessive rainfall, mulch replacement, supplemental seeding, supplemental soils tests, application of nutrients and amendments, control of competitive and invasive species, disease and insect control, and corrective maintenance, measures to address failure of vegetation to become established. Contractual responsibility for maintenance after initial establishment of vegetative cover will be provided on the plans, in the construction sequence and on the bid list for the project. Maintenance bonds and/or warranty guarantee may be required of the responsible party, especially for areas in or adjacent to environmentally sensitive sites such as wetlands, riparian buffers, floodplains, and waters of the State. See Example 6.11a for a sample maintenance specification and a minimum maintenance check list that shall be provided on all plans.

RECOMMENDED BID LIST

(These items should be itemized on documents utilized to obtain pricing for planting pertaining to vegetative stabilization of land disturbing projects in North Carolina.)

- Soil test prior to grading (price per each test).
- Soil test during grading operations (price per each test).
- Soil test at completion of grading and/or prior to seeding, sprigging, sodding and application of fertilizer, lime, and other soil amendments (price per each test).
- Ripping/subsoiling to a depth of six (6) inches. (Provide an alternate for ripping to a depth greater than six (6) inches.) (price per acre)
- Tilling/discing ripped area to a depth of four (4) inches and re-compacting with a cultipacker roller (include in seeding price).

- Seeding (price per square foot).
- Mulching (price per square foot).
- Repair seeding (price per square foot).
- Repair mulching (price per square foot).
- Matting (price per square yard).
- Watering (price per thousand gallons).
- Mowing (price per square foot).

SEEDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The following tables list herbaceous plants recommended for use as nurse crops for immediate stabilization and primary crops for initial and long-term stabilization. Nurse crops are expected to develop in two to five weeks and, with adequate maintenance, be an effective method of soil stabilization for a period of six months to one year. Nurse crops are not effective as primary long-term cover, however if properly maintained they can be an adequate cover and protection for the development of primary crops.

The goal for a primary crop is for it to develop over a three-week to one-year period and be effective up to three years with a well-defined maintenance program. The long-term goal for a primary crop is the initial step toward a sustainable protective cover without the need of maintenance. Where the primary crop is intended for a managed lawn and landscape aesthetics, the effective period can be extended by a more intense maintenance program. Where native species are utilized and become established during the planned maintenance program, a permanent cover that will support future succession species should exist and require little or no additional maintenance or management.

In uses of both nurse and primary crops, the development periods listed on the tables are optimal based on normal climatic conditions for the planting dates listed. The sediment and erosion control maintenance program must recognize that optimum temperatures and rainfall are the exception rather than the rule. The design professional needs to provide flexibility in the stabilization plan to address the potential ranges of temperature and moisture conditions we experience in North Carolina.

Information is provided for seeding rates, optimum planting dates in the state's three regions, sun and shade tolerance, invasive characteristics, compatibility in wetlands and riparian buffers, and installation maintenance considerations. By going through the lists the design professional can select the nurse and primary seed varieties and maintenance characteristics they feel are best suited for their site conditions, vegetation management expertise and maintenance capabilities.

To use the information in the seeding charts the plan preparer must:

- Determine what nurse crop best fits their site, soil conditions, and permanent seed mix.
- Obtain soil tests for all areas to be seeded.
- Know the site's region: mountains, piedmont, or coastal plain.
- Know if the areas to be seeded are sunny, part shade, or full shade.
- Know if the areas are well or poorly drained.
- Know if wetlands or riparian buffers are included in the areas to be seeded.
- Know if a chosen crop is invasive and if so, what potential impacts it will have on the site and adjacent properties.

With this knowledge the plan preparation may proceed utilizing the charts provided to provide the several seed mixes that will be applicable to the different areas requiring stabilization.

HERBACEOUS PLANTS-Seeding recommendations for immediate stabilization/nurse crops

(2 to 5 weeks for development; effectiveness goal: 6 months to 1 year stabilization)

Table 6.11.a

NURSE CROP SPECIES

Common Name	Botanical Name	Native / Introduced	Seeding Rates lbs/acre	Fertilization/ limestone lbs/acre	Optimal Planting Dates: Mountains	Optimal Planting Dates: Piedmont	Optimal Planting Dates: Coastal Plains	Sun/Shade tolerant	Wetlands	Riparian Buffers	Invasive Yes or No	Installation / Maintenance Considerations	Other information, commentary
Rye Grain	*Secale cereale*	I	40 lbs	By soil test	11/1 - 4/30	8/15 - 4/15	8/15 - 4/15	Sun	Yes	Yes	No	Must be mown to reduce competitiveness with permanent or long term vegetation	
Wheat	*Triticum aestivum*	I	30 lbs	By soil test	11/1 - 4/30	8/15 - 5/15	8/15 - 4/15	Sun	Yes	Yes	No	Must be mown to reduce competitiveness with permanent or long term vegetation	Not water tolerant. May be used in wetlands that are not continuously saturated.
German Millet	*Setaria italica*	I	10 lbs	By soil test	5/11 - 9/30	5/15 - 8/15	4/15 - 8/15	Sun	Yes	Yes	No	Crop should be cut / disc prior to planting primary or long term vegetation	Not water tolerant. May be used in wetlands that are not continuously saturated.
Browntop Millet	*Urochloa ramosa*	I	10 lbs	By soil test	5/11 - 9/30	5/15 - 8/15	4/15 - 8/15	Sun	Yes	Yes	No	Crop should be cut / disc prior to planting primary or long term vegetation	Not water tolerant. May be used in wetlands that are not continuously saturated.
Sudangrass (hybrids)	*Sorghum saccharatum* *S. bicolor ssp.Drummondi*	I	15 lbs	By soil test	NR	NR	4/15 - 8/15	Sun	No	No	Yes	Crop should be cut / disc prior to planting primary or long term vegetation	Use only where plants and seed can be contained and controlled.
Kobe Lespedeza	*Kummerowia striata v. kobe*	I	10 lbs	By soil test	5/1 - 9/1	5/1 - 9/1	5/1 - 9/1	Sun	No	No	No	Consult qualified horticulturalist or extension agent for over-seeding with primary cover	Use in Coastal Plain
Korean Lespedeza	*Kummerowia stipulacea*	I	10 lbs	By soil test	5/1 - 9/1	5/1 - 9/1	5/1 - 9/1	Sun	No	No	No	Consult qualified horticulturalist or extension agent for over-seeding with primary cover	Use in Piedmont and Mountains. May become invasive

NOTES:

1. Seeding rates are for hulled seed unless otherwise noted.
2. Fertilizer & Limestone - rates to be applied in absense of soils tests. Recommended application rate assumes significantly disturbed site soils with little or no residual value.
3. NR means Species not recommended for this region or application area.
4. Invasive designation as determined by the N.C. Exotic Pest Pant Council and N.C. Native Plant Society .
5. Sprigging is not recommended for immediate stabilization unless terrain is flat heavy mulch is applied and no other immediate stabilization method is practical.

HERBACEOUS PLANTS-Seeding recommendations for primary stabilization

Successful development depends on planting date (effectiveness goal: 6 mo. - 3 yrs. without an ongoing maintenance program)

Table 6.11.b

NON-NATIVE SPECIES

Common Name	Botanical Name / Cultivar	Native / Introduced	Broadcast Seeding Rates lbs/acre	Fertilization/ limestone lbs/acre	Optimal Planting Dates: Mountains	Optimal Planting Dates: Piedmont	Optimal Planting Dates: Coastal Plains	Sun/Shade tolerant	Wetlands	Riparian Buffers	Invasive Yes or No	Installation / Maintenance Considerations	Other information, commentary
Sericea Lespedeza	*Lespedeza cuneata Dumont'*	I	15 lbs	By soil test	9/1 - 6/1	9/1 - 5/1	10/1 - 4/1	Sun	NR	NR	Yes	Responds well to controlled burns	Severe Threat Invasive species
Crown Vetch	*Securigera varia (Coronilla varia)*	I	15 lbs	By soil test	3/15-4/30	NR	NR	Sun	NR	NR	Yes	Highly competitive, not recommended unless an acceptable alternative is not available.	Prefers neutral soils
Centipede Grass	*Eremochloa ophiuroi*	I	5 lbs 10 lbs. for road shoulders	By soil test	NR	Eastern only	9/1 - 5/1	Sun	NR	NR	No	Significant maintenance may be required to obtain desired cover	Does not tolerate high traffic. Acceptable for sodding
KY 31 Tall Fescue	*Schedonorus phoeni (Festuca arundinacea)*	I	100 lbs	By soil test	8/15-5/1	9/1-4/15	9/30 - 3/15	Sun / mod. Shade	NR	NR	Yes	If utilized, it is imperative that maintenance includes a containment plan	Acceptable for sodding
KY Blue Grass	*Poa pratensis*	I	15 lbs	By soil test	8/15-5/1	NR	NR	Sun	NR	NR	Yes	If utilized, it is imperative that maintenance includes a containment plan	Prefers neutral soils, highly competitive, not recommended unless an acceptable alternative is not available. Acceptable for sodding
Hard Fescue	*Festuca brevipila (Festuca longifolia)*	I	15 lbs	By soil test	8/1 - 6/1	NR	NR	Shade	NR	NR	No	Not recommended for slopes greater than 5%	Low growing, bunch grass
Bermuda Grass	*Cynodon dactylon*	I	25 lbs	By soil test	NR	4/15-6/30	4/15-6/30	Sun	NR	NR	Yes	If utilized, it is imperative that maintenance includes a containment plan	Extremely aggressive, not recommended and should be avoided unless an acceptable alternative is not available. May be sodded or sprigged

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Table 6.11.c

NATIVE SPECIES

					Optimal Planting Dates								
Common Name	Botanical Name / Cultivar	Native / Introduced	See Table 6.11.d for variety seedling rates	Fertilization/ limestone lbs/acre	Mountains	Piedmont	Coastal Plains	Sun/Shade tolerant	Wetlands	Riparian Buffers	Invasive Yes or No	Installation / Maintenance Considerations	Other information, commentary
Switchgrass	*Panicum virgatum / Cave-in-Rock*	N	A	By soil test	12/1-4/15	NR	NR	Sun	NR	Well drained only	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	
Switchgrass	*Panicum virgatum / Blackwell*	N	A	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	12/1-4/1	Sun	NR	Well drained only	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	
Switchgrass	*Panicum virgatum / Shelter*	N	A	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	12/1-4/1	Sun	NR	Well drained only	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	
Switchgrass	*Panicum virgatum / Carthage*	N	A	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	12/1-4/1	Sun	Yes	Yes	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	
Switchgrass	*Panicum virgatum / Kanlow*	N	A	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	12/1-4/1	Sun	No	Poorly drained	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	
Switchgrass	*Panicum virgatum / Alamo*	N	A	By soil test	NR	12/1 - 5/1	1/1 - 5/1	Sun	No	Poorly drained	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	
Indiangrass	*Sorghastrum nutans / Rumsey*	N	B	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	12/1-4/1	Sun	NR	Well drained	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	Western coastal plain only
Indiangrass	*Sorghastrum nutans / Osage*	N	B	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	12/1-4/1	Sun	NR	Well drained	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	Western coastal plain only

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NATIVE SPECIES

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Indiangrass	*Sorghastrum nutans / Cheyenne*	N	B	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	12/1-4/1	Sun	NR	Well drained	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	Western coastal plain only
Indiangrass	*Sorghastrum nutans / Lometa*	N	B	By soil test	NR	12/1 - 5/1	1/1 -5/1	Sun	NR	Well drained	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	Only Indiangrass adaptable to Eastern coastal plain (Zone 8)
Deertongue	*Dichanthelium clandestinum / Tioga*	N	C	By soil test	5/1-4/15	5/1 - 4/1	NR	Sun & Shade	Yes	Poorly drained to drought	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	
Big Bluestem	*Andropogon gerardii / Roundtree*	N	D	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	NR	Sun	NR	Well drained	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	Warm season grass
Big Bluestem	*Andropogon gerardii / Kaw*	N	D	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	NR	Sun	NR	Welll drained	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	Warm season grass
Big Bluestem	*Andropogon gerardii / Earl*	N	D	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	12/1-5/1	Sun	NR	Welll drained	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	Warm season grass
Little Bluestem	*Schizachyrium scoparium / Aldous*	N	E	By soil test	12/1-4/15	NR	NR	Sun	NR	Welll drained	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	Warm season grass
Little Bluestem	*Schizachyrium scoparium / Cimmaron*	N	E	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	NR	Sun	NR	Welll drained	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	Warm season grass

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Little Bluestem	*Schizachyrium scoparium/Common*	N	E	By soil test	NR	NR	12/1-4/1	Sun	NR	Well drained	No	Responds well to controlled burns. Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations.	Warm season grass
Sweet Woodreed	*Cinna arundinacea*	N	F	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	12/1-4/1	Sun & mod. Shade	Yes	Poorly to well drained	No	Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations	Warm season grass
Rice Cutgrass	*Leersia oryzoides*	N	G	By soil test	12/1-4/15	12/1 - 4/1	12/1-4/1	Sun	Yes	Poorly drained	No	Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations	Warm season grass
Indian Woodoats	*Chasmanthium latifolium*	N	H	By soil test	3/1 - 5/15 7/15-8/15	2/15 - 4/1 8/15 - 10/15	2/15-3/20 9/1 - 11/1	Sun & mod. Shade	NR	Well drained	No	Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations	Cool season grass
Virginia Wild Rye	*Elymus virginicus*	N	I	By soil test	3/1 - 5/15 7/15-8/15	2/15 - 4/1 8/15 - 10/15	2/15-3/20 9/1 - 11/1	Sun & mod. Shade	NR	Well drained	No	Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations	Cool season grass
Eastern Bottlebrush Grass	*Elymus hystrix*	N	J	By soil test	3/1 - 5/15 7/15-8/15	2/15 - 4/1 8/15 - 10/15	NR	Sun & mod. Shade	NR	Well drained	No	Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations	Cool season grass
Soft Rush	*Juncus effusus*	N	K	By soil test	12/1 - 5/15 8/15-10/15	12/1 - 5/1 9/1 - 11/1	12/1-4/15	Sun	Yes	Poorly drained	No	Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations	
Shallow Sedge	*Carex lurida*	N	L	By soil test	12/1 - 5/15 8/15-10/15	12/1 - 5/1 9/1 - 11/1	12/1-4/15	Sun	Yes	Poorly drained	No	Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations	
Fox Sedge	*Carex vulpinoidea*	N	L	By soil test	12/1 - 5/15 8/15-10/15	12/1 - 5/1 9/1 - 11/1	12/1-4/15	Sun	Yes	Poorly drained	No	Mix with 3 to 5 other seed varieties that have similar soil drainage adaptations	

NOTE:

1. Seeding rates are for hulled seed unless otherwise noted.
2. Fertilizer & Limestone - rates to be applied in absense of soils tests. Recommended application rate assumes significantly disturbed site soils with little or no residual value.
3. NR means Species not recommended for this region or application area.
4. Native, warm season grasses require six or more months to germinate under optimum conditions. If they are planted in the summer, then a whole year will have to pass before they germinate.
5. Invasive designation as determined by the N.C. Exotic Pest Pant Council and N.C. Native Plant Society.
6. Sprigging is not recommended for immediate stabilization unless terrain is flat, heavymulch is applied and no other immediate stabilization method is practical.
7. Sodding for immediate stabilization - see primary stabilization charts (other information column) and Section 6.12.
8. Long term stabilization can only be accomplished with an adequate, immediate, and primary stabilization program. To achieve long term protective cover with the species listed in

Table 6.11.d

Seed Mixes for Native Species (lbs/ac)
When Mixed with 3, 4, or 5 Other Native Species
(See Table 6.11.a for nurse crop species to be added to these mixes)

	3 Other (total 4 species)	4 Other (total 5 species)	5 Other (total 6 species)
Switch Grasses (A)	3.5 lbs.	3.0 lbs.	2.5 lbs.
Indian Grasses (B)	7.0 lbs.	6.0 lbs.	5.0 lbs.
Deertongue (C)	6.0 lbs.	5.0 lbs.	4.0 lbs.
Big Bluestem (D)	7.0 lbs.	6.0 lbs.	5.0 lbs.
Little Bluestem (E)	7.0 lbs.	6.0 lbs.	5.0 lbs.
Sweet Woodreed (F)	2.5 lbs.	2.0 lbs.	1.5 lbs.
Rice Cutgrass (G)	6.0 lbs.	5.0 lbs.	4.0 lbs.
Indian Woodoats (H)	2.5 lbs.	2.0 lbs.	1.5 lbs.
Virginia Wild Rye (I)	6.0 lbs.	5.0 lbs.	4.0 lbs.
Eastern Bottlebrush Grass (J)	2.5 lbs.	2.0 lbs.	1.5 lbs.
Soft Rush (K)	2.5 lbs.	2.0 lbs.	1.5 lbs.
Sedges (L)	2.5 lbs.	2.0 lbs.	1.5 lbs.

NOTE:
With the native varieties, the seed mix should be in the range of 15 pounds per acre. Depending on availability of native seeds adaptable to North Carolina, the percentage of a particular variety used may be reduced or increased accordingly. Although diversity is desirable, it is imperative that the primary crop develop and become an effective protective cover. In addition to the native species mix, additional nurse crop species must be included to provide immediate stabilization and an adequate ground cover.

Example 6.11.a GUIDELINES FOR WRITING MINIMUM LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Following is an outline that demonstrates what should be included in specifications that will insure the long term stabilization of disturbed sites in North Carolina. As noted before in this manual, each construction site in the state is unique and has features that will require special provisions for revegetation and stabilization. The outline provided below cannot address these individual sites. It is the responsibility of the design professional and the financially responsible party to see that the specifications are edited to fit their site and to assure that permanent stabilization is achieved.

General Provisions

A. Intent:

1. These specifications are prepared with the intent of promoting outstanding performance in long-term stabilization. They are to be used as guidelines in establishing sediment control and vegetative standards for the sites. Final technical decisions such as herbicides, fertilizer ratios, times of application and schedules are to be determined by the Contractor, who has the responsibility to obtain soil test and to manage the vegetation to achieve the desired results. The maintenance specifications must address maintenance for sediment and erosion control vegetation during construction and for permanent/long-term stabilization.

B. Description of Work:

1. Perform all work necessary and required for the (insert period of contract) maintenance of the project as indicated on the drawings, in the project manual, and specified herein.

2. Licensing:

a) Contractor shall provide verification of current, applicable pesticide applicator licensing for each applicator that will handle pesticides on the contracted sites.

3. Contract Administration

a) Staffing: The Contractor shall provide adequate staffing, with the appropriate expertise, to perform all required work.

b) Monthly Site Review meetings will be held. Attendees will include the Contractor's Project Manager and Site Foreman and the property manager or other representative designated by the financially responsible party. Result of site reviews will be documented and circulated to the attendees and the owner by the contractor.

c) The Contractor will communicate with the proper person on a monthly basis to summarize work performed and immediately notify the project manager of any failure of the site to remain stabilized.

II. Materials

A. Soil Additives: Additives are to be applied per soils test taken prior to, during and after construction. **(Use this section to provide the types and quantities of fertilizers, lime, and other soil amendments called for in the soils report. Include all soils test reports in the specifications document. This narrative or list should include quantities, rates, mixes, organic information, manufacturer, sources, and other information suggested in the soils test.)**

A. Pesticides:

1. Establish an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program for the site that relies on targeted insect and disease control coupled with sound stabilization management and water management practices.

2. These specifications do not include pesticide treatments for infestations of Southern Pine Beetle, Gypsy Moth, or Fire Ants. The contractor shall notify the Owner if these pests are observed on site.

3. All pesticides shall be applied by a North Carolina licensed applicator in accordance with all State and Federal regulations and per manufacturer's recommendations.

B. Mulches: Mulch for areas not subject to erosion and over wash by storm water should be called out in this section addressing its maintenance, replacement, removal and conversion to other uses. Those subject to erosion and over wash by storm water must be addressed on the plans and in the calculations.

III. Execution

A. General:

1. Good long term stabilization is based on the proper maintenance, management and balance of nutrients, soil moisture and general cultural practices. It is recognized that fewer fungicide and pesticide treatments as well as lower fertility rates are required with a well managed, balanced landscape. The following section is meant to promote this balance and therefore do not highlight specific quantitative standards. **(Quantitative standards should be addressed as site specific by the design professional in conjunction with the owner and contractor.)** Calendar references are general and are to be used only as a guide. Weather and soil conditions that are most appropriate for a given process, procedure and/or area of the state shall be the determining factor in scheduling work.

B. Soil Tests:

1. After the soil test prior to stabilization, tests shall be made yearly in the fall to determine the required soil additives for all stabilized areas. If known nitrogen requirements are not specified by previous test, they need to be determined by the subsequent soils test and the proper applications made. Fertilizer ratios may be determined through analysis of the soil tests coupled with the contractor's experience and knowledge of the site.

C. Mowing

1. Mowing for maintained turf/lawns

a. Mow areas intended for "groomed appearance" on a schedule during the growing season and as required throughout the year to provide the desired appearance. **(Establish a mowing frequency here that addresses the specific plant species used and their growing habits.)** This frequency will be a minimum standard. Particular properties and their peculiar characteristics as well as individual plant species may require mowing more often than the stated minimum may be required. This should be noted in this section.

b. The range of turf species suggested for lawns in the three growing regions of North Carolina vary as to optimum maintained height. The selected species should be maintained at a height recommended by the seed producer. Do not cut too short and do not allow the turf to attain a height that will cause the crop to decline or die. Consult individual seed producers and/or packaging for recommended mowing heights.

c. Mow with a mulching mower to limit the amount of clippings removed, or mow and blow in such a manner that clippings are not evident and not to adversely effect the growing capacity and/or health of the existing vegetation turf. It is important clippings are allowed to remain spread throughout the lawn area. to the extent possible. so that they might aid in building a more productive soil profile and root zone.

2. Mowing other stabilized areas to promote continued growth. Include mowing specification here for other stabilized areas which require maintenance but not a "groomed" appearance. Also include specifications for mowing areas where it is desirable for woody native volunteer vegetation to become established. This should include attention to mowing stakes or other way of protecting the desired woody natives from the mowing operation.

D. Watering

1. Irrigation System Maintenance and Monitoring: If stabilized areas are to be irrigated the design professional should include specifications for the system. its maintenance and its operation in this section.

2. In the absence of an automatic or manual irrigation system, provisions for providing adequate water to stabilized areas should be addressed in this section.

3. **(Provisions should be made in this section for adjustments to application rates of water during times of regulated droughts and/or periods of excessive rainfall.)**

E. CONTROL OF INVASIVES: Competition from invasive species can be detrimental to the establishment of the permanent vegetative cover. Left unchecked, these invasives can undermine a revegetation process in a short period of time and eventually lead to unprotected soil and sediment damage. Make site observations monthly to check for the presence of such species and, if found, treat them immediately with the appropriate cultural practices and/or by the use of seasonally-appropriate and site appropriate herbicides.

F. Maintenance items including fertilization, mowing, continued soils testing, repair, mulching, matting and soil preparation are to be addressed in the approved construction sequence and on the project bid list.

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MULCHING

Definition

Application of a protective blanket of straw or other plant residue, gravel, or synthetic material to the soil surface.

Purpose

To protect the soil surface from the forces of raindrop impact and overland flow. Mulch fosters the growth of vegetation, reduces evaporation, insulates the soil, and suppresses weed growth. Mulch is frequently used to accent landscape plantings.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

Mulch temporary or permanent seedings immediately. Areas that cannot be seeded because of the season should be mulched to provide temporary protection of the soil surface. Use an organic mulch in this case (but not wood fiber), and seed the area as soon as possible. Mulch around plantings of trees, shrubs, or ground covers to stabilize the soil between plants.

Planning Considerations

A surface mulch is the most effective, practical means of controlling runoff and erosion on disturbed land prior to vegetation establishment. Mulch reduces soil moisture loss by evaporation, prevents crusting and sealing of the soil surface, moderates soil temperatures, provides a suitable microclimate for seed germination, and may increase the infiltration rate of the soil.

Organic mulches such as straw, wood chips, and shredded bark have been found to be the most effective. Do not use materials which may be sources of competing weed and grass seeds. Decomposition of some wood products can tie up significant amounts of soil nitrogen, making it necessary to modify fertilization rates, or add fertilizer with the mulch (Table 6.14a).

A variety of mats and fabrics have been developed in recent years for use as mulch, particularly in critical areas such as waterways and channels. Various types of netting materials are also available to anchor organic mulches.

Chemical soil stabilizers or soil binders, when used alone, are less effective than other types of mulches. These products are primarily useful for tacking wood fiber mulches.

The choice of materials for mulching should be based on soil conditions, season, type of vegetation, and size of the area. A properly applied and tacked mulch is always beneficial. It is especially important when conditions for germination are not optimum, such as midsummer and early winter, and on difficult areas such as cut slopes and slopes with southern exposures.

ORGANIC MULCHES

Straw is the mulch most commonly used in conjunction with seeding. The straw should come from wheat or oats ("small grains"), and may be spread by hand or with a mulch blower. Straw may be lost to wind, and must be tacked down.

Wood chips are suitable for areas that will not be closely mowed, and around ornamental plantings. Chips do not require tacking. Because they decompose slowly, they must be treated with 12 pounds of nitrogen per ton to prevent

Table 6.14a
Mulching Materials and Application Rates

Material	Rate Per Acre	Quality	Notes
Organic Mulches			
Straw	1-2 tons	Dry, unchopped, unweathered; avoid weeds.	Should come from wheat or oats; spread by hand or machine; must be tacked down.
Wood chips	5-6 tons	Air dry	Treat with 12 lbs nitrogen/ton. Apply with mulch blower, chip handler, or by hand. Not for use in fine turf.
Wood fiber	0.5-1 tons		Also referred to as wood cellulose. May be hydroseeded. Do not use in hot, dry weather.
Bark	35 cubic yards	Air dry, shredded or hammer-milled, or chips.	Apply with mulch blower, chip handler, or by hand. Do not use asphalt tack.
Corn stalks	4-6 tons	Cut or shredded in 4-6 in. lengths.	Apply with mulch blower or by hand. Not for use in fine turf.
Sericea lespedeza seed-bearing stems	1-3 tons	Green or dry; should contain mature seed.	
Nets and Mats[1]			
Jute net	Cover area	Heavy, uniform; woven of single jute yarn.	Withstands waterflow. Best when used with organic mulch.
Fiberglass net	Cover area		Withstands waterflow. Best when used with organic mulch.
Excelsior (wood fiber) mat	Cover area		Withstands waterflow.
Fiberglass roving	0.5-1 tons	Continuous fibers of drawn glass bound together with a non-toxic agent.	Apply with a compressed air ejector. Tack with emulsified asphalt at a rate of 25-35 gal/1,000 sq ft.
Chemical Stabilizers[2]			
Aquatain Aerospray Curasol AK Petroset SB Terra Tack Crust 500 Genaqua 743 M-145	follow manufacturer's specifications		Not beneficial to plant growth.

[1]Refer to Practice No. 6.30, *Grass Lined Channels*.

[2]Use of trade names does not imply endorsement of product.

nutrient deficiency in plants. This can be an inexpensive mulch if chips are obtained from trees cleared on the site.

Bark chips and shredded bark are by-products of timber processing often used in landscape plantings. Bark is also a suitable mulch for areas planted to grasses and not closely mowed. It may be applied by hand or with a mulch blower. Unlike wood chips, the use of bark does not require additional nitrogen fertilizer.

Wood fiber refers to short cellulose fibers applied as a slurry in hydroseeding operations. Wood fiber does not require tacking, although tacking agents or soil binders can easily be added to the slurry. Wood fiber hydroseeder slurries may be used to tack straw mulch on steep slopes, critical areas, and where harsh climatic conditions exist. **Wood fiber mulch does not provide sufficient erosion protection to be used alone.**

There are other organic materials that make excellent mulches, but may only be available locally or seasonally, for example: dried sewage sludge, corn stalks, animal manure, pine boughs, cotton burs, peanut hulls, and hay. Creative use of these materials can reduce costs.

CHEMICAL MULCHES AND SOIL BINDERS

A wide range of synthetic mulching compounds is available to stabilize and protect the soil surface. These include emulsions or dispersions of vinyl compounds, asphalt, or rubber mixed with water. They may be used alone, or may be used to tack wood fiber hydromulches.

When used alone, chemical mulches do not insulate the soil or retain moisture, and therefore do little to aid seedling establishment. They are easily damaged by traffic, are usually more expensive than organic mulches, and they decompose in 60-90 days.

Check labels on chemical mulches and binders for environmental concerns. Take precautions to avoid damage to fish, wildlife, and water resources.

NETS, MATS, AND ROVING

Netting is very effective in holding mulch in place on waterways and slopes before grasses become established.

Mats promote seedling growth in the same way as organic mulches. They are very useful in establishing grass in channels and waterways. A wide variety of synthetic and organic materials are available. "Excelsior" is a wood fiber mat, and should not be confused with wood fiber slurry.

When installing nets and mats, it is critical to obtain a firm, continuous contact between the material and the soil. Without such contact, the material is useless, and erosion will occur underneath.

Fiberglass roving consists of continuous strands of fiberglass which, when blown onto the soil surface from a special compressed air ejector, form a mat of glass fibers. This mat must then be tacked down with asphalt.

Construction Specifications

Select a material based on site and practice requirements, availability of material, labor, and equipment. Table 6.14a lists commonly used mulches and some alternatives.

Before mulching, complete the required grading, install sediment control practices, and prepare the seedbed. Apply seed before mulching **except** in the following cases:

- Seed is applied as part of a hydroseeder slurry containing wood fiber mulch.
- A hydroseeder slurry is applied over straw.

APPLICATION OF ORGANIC MULCH

Organic mulches are effective where they can be tacked securely to the surface. Material and specifications are given in Table 6.14a.

Spread mulch uniformly by hand, or with a mulch blower. When spreading straw mulch by hand, divide the area to be mulched into sections of approximately 1,000 ft^2, and place 70-90 lb of straw (1 1/2 to 2 bales) in each section to facilitate uniform distribution. After spreading mulch, no more than 25% of the ground surface should be visible. In hydroseeding operations a green dye, added to the slurry, assures a uniform application.

ANCHORING ORGANIC MULCH

Straw mulch must be anchored immediately after spreading. The following methods of anchoring mulch may be used:

Mulch anchoring tool—A tractor-drawn implement designed to punch mulch into the soil, a mulch anchoring tool provides maximum erosion control with straw. A regular farm disk, weighted and set nearly straight, may substitute, but will not do a job comparable to the mulch anchoring tool. The disk should not be sharp enough to cut the straw. These methods are limited to slopes no steeper than 3:1, where equipment can operate safely. Operate machinery on the contour.

Liquid mulch binders—Application of liquid mulch binders and tackifiers should be heaviest at the edges of areas and at crests of ridges and banks, to resist wind. Binder should be applied uniformly to the rest of the area. Binders may be applied after mulch is spread, or may be sprayed into the mulch as it is being blown onto the soil. Applying straw and binder together is the most effective method. Liquid binders include asphalt and an array of commercially available synthetic binders.

Emulsified asphalt is the most commonly used mulch binder. Any type thin enough to be blown from spray equipment is satisfactory. Asphalt is classified according to the time it takes to cure. Rapid setting (RS or CRS designation) is formulated for curing in less than 24 hours, even during periods of high humidity; it is best used in spring and fall. Medium setting (MS or CMS) is formulated for curing within 24 to 48 hours, and slow setting (SS or CSS) is formulated for use during hot, dry weather, requiring 48 hours or more curing time.

Apply asphalt at 0.10 gallons per square yard (10 gal/1,000 ft^2). Heavier applications cause straw to "perch" over rills.

In traffic areas, uncured asphalt can be picked up on shoes and cause damage to rugs, clothing etc. Use types RS or CRS to minimize such problems.

Synthetic binders such as Petroset, Terratack, and Aerospray may be used, as recommended by the manufacturer, to anchor mulch. These are expensive, and therefore usually used in small areas or in residential areas where asphalt may be a problem (Use of trade names does not constitute an endorsement).

Mulch nettings—Lightweight plastic, cotton, jute, wire, or paper nets may be stapled over the mulch according to the manufacturer's recommendations (see "Nets and Mats" below).

Peg and twine—Because it is labor-intensive, this method is feasible only in small areas where other methods cannot be used. Drive 8-10 inch wooden pegs to within 3 inches of the soil surface, every 4 feet in all directions. Stakes may be driven before or after straw is spread. Secure mulch by stretching twine between pegs in a criss-cross-within-a-square pattern. Turn twine two or more times around each peg. Twine may be tightened over the mulch by driving pegs further into the ground.

Vegetation—Rye (grain) may be used to anchor mulch in fall plantings, and German millet in spring. Broadcast at 15 lb/acre before applying mulch.

CHEMICAL MULCHES

Chemical mulches may be effective for soil stabilization if used between May 1 and June 15, or Sept. 15 and Oct. 15, provided that they are used on slopes **no steeper** than 4:1, and that proper seedbed preparation has been accomplished, including surface roughening where required.

Chemical mulches may be used to bind other mulches, or with wood fiber in a hydroseeded slurry at any time. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for application.

FIBERGLASS ROVING

Fiberglass roving ("roving") is wound into a cylindrical package so that it can be continuously withdrawn from the center using a compressed air ejector. Roving expands into a mat of glass fibers as it contacts the soil surface. It is often used over a straw mulch, but must still be tacked with asphalt.

Spread roving uniformly over the area at a rate of 0.25 to 0.35 lb/yd^2. Anchor with asphalt immediately after application, at a rate of 0.25 to 0.35 gal/yd^2.

As a channel lining, and at other sites of concentrated flow, the roving mat must be further anchored to prevent undermining. It may be secured with stakes placed at intervals no greater than 10 feet along the drainageway, and randomly throughout its width, but not more than 10 feet apart. As an option to staking, the roving can be buried to a depth of 5 inches at the upgrade end and at intervals of 50 feet along the length of the channel.

NETS AND MATS

Nets alone generally provide little moisture conservation benefits and only limited erosion protection. Therefore, they are usually used in conjunction with an organic mulch such as straw.

Except when wood fiber slurry is used, netting should always be installed **over** the mulch. Wood fiber may be sprayed on top of an installed net.

Mats, including "excelsior" (wood fiber) blankets, are considered protective mulches and may be used alone, on erodible soils, and during all times of the year. Place the matting in firm contact with the soil, and staple securely.

INSTALLATION OF NETTING AND MATTING

Products designed to control erosion should be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Any mat or blanket-type product used as a protective mulch should provide cover of at least 30% of the surface where it is applied. Installation is illustrated in Figure 6.14a.

1. Apply lime, fertilizer, and seed **before** laying the net or mat.

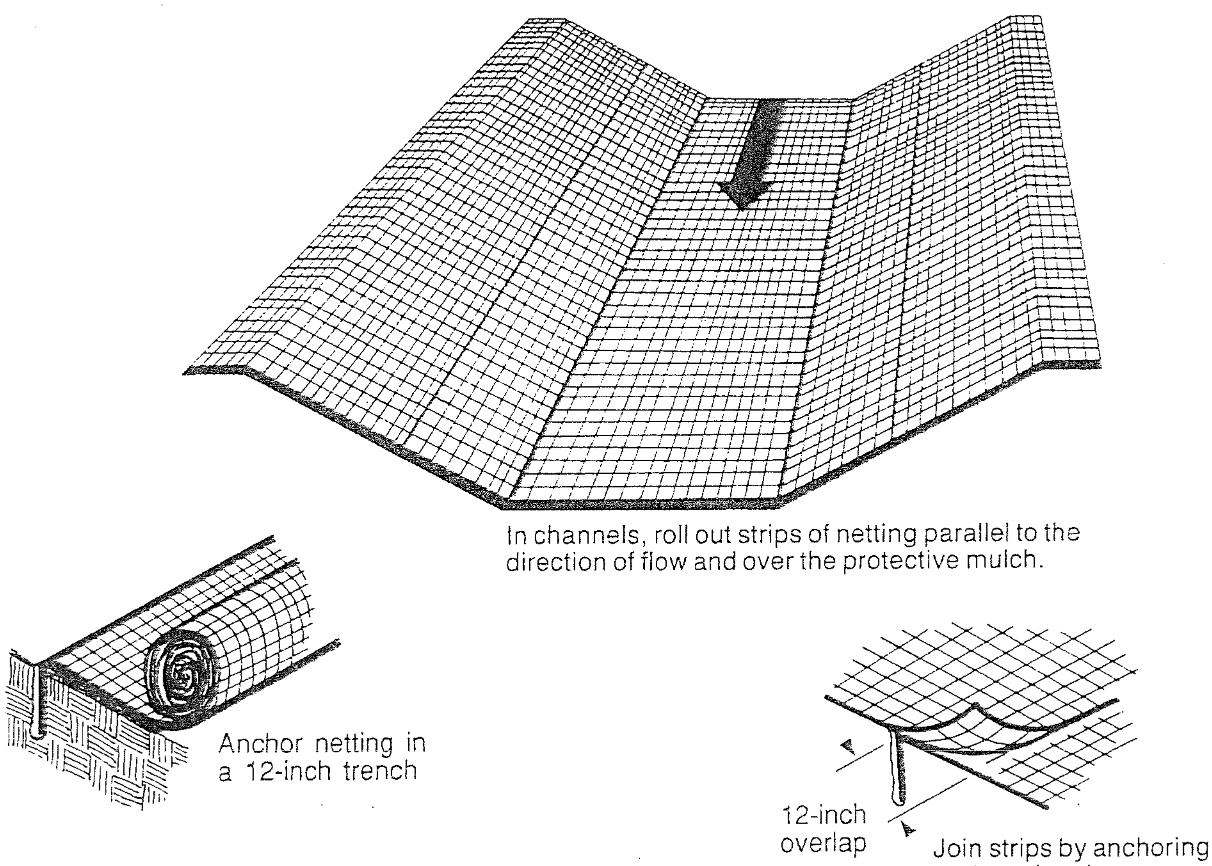

Figure 6.14a Installation of netting and matting (modified from Va. Div. of Forestry).

2. Start laying the net from the top of the channel or slope, and unroll it down the grade. **Allow netting to lay loosely on the soil or mulch cover but without wrinkles—do not stretch.**

3. To secure the net, bury the upslope end in a slot or trench no less than 6 inches deep, cover with soil, and tamp firmly as shown in Figure 6.14a. Staple the net every 12 inches across the top end and every 3 ft around the edges and bottom. Where 2 strips of net are laid side by side, the adjacent edges should be overlapped 3 inches and stapled together. Each strip of netting should also be stapled down the center, every 3 ft. **Do not stretch the net when applying staples.**

4. To join two strips, cut a trench to anchor the end of the new net. Overlap the end of the previous roll 18 inches, as shown in Figure 6.14a, and staple every 12 inches just below the anchor slot.

Maintenance

Inspect all mulches periodically, and after rainstorms to check for rill erosion, dislocation or failure. Where erosion is observed, apply additional mulch. If washout occurs, repair the slope grade, reseed and reinstall mulch. Continue inspections until vegetation is firmly established.

References

Surface Stabilization
6.11. Permanent Seeding

Appendix
8.02. Vegetation Tables

6.66 COMPOST SOCK

C SOCK

Definition

A compost sock is a three-dimensional tubular sediment control and storm water runoff device typically used for perimeter control of sediment and soluble pollutants (such as phosphorous and petroleum hydrocarbon), on and around construction activities. Compost socks trap sediment and other pollutants in runoff water as it passes through the matrix of the sock and by allowing water to temporarily pond behind the sock, allowing deposition of suspended solids. Compost socks are also used to reduce runoff flow velocities on sloped surfaces.

Compost products acceptable for this application should meet the chemical, physical and biological properties specified for Practice 6.18, *Compost Blankets*.

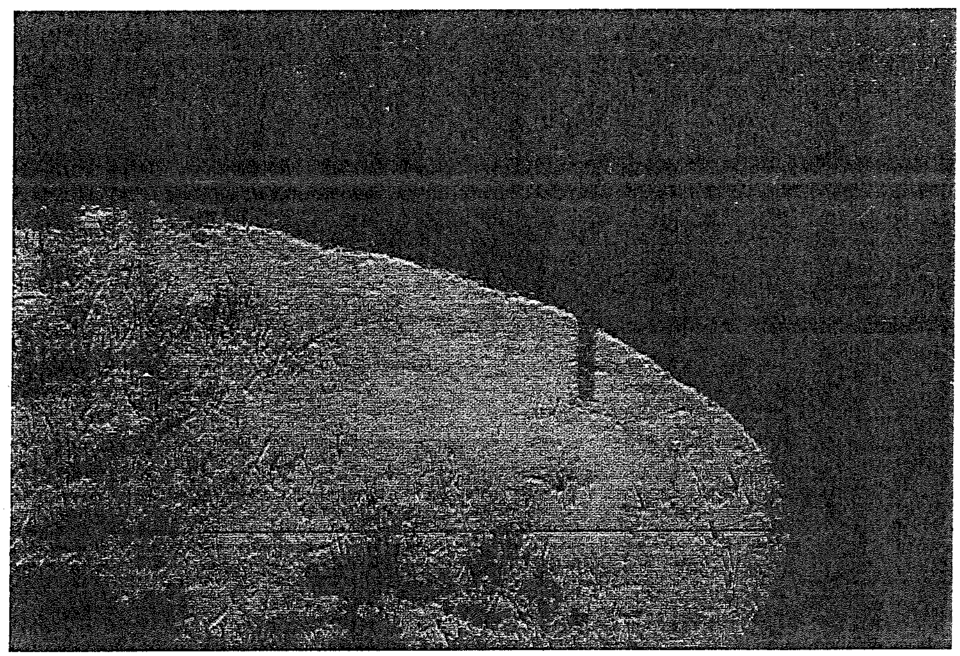

Figure 6.66a – Compost Sock
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Conditions Where Practice Applies

Compost socks are to be installed down slope of disturbed areas requiring erosion and sediment control. Compost socks are effective when installed perpendicular to sheet flow, in areas where sediment accumulation of less than six inches is anticipated. Acceptable applications include (Fifield, 2001):

- Site perimeters
- Below disturbed areas subject to sheet runoff, with minor sheet or rill erosion. Compost socks should not be used alone below graded slopes greater than 10 feet in height.
- Above graded slopes to serve as a diversion berm.

- Check dams
- Along the toe of stream and channel banks
- Around area drains or inlets located in a storm drain system
- Around sensitive trees where trenching of silt fence is not beneficial for tree survival or may unnecessarily disturb established vegetation.
- On paved surfaces where trenching of silt fence is impossible.

A compost sock can be applied to areas of sheet runoff, on slopes up to a 2:1 grade with a maximum height of 10 feet, around inlets, and in other disturbed areas of construction sites requiring sediment control. Compost socks may also be used in sensitive environmental areas, or where trenching may damage roots.

The weight of a filled sock (40 lbs / linear ft. for 8" diameter) effectively prevents sediment migration beneath the sock. It is possible to drive over a compost sock during construction (although not recommended); however, these areas should be immediately repaired by manually moving the sock back into place, if disturbed. Continued heavy construction traffic may destroy the fabric mesh, reduce the dimensions, and reduce the effectiveness of the compost sock. Vegetating the compost sock should be considered.

Planning Considerations

Compost socks shall either be made on site or delivered to the jobsite assembled. The sock shall be produced from a 5 mil thick continuous HDPE or polypropylene, woven into a tubular mesh netting material, with openings in the knitted mesh of ⅛" - ⅜" (3-10mm). This shall then be filled with compost meeting the specifications outlined in Practice 6.18, *Compost Blankets*, with the exception of particle size, to the diameter of the sock. Compost sock netting materials are also available in biodegradable plastics for areas where removal and disposal are not desired (i.e., when using pre-seeded socks). Compost socks contain the compost, maintaining its density and shape.

Compost socks should be installed parallel to the base of the slope or other affected area, perpendicular to sheet flow. The sock should be installed a minimum of 10 feet beyond the top of graded slopes. When runoff flows onto the disturbed area from a land above the work zone, a second sock may be constructed at the top of the slope in order to dissipate flows.

On locations where greater than a 200-foot long section of ground is to be treated with a compost sock, the sock lengths should be sleeved. After one sock section (200 feet) is filled and tied off (knotted) or zip tied, the second sock section shall be pulled over the first 1-2 feet and 'sleeved' creating an overlap. Once overlapped, the second section is filled with compost starting at the sleeved area to create a seamless appearance. The socks may be staked at the overlapped area (where the sleeve is) to keep the sections together. Sleeving at the joints is necessary because it reduces the opportunity for water to penetrate the joints when installed in the field.

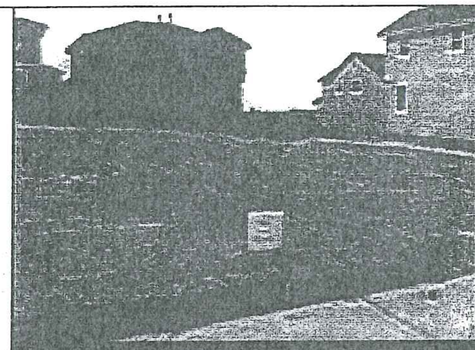
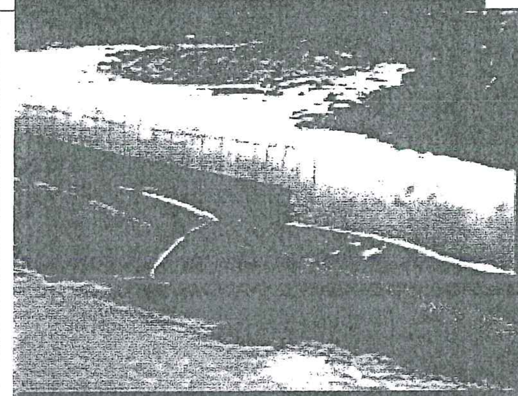
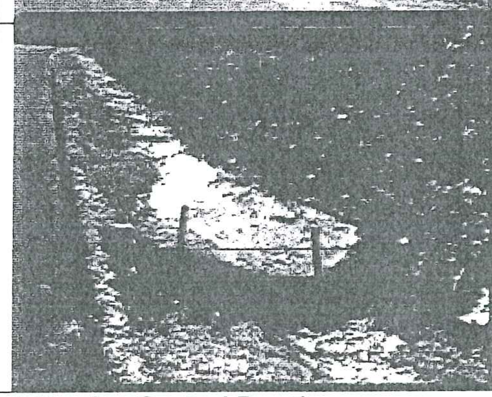
Compost Sock BMP	Conventional Application	Product Description	Example
Silt Socks	Silt Fence (on smaller areas)	A 3-dimensional sediment control measure used for sediment removal	
Inlet Socks	Inlet Protection	Designed to allow stormwater to enter inlets while removing sediment and protecting inlets from clogging	
Ditch Check	Rock Check Dams	Contours to ditch shape and eliminates gullies	

Table 6.66a Compost Sock BMPs as Replacements for Current Erosion Control Practices
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After filling, the compost sock must be staked in place. Oak or other durable hardwood stakes 2"x 2" in cross section should be driven vertically plumb, through the center of the compost sock. Stakes should be placed at a maximum interval of 4 feet, or a maximum interval of 8 feet if the sock is placed in a 4 inch trench. See Figure 6.66b. The stakes should be driven to a minimum depth of 12 inches, with a minimum of 3 inches protruding above the compost sock.

If the compost sock is to be left as part of the natural landscape, it may be seeded at time of installation for establishment of permanent vegetation using the seeding specification in the erosion and sedimentation control plan. A maximum life of 2 years for photodegradable netting and 6 months for biodegradable netting should be used for planning purposes.

Compost socks may be used as check dams in ditches not exceeding 3 feet in depth. Normally, 8 to 12 inch diameter socks should be used. Be sure to stake the sock perpendicular to the slope of the ditch. When used as check dams, installation should be similar to that of natural fiber wattles. The ends and middle of the sock should be staked, and additional stakes placed at a 2-foot maximum interval. See Table 6.66b for spacing.

Design Criteria

The sediment and pollutant removal process characteristic to a compost sock allows deposition of settling solids. Ponding occurs when water flowing to the sock accumulates faster than the hydraulic flow through rate of the sock. Typically, initial hydraulic flow-through rates for a compost sock are 50% greater than geotextile fabric (silt fence). However, installation and maintenance is especially important for proper function and performance. Design consideration should be given to the duration of the project, total area of disturbance, rainfall/runoff potential, soil erosion potential, and sediment loading when specifying a compost sock.

Runoff Flow:

The depth of runoff ponded above the compost sock should not exceed the height of the compost sock. If overflow of the device is a possibility, a larger diameter sock should be constructed, other sediment control devices may be used, or management practices to reduce runoff should be installed. Alternatively, a second sock may be constructed or used in combination with Practice 6.17, *Rolled Erosion Control Products* or Practice 6.18, *Compost Blankets* to slow runoff and reduce erosion.

Level Contour:

The compost sock should be placed on level contours to assist in dissipating low concentrated flow into sheet flow and reducing runoff flow velocity. Do not construct compost socks to concentrate runoff or channel water. Sheet flow of water should be perpendicular to the sock at impact and un-concentrated. Placing compost socks on undisturbed soil will reduce the potential for undermining by concentrated runoff flows.

Runoff and Sediment Accumulation:

The compost sock should be placed at a 10 foot minimum distance away from the toe of the slope to allow for proper runoff accumulation for sediment deposition and to allow for maximum sediment storage capacity behind the device. On flat areas, the sock should be placed at the edge of the land-disturbance.

End Around Flow:

In order to prevent water flowing around the ends of the compost sock, the ends of the sock must be constructed pointing upslope so the ends are at a higher elevation. A minimum of 10 linear feet at each end placed at a 30 degree angle is recommended.

Vegetated Compost Sock:

For permanent areas the compost sock can be directly seeded to allow vegetation established directly on the device. Vegetation on and around the compost sock will assist in slowing runoff velocity for increased deposition of pollutants. The option of adding vegetation should be shown on the erosion and sedimentation control plan. No additional soil amendments or fertilizer are required for vegetation establishment in the vegetated compost sock.

Slope Spacing & Drainage Area:

Maximum drainage area to and spacing between the compost socks is dependent on rainfall intensity and duration used for specific design/plan, slope steepness, and width of area draining to the sock.

A compost sock across the full length of the slope is normally used to ensure that stormwater does not break through at the intersection of socks placed end-to-end. Ends are jointed together by sleeving one sock end into the other. The diameter of the compost sock used will vary depending upon the steepness and length of the slope; example slopes and slope lengths used with different diameter compost socks are presented in Table 6.66b.

Table 6.66b - Compost Sock Spacing versus Channel Slope

Channel Slope (%)	Spacing Between Socks (feet)	
	8-inch Diameter Sock	12-inch Diameter Sock
1	67	100
2	33	50
3	22	33
4	17	25
5	13	20

Source: B. Faucette – 2010

Material:

The compost media shall be derived from well-decomposed organic matter source produced by controlled aerobic (biological) decomposition that has been sanitized through the generation of heat and stabilized to the point that it is appropriate for this particular application. Compost material shall be processed through proper thermophilic composting, meeting the US Environmental Protection Agency's definition for a 'Process to Further Reduce Pathogens' (PFRP), as defined at 40 CFR Part 503. The compost portion shall meet the chemical, physical and biological properties specified in Practice 6.18, *Compost Blankets* Table 6.18a, with the exception of particle size. Slightly more coarse compost is recommended for the socks, as follows:

Particle Size Distribution

Sieve Size	Percent Passing Selected Sieve Mesh Size, Dry Weight Basis
2"	99 % (3" Maximum Particle Size)
3/8"	30-50 %

See Practice 6.18, *Compost Blankets* for complete information on compost parameters and tests. Installer should provide documentation to support compliance of testing required in the compost specification.

This specification covers compost produced from various organic by-products, for use as an erosion and sediment control measure on sloped areas. The product's parameters will vary based on whether vegetation will be established on the treated slope. Only compost products that meet all applicable state and federal regulations pertaining to its production and distribution may be used in this application. Approved compost products must meet related state and federal chemical contaminant (e.g., heavy metals, pesticides, etc.) and pathogen limit standards pertaining to the feedstocks (source materials) in which it are derived.

In regions subjected to higher rates of precipitation and/or greater rainfall intensity, larger compost socks should be used. In these particular regions, coarser compost products are preferred as the compost sock must allow for an improved water percolation rate. The designer should check the flow rate per foot of sock in order to ensure drainage rate of the compost sock being used is adequate. The required flow rates are outlined in Table 6.66c.

Table 6.66c – Compost Sock Initial Flow Rates

Compost Sock Design Diameter	8 inch (200mm)	12 inch (300mm)	18 inch (450mm)	24 inch (600mm)	32 inch (800mm)
Maximum Slope Length (<2%)	600 ft (183m)	750 ft (229m)	1,000 ft (305m)	1,300 ft (396m)	1,650 ft (500m)
Hydraulic Flow Through Rate	7.5 gpm/ft (94 l/m/m)	11.3 gpm/ft (141 l/m/m)	15.0 gpm/ft (188 l/m/m)	22.5gpm/ft (281 l/m/m)	30.0 gpm/ft (374 l/m/m)

Source: B. Faucette-2010

Construction Specifications

INSTALLATION

1. Materials used in the compost sock must meet the specifications outlined above and in Practice 6.18, Compost Blankets.

2. Compost socks should be located as shown on the erosion and sedimentation control plan.

3. Prior to installation, clear all obstructions including rocks, clods, and other debris greater than one inch that may interfere with proper function of the compost sock.

4. Compost socks should be installed parallel to the toe of a graded slope, a minimum of 10 feet beyond the toe of the slope. Socks located below flat areas should be located at the edge of the land-disturbance. The ends of the socks should be turned slightly up slope to prevent runoff from going around the end of the socks.

5. Fill sock netting uniformly with compost to the desired length such that logs do not deform.

6. Oak or other durable hardwood stakes 2" X 2" in cross section should be driven vertically plumb, through the center of the compost sock. Stakes should be placed at a maximum interval of 4 feet, or a maximum interval of 8 feet if the sock is placed in a 4 inch trench. See Figure 6.66b. The stakes

should be driven to a minimum depth of 12 inches, with a minimum of 3 inches protruding above the compost sock.

7. In the event staking is not possible (i.e., when socks are used on pavement) heavy concrete blocks shall be used behind the sock to hold it in place during runoff events.

8. If the compost sock is to be left as part of the natural landscape, it may be seeded at time of installation for establishment of permanent vegetation using the seeding specification in the erosion and sedimentation control plan.

9. Compost socks are not to be used in perennial or intermittent streams.

Maintenance

Inspect compost socks weekly and after each significant rainfall event (1/2 inch or greater). Remove accumulated sediment and any debris. The compost sock must be replaced if clogged or torn. If ponding becomes excessive, the sock may need to be replaced with a larger diameter or a different measure. The sock needs to be reinstalled if undermined or dislodged. The compost sock shall be inspected until land disturbance is complete and the area above the measure has been permanently stabilized.

DISPOSAL/RECYCLING

Compost media is a composted organic product recycled and manufactured from locally generated organic, natural, and biologically based materials. Once all soil has been stabilized and construction activity has been completed, the compost media may be dispersed with a loader, rake, bulldozer or similar device and may be incorporated into the soil as an amendment or left on the soil surface to aid in permanent seeding or landscaping. Leaving the compost media on site reduces removal and disposal costs compared to other sediment control devices. The mesh netting material will be extracted from the media and disposed of properly. The photodegradable mesh netting material will degrade in 2 to 5 years if left on site. Biodegradable mesh netting material is available and does not need to be extracted and disposed of, as it will completely decompose in approximately 6 to 12 months. Using biodegradable compost socks completely eliminates the need and cost of removal and disposal.

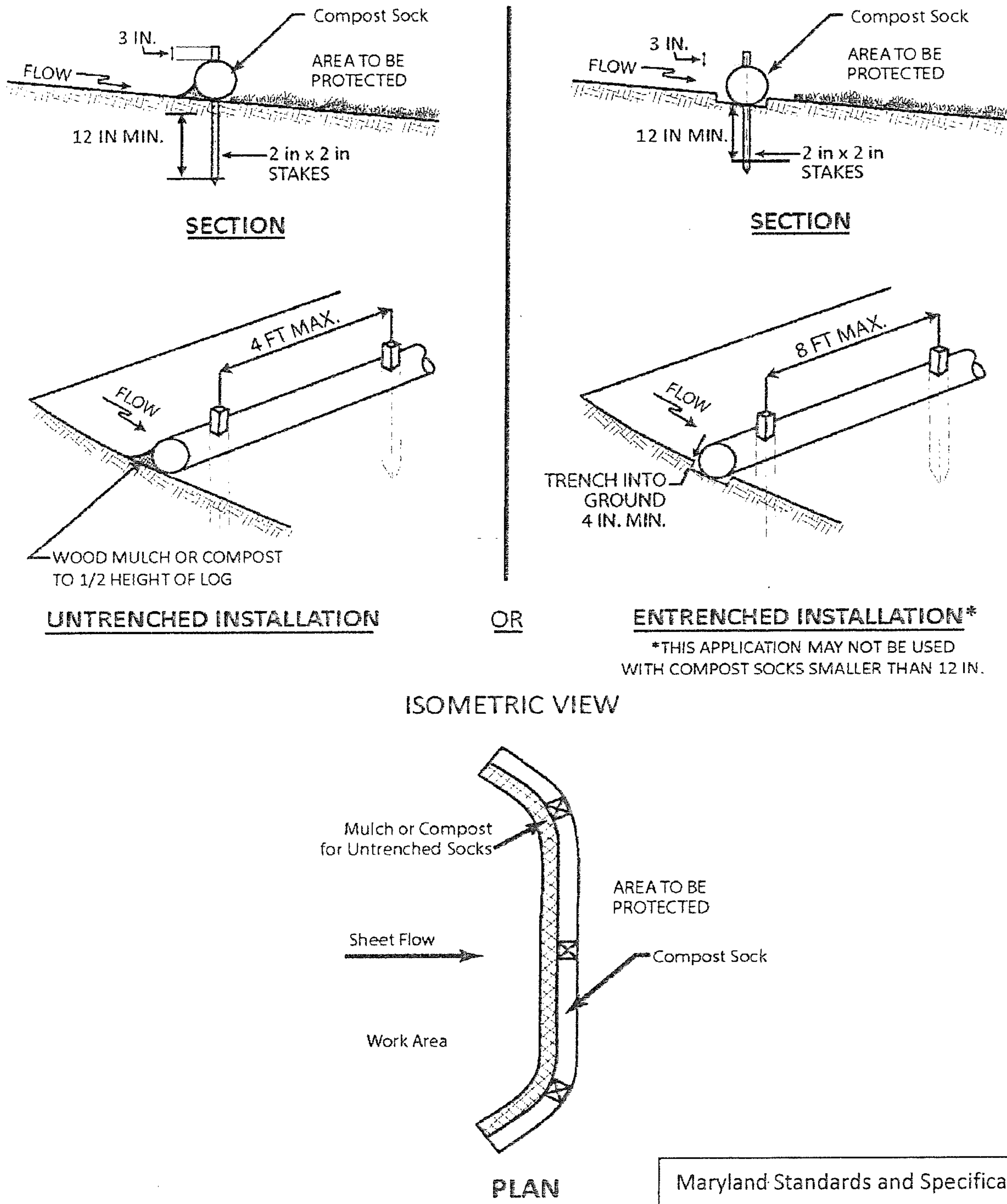

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Figure 6.66b Compost Sock Installation

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Chapter 3 Vegetative Considerations
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6.17, Rolled Erosion Control Products
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6.83

CHECK DAM

Definition

A small temporary stone dam constructed across a drainage way.

Purpose

To reduce erosion in a drainage channel by reducing the velocity of flow.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

This practice may be used as a temporary measure to limit erosion by reducing velocity in small open channels. When needed, they can be used in channels, roadside ditches, and temporary diversions.

Check dams may be used to:

- reduce velocity in small temporary channels that are degrading, but where permanent stabilization is impractical due to their short period of usefulness;
- reduce velocity in small eroding channels where construction delays or weather conditions prevent timely installation of nonerosive liners.

Do not use check dams in intermittent or perennial streams.

Planning Considerations

Check dams are an expedient way to reduce gullying in the bottom of channels that will be filled or stabilized at a later date. The dams should only be used while permanent stabilization measures are being put into place.

Check dams installed in grass-lined channels may kill the vegetative lining if submergence after it rains is too long and/or silting is excessive. All stone and riprap must be removed if mowing is planned as part of vegetative maintenance.

Design Criteria

The following criteria should be used when designing a check dam:

- The drainage area is limited to one half acre.
- Keep a maximum height of 2 feet at the center of the dam.
- Keep the center of the check dam at least 9 inches lower than the outer edges at natural ground elevation.
- Keep the side slopes of the dam at 2:1 or flatter.
- Ensure that the maximum spacing between dams places the toe of the upstream dam at the same elevation as the top of the downstream dam (Figure 6.83a).
- Stabilize outflow areas along the channel to resist erosion.
- Use NC DOT Class B stone and line the upstream side of the dam with NC DOT #5 or #57 stone.
- Key the stone into the ditch banks and extend it beyond the abutments a minimum of 1.5 feet to avoid washouts from overflow around the dam.

Construction Specifications

1. Place stone to the lines and dimensions shown in the plan on a filter fabric foundation.

2. Keep the center stone section at least 9 inches below natural ground level where the dam abuts the channel banks.

3. Extend stone at least 1.5 feet beyond the ditch bank (Figure 6.83b) to keep water from cutting around the ends of the check dam.

4. Set spacing between dams to assure that the elevation at the top of the lower dam is the same as the toe elevation of the upper dam.

5. Protect the channel after the lowest check dam from heavy flow that could cause erosion.

6. Make sure that the channel reach above the most upstream dam is stable.

7. Ensure that other areas of the channel, such as culvert entrances below the check dams, are not subject to damage or blockage from displaced stones.

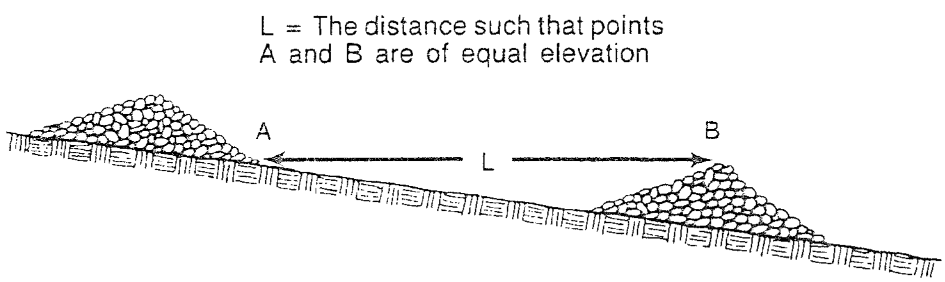
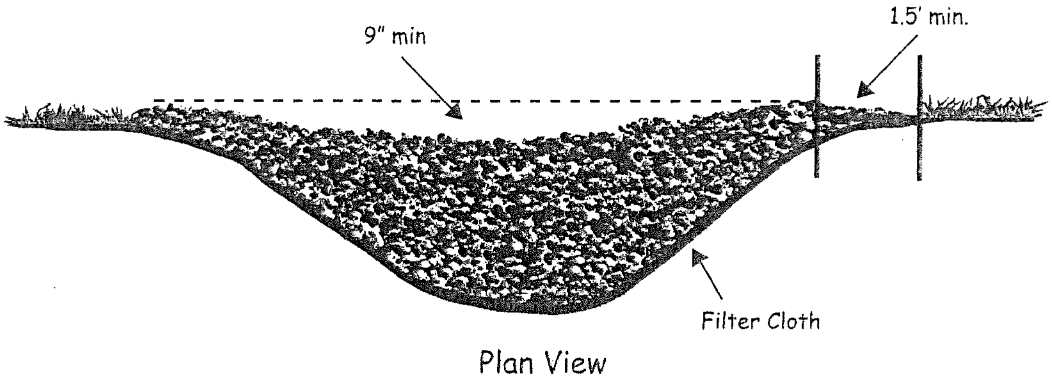


Figure 6.83a Space check dams in a channel so that the crest of downstream dam is at elevation of the toe of upstream dam.



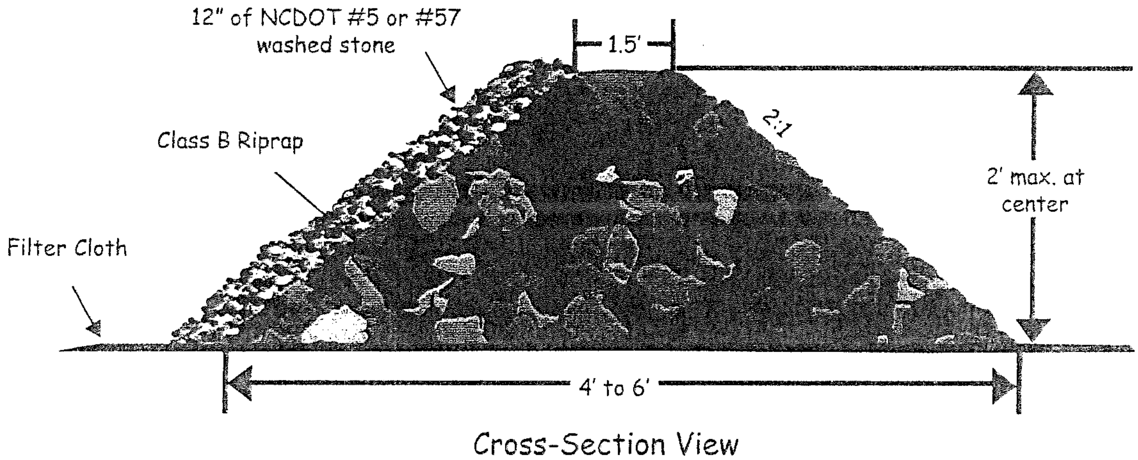


Figure 6.83b Stone check dam stone should be placed over the channel banks to keep water from cutting around the dam.

Maintenance

Inspect check dams and channels at least weekly and after each significant (1/2 inch or greater) rainfall event and repair immediately. Clean out sediment, straw, limbs, or other debris that could clog the channel when needed.

Anticipate submergence and deposition above the check dam and erosion from high flows around the edges of the dam. Correct all damage immediately. If significant erosion occurs between dams, additional measures can be taken such as, installing a protective riprap liner in that portion of the channel (Practice 6.31, *Riprap-line and Paved Channels*).

Remove sediment accumulated behind the dams as needed to prevent damage to channel vegetation, allow the channel to drain through the stone check dam, and prevent large flows from carrying sediment over the dam. Add stones to dams as needed to maintain design height and cross section.

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Runoff Conveyance Measures
6.30, Grass-lined Channels
6.31, Riprap-lined and Paved Channels

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LETTER OF APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS

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SOLID WASTE SECTION

Craven LCID, LLC
ATTN: Mr. Terry D. Morris, Agent
109 Swift Creek Road
Vanceboro, North Carolina 28586

RE: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan No. Crave-2013-019
Project Name: Craven LCID
Location: NCSR 1243 County: Craven
River Basin: Neuse
Date Received by LQS: August 13, 2013
Project Acreage: 4.5 Project Type: Revised
Project Description: The disturbance is to increase the height of an existing Land Clearing and Inert Debris disposal area.

Dear Sir:

This office has reviewed the subject erosion and sedimentation control plan. We find the plan to be acceptable and hereby issue this Letter of Approval with Modifications. The modifications required for approval are listed on the attached page. This plan approval shall expire three (3) years following the date of approval, if no land-disturbing activity has been undertaken, as required by 15A NCAC 4B.0129, unless modified by other legislation.

Please be advised that 15A NCAC 4B.0118(a) requires that a copy of the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan be on file at the job site. Also, you should consider this letter as giving the Notice required by G.S. 113A-61.1(a) of our right of periodic inspection to ensure compliance with the approved plan.

North Carolina's Sedimentation Pollution Control Program is performance oriented, requiring protection of existing natural resources and adjoining properties. If, following the commencement of this project, it is determined that the erosion and sedimentation control plan is inadequate to meet the requirements of the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973 (G.S. 113A-51 through 66), this office may require revisions to the plan and implementation of the revisions to ensure compliance with the Act.

Acceptance and approval of this plan is conditioned upon your compliance with Federal and State water quality laws, regulations and rules. In addition, local city or county ordinances or rules may also apply to this land-disturbing activity. This approval does not supersede any other permit or approval.

Please note that this approval is based in part on the accuracy of the information provided in the Financial Responsibility/Ownership Form, which you have submitted. You are required to file an amended form if there is any change in the information included on the form. NOTE: Neither this approval nor the financial responsibility/liability cited in it automatically transfer with a change in project ownership. In addition, 15A NCAC 4B.0127(c) requires that you notify this office of the proposed starting date for this project (using the enclosed Project Information Sheet). Please notify us if you plan to have a preconstruction conference.

Please be advised that a rule to protect and maintain existing buffers along watercourses in the Neuse River Basin became effective on July 22, 1997. The Neuse River Riparian Area Protection and Maintenance Rule (15A NCAC 2B.0233) applies to the 50-foot wide zone directly adjacent to surface waters (Intermittent streams, perennial streams, lakes, ponds and estuaries) in the Neuse River Basin. For more information about the riparian area rule, please contact the Division of Water Quality's Wetland/401 Unit at 919-807-6300, or DWQ in our regional office at 252-946-6481.

Please be aware that your project will be covered by the enclosed NPDES General Stormwater Permit NCG010000 (Construction Activities). You should first become familiar with all of the requirements for compliance with the enclosed permit.

Sincerely,

Patrick H. McClain, PE
Regional Engineer

Enclosures

cc w/o enc: Michael L. Rice, PE, Robert M. Chiles, PE
Amy Adams, Regional Supervisor, Division of Water Resources

1. **AS THE DECLARED RESPONSIBLE PARTY, YOUR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY** is to understand the Act and comply with the following minimum requirements of the Act:

   A. In the event of a conflict between the requirements of the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act, the submitted plan and/or the contract specifications, the more restrictive requirement shall prevail;

   B. The land disturbing activity shall be conducted in accordance with the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan;

   C. The **LATEST APPROVED** erosion and sediment control plan will be used during periodic unannounced inspections to determine compliance and a copy of the plan must be on file at the job site. If it is determined that the implemented plan is inadequate, this office may require the installation of additional measures and/or that the plan be revised to comply with state law.

   D. All site revisions, including those required by other local, state or federal agencies, which affect site layout, drainage patterns, limits of disturbance and/or disturbed acreage must be submitted to this office for approval a minimum of 15 day prior implementing the revision;

   E. Revisions exceeding the approved scope of this project without this office's prior approval of the plan showing the changes can be considered a violation. Failure to comply with any part of the approved plan or with any requirements of this program could result in appropriate legal action (civil or criminal) against the financially responsible party. Legal actions could include Stop Work Orders, the assessing of a civil penalty of up to $5000 for the initial violation and/or a civil penalty of up to $5000 per day for each day the site is out of compliance.

   F. The **CERTIFICATE OF PLAN APPROVAL must be posted** at the primary entrance to the job site and remain until the site is permanently stabilized

   G. In cases of natural disaster related changes to the proposed land disturbing activity, all appropriate actions and adequate measure installations may be performed to prevent sediment damage, prior to submitting and receiving approval of the revised plan. A revised plan must be submitted for approval as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after all emergency actions have been performed;

H. Erosion and sediment control measures or devices are to be constructed and/or installed to safely withstand the runoff resulting from a 10 year storm event (25 year storm event in High Quality Zones). The 10 year storm event is generally equivalent to a storm producing 6.5 - 7 inches in 24 hours or at the rate of 6.5 - 7 inches in 1 hour, depending on the location of the project within the region;

I. No earthen material is to be brought on or removed from the project site, until the off-site borrow and/or disposal sites are identified as part of the erosion control plan. If an off-site borrow and/or disposal site is to be utilized, submit the name and identification number (E&SCP# or Mine Permit #), prior to use.

J. A buffer zone, sufficient to restrain visible sedimentation within the 25% of the width closest to the land disturbance, must be provided and maintained between the land-disturbing activity and any adjacent property or watercourse.

K. In order to comply with the intent of the Act, the scheduling of the land-disturbing activities is to be such that both the area of exposure and the time between the land disturbance and the providing of a ground cover is minimized.

L. Unless a temporary, manufactured, lining material has been specified, a clean straw mulch must be applied, at the minimum rate of 2 tons/acre, to all seeded areas. The mulch must cover at least 75% of the seeded area after it is either tacked, with an acceptable tacking material, or crimped in place.

M. New or affected cut or filled slopes must be at an angle that can be retained by vegetative cover or other adequate erosion-control devices or structures appropriate, AND **must be provided with a ground cover** sufficient to restrain erosion **within 21 calendar days of completion of any phase (rough or final) of grading** (**ANNUAL RYE GRASS IS NOT** in the **APPROVED** seeding specifications **NOR** is it an **ACCEPTABLE** substitute for the providing of a temporary ground cover).

N. A **permanent ground cover**, sufficient restrain erosion, **must be provided** within the shorter of 15 working or 90 calendar days (if in a High Quality Zone, the shorter of 15 working or 60 calendar days) after completion of construction or development on any portion of the tract (**ANNUAL RYE GRASS IS NOT** in the **APPROVED** seeding specifications **NOR** is it an **ACCEPTABLE** substitute for the providing of a nurse cover for the permanent grass cover).

O. All sediment and erosion control details for this project must conform to the standards as shown in the current Erosion & Sediment Control Planning and Design Manual; These details must be utilized for construction and incorporated in the plan. The Design Manual may be found on-line at: http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/lr/publications

2. Adequate and appropriate measures must be properly installed downstream, within the limits of disturbance, of any land disturbing activity to prevent sediment from leaving the limits of disturbance, entering existing drainage systems, impacting an on-site natural watercourse or adjoining property.

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Dear Mr. Chao:

Attached is a copy of the ESC approval for Craven LCID.
A printed copy of the erosion control plan and this approval will follow via postal service.
You already have an electronic copy of the plan and its attachments.

If you have any questions or have any problems with the attached file, contact us at your convenience.

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