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27.1 General

This section provides the general guidelines for the control of erosion and sediment for construction sites. Control of sedimentation for construction site may be accomplished through utilization of a variety of control practices. The complexity of the erosion and sediment control plan will vary depending upon individual site conditions. The goal of such a plan is to limit the quantity of sediment leaving the construction site. The Contractor's plan must be approved by the City and City Engineer.

In addition, the Contractor must also comply with Rule 5 327 IAC 15-5 for land alteration which disturbs 5 acres or more.

27.2 Permitting Requirements

If the Developer/Contractor is required to submit a soil erosion control plan to the State under Rule 5 (327 IAC 15-5), such plan shall be deemed in compliance with the City requirements. In this case all applicable State and Federal permits or notices for land disturbing activities shall be obtained or filed prior to beginning land disturbing activities. Copies of all applications, letter of intent, submittals, plans and other erosion and sediment control related information shall be submitted to the City and City Engineer.

27.3 Design Guidelines

In order to fully achieve an acceptable level of erosion and sediment control on the construction site, the following design principles shall be fully adhered to during site analysis and development of the erosion and sediment control plan:

- A. Existing site contours should be followed as close as reasonably possible in order to minimize cut and fill.
- B. Existing natural vegetation should remain undisturbed for as long as possible during the construction activities. Naturally vegetated areas along property lines, jurisdictional wetlands, lakes, and watercourses, both natural and man-made, should be left undisturbed during all phases of the site construction. These vegetative filter strips will be required at the discretion of the City.
- C. A logical sequencing of site construction activities must be provided in order to minimize the size of exposed land areas, and the length of time land areas are left without some form of temporary or permanent soil protection.
- D. Soil stockpiles shall be stabilized utilizing either vegetative establishment, sediment trapping barriers, or erosion control measures such as tarping or mulching, singly or in combination.

- E. Storm sewer inlets which are made operable either before or during the construction phase of development shall be provided with protection from siltation.
- F. Stable, properly maintained construction traffic access routes and stream crossings shall be identified on the site erosion and sediment control plan as needed. These construction access routes shall be installed as part of the site perimeter sediment control barriers, prior to the initiation of on-site land alteration activities. Where sediment is transported onto public street or road surfaces, these streets or roads shall be cleaned thoroughly at the end of each day. Sediment shall be removed by either scraping, shoveling or sweeping and be transported to a controlled fill area. Street washing will be allowed only if wash water flows to a controlled sediment trapping area.
- G. Runoff velocities shall be kept as low as possible.
- H. A thorough maintenance and follow-up program, and identification of the person(s) responsible for its implementation will be required.

The latest edition of the Indiana Handbook for Erosion Control in Developing Areas (HECDA) shall be used for detailed technical guidance for all erosion and sediment control practices. The following general practice guidance applies to the development of all control plans:

- A. Perimeter Control - Perimeter control measures shall be installed as specified on the approved plan, including construction access drives, straw bale dams and fabric fencing, temporary sediment traps, sediment basins, and diversions.
- B. Vegetative Control - Disturbed areas which are at finish grade shall be permanent seeded within seven (7) days. At the discretion of the City; barren areas to be rough graded and left undisturbed for more than thirty (30) days shall be established with temporary vegetation; and dormant seeding will be required during seasonal periods (October through February) for those barren areas to be left undisturbed for one hundred and twenty (120) days or longer.
- C. Slope Protection - Slope protection shall be provided by use of temporary and permanent diversion levees, vegetative cover, and slope drains. Concentrated stormwater flows shall not be allowed to flow down cut or fill slopes without proper slope stabilization.
- D. Sediment Trapping - To achieve the goal of preventing sediment from leaving the construction site, the City will require the use of sediment barriers such as fabric fencing, straw bale dams, and sediment basins.
- E. Protection of Outlet Channel - Concentrated stormwater runoff leaving a development site shall be outlet to an open channel, storm sewer pipe or culvert which is capable of receiving this discharge. Runoff velocities shall be controlled during all storm events so that the peak runoff velocity during and after the completion of the land alteration approximates existing conditions.

The principles and practices provided by the State in Rule 5 are to be followed in the development of all control plans. Rule 5 does not give specific requirements for use of various practices leaving that to the localities. Individual practices can be modified or waived upon request to the City based on special site characteristics and conditions.

The designer should rely on the Indiana Handbook for Erosion Control in Developing Areas (HECDA) for detailed design, construction and maintenance criteria for all erosion control practices. Such criteria shall be required by the City unless waived in writing. The manual can be obtained from:

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