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General Plan Requirements

Background

In order to improve the efficiency of the plan review process, the Department is standardizing the formatting, as well as the information contained in the plans themselves. In accordance with the 3 Step plan review and approval process, the Preliminary Sediment & Stormwater Management Plan is submitted at Step 2 and the Sediment & Stormwater Management Plan is submitted at Step 3. Additional information regarding specific elements required for these plans is outlined below.

Elements of the Preliminary Sediment & Stormwater Management Plan

The Preliminary Sediment & Stormwater Management Plan submitted at Step 2 of the plan review and approval process shall include a Schematic Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Plan which provides an overview of the general measures to be used to control the site during the construction phase. The Schematic ESC Plan shall consist of the following elements:

1. A single plan sheet scaled such that the entire site can be shown.
2. Site boundary.
3. Existing topography.
4. Existing natural features, such as wooded areas, wetlands, etc.
5. Proposed rough grading.
6. Graphic symbols for all ESC measures shown in their approximate proposed locations.
7. Data for those practices having design data criteria.
8. Legend using the symbols from the current Delaware ESC handbook.

The Preliminary Sediment & Stormwater Management Plan shall also include a Schematic Stormwater Management (SWM) Plan which provides an overview of the general measures to be used to manage the post-construction stormwater runoff. The Schematic SWM Plan shall consist of the following elements:

1. A single plan sheet scaled such that the entire site can be shown.
2. Site boundary.
3. Existing topography.
4. Existing natural features, such as wooded areas, wetlands, etc.
5. Proposed rough grading.
6. Graphic symbols for all SWM measures shown in their approximate proposed locations.

7. Data for those practices based on the design criteria from the appropriate standards and specifications.
8. Legend for the proposed permanent SWM measures.

Elements of the Sediment & Stormwater Management Plan

The Sediment & Stormwater Management Plan submitted at Step 3 of the plan review and approval process shall include detailed information on the measures to control both sediment and non-sediment pollutants during the active construction phase as well as those measures to manage post-construction stormwater. It shall consist of the following elements:

1. Updated Schematic ESC and SWM Plans.
2. Bulk grading and/or final grading conditions, as required by the appropriate Delegated Agency.
3. A legend using the symbols from the current Delaware ESC Handbook.
4. A sequence of construction describing the relationship between the implementation and maintenance of sediment controls, including permanent and temporary stabilization and the various stages or phases of earth disturbance and construction. The sequence of construction shall, at a minimum, include the following activities:
 - a. Clearing and grubbing for those areas necessary for installation of perimeter controls;
 - b. Construction of perimeter controls;
 - c. Remaining clearing and grubbing;
 - d. Road grading;
 - e. Grading for the remainder of the site;
 - f. Utility installation and whether stormdrains will be used or blocked until after completion of construction;
 - g. Final grading, landscaping, or stabilization; and
 - h. Removal of sediment controls.
5. General ESC notes as specified by the appropriate Delegated Agency.

- a. Following documentation of turbid discharges, the Department or delegated agency may request that the Sediment and Stormwater Management Plan be revised accordingly to address use of BAT. (Regs §4.2.2)
 - b. Following soil disturbance or re-disturbance, permanent or temporary stabilization shall be completed within 14 calendar days for all perimeter sediment controls, topsoil stockpiles, and all other disturbed or graded areas on the project site. Temporary stabilization is required if grading will not change for 14 calendar days or more for those areas which are shown on the plan and are currently being used for material storage, or for those areas on which actual earth moving activities are currently being performed. (Regs §4.5.1)
 - c. If within 60 calendar days permanent or temporary stabilization applied to a disturbed area results in insignificant germination as determined by the Department or delegated agency, a soil test must be completed. Permanent or temporary stabilization shall be re-applied to the disturbed area in accordance with that soil test and the plan requirements within 14 calendar days following the 60-calendar day threshold. The Department or delegated agency shall have the discretion to require soil testing sooner than 60 calendar days if evidence exists that the permanent or temporary stabilization measures were not applied in accordance with the specification provided in the Delaware Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook. (Regs §4.5.2)
- 6. Detailed information on the location, grading, and construction data for all proposed ESC practices.
 - 7. Details for all proposed ESC practices.
 - 8. Construction Site Pollution Control details.
 - 9. Details of temporary and permanent stabilization measures.
 - 10. Owner's certification block with signature.
 - 11. Construction details for all permanent stormwater management BMPs. A separate plan sheet shall be provided for each individual SWM BMP. The plan sheet shall include, but not be limited to
 - a. Plan view showing proposed grading

- b. Section view with proposed elevations
 - c. Details for any appurtenances
 - d. Planting and/or stabilization information
 - e. Sequence of construction
 - f. Maintenance notes
12. In cases where the Department has developed standardized requirements for a “common look and feel” for specific elements of the Sediment & Stormwater Plan, those requirements shall prevail.

GENERAL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

The below sequence of construction is a generalization, and should be enhanced per the specifics of the site, including but not limited to the existing site features; the proposed stormwater management, utilities, and building/lot construction; and the site's phasing.

1. Notify the DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program [or relevant Delegated Agency] in writing at least five (5) days prior to the start of construction. Failure to do so constitutes a violation of the approved Sediment and Stormwater Management Plan. **[Required Sequence Item]**
2. Prior to any clearing, installation of sediment control measures, or grading, schedule and conduct a pre-construction meeting with the Agency Construction Site Reviewer. The landowner/developer representative, site contractor, and Certified Construction Reviewer are required to be in attendance at the pre-construction meeting; the site designer is recommended to attend. **[Required Sequence Item]**
3. Install the stabilized construction entrance(s) as indicated on the plan, followed by the perimeter controls (i.e., berms, silt fence, compost logs) and inlet protection on any existing inlets. Mark the limits of sensitive areas, such as preserved trees, infiltration areas, and other sections that are not to be disturbed with a physical barrier. Only clear woods that are needed to install the perimeter controls (as needed).
4. Schedule a perimeter control review with the Agency Construction Site Reviewer.
5. All perimeter controls are to be reviewed by the Agency Construction Site Reviewer and approved prior to proceeding with further site disturbance or construction. **[Required Sequence Item]**
6. Check perimeter controls daily and adjust and/or repair to fully contain and control sediment from leaving the site. Accumulated sediment shall be removed when it has reached half of the effective capacity of the control. Adjust or alter measures in times of adverse weather conditions, as needed or as directed by the Agency Construction Site Reviewer. **[Required Sequence Item]**
7. Clear and grub the sediment trap and basin area(s).
8. Notify the person responsible for stormwater system construction review at least three (3) days prior to the start of the stormwater system construction; stormwater facilities must be reviewed throughout their construction. **[Required Sequence Item]**
9. Construct the sediment trap and/or basin(s), starting with the outlet device and discharge pipe, and stabilize immediately with seed and mulch. For basin construction, see the specific construction sequence for the facility. *[Additional sequence of construction to be provided for all stormwater facilities.]*
10. Stockpile topsoil and excavated subsoils. Stockpiles should be surrounded with a perimeter control, located on land with slight to no slope, and stabilized once inactive.
11. Construct temporary earth dikes, berms, and/or swales needed for sediment and erosion control as indicated on the plan and stabilize immediately as per the vegetation specifications. All conveyance areas, and slopes greater than 3:1, require seeding and matting at a minimum.
12. Perform any demolition work, and clear, grub, and rough grade the site's roadways. Stockpile appropriately.

13. Construct roadside ditches and temporarily stabilize. Stone check dams shall be installed at this time. *[As Applicable]*
14. Clear and grub remaining areas within the limits of disturbance for the phase of construction. Stockpile appropriately.
15. Construct the stormwater conveyance system, starting at the lowest elevation within the network and working upwards. Install necessary inlet protection as shown on plan. Install any remaining non-infiltration stormwater management facilities, following its respective sequence of construction. *[Additional sequence of construction to be provided for all stormwater facilities.]*
16. Install remaining roadway utilities. *[As Applicable]*
17. Install the curb and gutter *[as applicable]*, followed by the sub-base and base course sections of the roadways to design grades. Install any sidewalks.
18. Rough grade lot or building areas and individual utility connections. Temporary stabilization is to be applied in accordance with the stabilization notes and details.
19. Commence building construction. *[As Applicable]*
20. Final grade swales or ditches, and apply permanent stabilization as soon as final grade is achieved.
21. Final grade lot or building areas and apply permanent stabilization.
22. Flush out the stormwater pipes for any accumulated sediment, and remove sediment from within any forebays, with inspection by the Certified Construction Reviewer and/or the Agency Construction Site Reviewer. Upon approval of the Agency Construction Site Reviewer, convert the sediment basin to final pond design as specified on the pond conversion notes, and/or fill in any sediment traps. Provide permanent stabilization as per the vegetation specifications.
23. When all upstream contributing areas have been stabilized, commence construction of any infiltration stormwater management facilities. Care should be taken to prohibit compaction of the underlying soils during construction. Provide permanent stabilization. *[As Applicable]*
24. Install topcoat to the roadways.
25. The erosion and sediment control devices should be removed only after work in an area has been completed and stabilized, with written approval from the Agency Construction Site Reviewer. ***[Required Sequence Item]*** Coordinate the inspection, and after the written approval, remove the remaining construction site controls.
26. If any individual lots are sold and developed, provide on-site erosion and sediment controls for that lot (perimeter controls and a stabilized construction entrance, at a minimum). *[As Applicable]*
27. Prior to commencing a new phase of construction, receive written approval from the Agency Construction Site Reviewer that the previous phase has been sufficiently stabilized. ***[Required Sequence Item, As Applicable]***
28. Terminate coverage of the Construction General Permit, which requires submission and acceptance of the Post Construction Verification Documents, including final stabilization throughout the site, all elements of the Sediment and Stormwater Management Plan implemented, acceptance of the final Operation and Maintenance Plan, and submittal of the Notice of Termination. ***[Required Sequence Item]***

