CONSTRUCTION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

Protect Natural Features

Minimize the amount of exposed soil and the extent of clearing.
Identify and protect areas where existing vegetation, such as trees, will not be disturbed by construction activity.
Minimize compaction of soil by limiting heavy equipment use to specific areas; restore any damaged areas.
Protect streams, stream buffers, wild woodlands, wetlands, or other sensitive areas from disturbance by fencing or otherwise clearly marking these areas.

Construction Phasing

Sequence construction activities so that the soil is not exposed for long periods of time.
Limit grading to small areas.
Install key sediment control practices before site grading, such as silt fences (black mesh about six inches into dirt).
Schedule site stabilization activities, such as landscaping, to be completed immediately after the land has been graded to its final contour.

Plant Vegetative Buffers

Protect and install vegetative buffers along water bodies to slow and filter storm water runoff.
Maintain buffers by replanting if needed.

Site Stabilization

Apply temporary stabilization to rough-graded areas.
Plant, mulch, or otherwise stabilize all exposed areas as soon as land alterations have been completed.

Protect Storm Drain Inlet

Use appropriate controls to prevent sediment, debris, and trash from entering storm water system.
If you use inlet filters, maintain them regularly.

Dirt Stockpiles

Cover or seed all dirt stockpiles.
Surround dirt stockpile with silt fence.

Prevent Erosion

Terrace slopes.
Break up long slopes with sediment barriers or divert storm water away from slopes.

Plan Construction Entrances

Utilize construction exits to minimize vehicle tracking of mud and dirt offsite.
Use properly sized entrances for all anticipated vehicles.
Use geotextile beneath entrance along with 2" to 3" gravel.

Maintain your BMPs!

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