

## Fees and Bonds

Before the Land Disturbing Permit can be issued, all plan review fees must be paid and a bond must be posted. The fee schedule can be obtained from the Dinwiddie County Planning and Zoning Department.

### What is a Performance Bond?

The bond is a monetary bond in the favor of the County to ensure compliance with the Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance. The bond may be submitted in the form of either a Letter of Credit, Performance Bond, or Cashiers Check. The bonding amount is equal to the installation and maintenance costs of all required erosion and sediment control measures plus ten (10) percent. The cost of the Erosion and Sediment measures must be submitted to the County by the person/company preparing the plan. The bond and fees will be reviewed by the County when the plans are submitted. You will be notified of the amount.

### Inspections

Once the Land Disturbing Permit has been issued, the County will make routine inspections of the site in order to insure compliance with the approved plans and the Dinwiddie County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance. You and/or your contractor will be notified in writing of any non-compliance results of the inspections.

### Upon Completion of Project

Once your project has been completed in accordance with the approved plans and the Dinwiddie County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance, the bond will be returned/refunded to the person obtaining the bond. Please remember that not only must all structural improvements be made, but a sufficient stand of vegetation is needed on all seeded areas in order to prevent erosion before the bond can be released.

## More Questions?

Contact the Dinwiddie County Planning & Zoning Department.

### Why prevent soil erosion?

#### *Helps water quality*

#### *Benefits include:*

- *Clean availability of drinking water*
- *Healthy wildlife habitat*
- *Increases aesthetics and property values*

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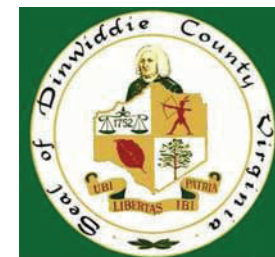
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## Erosion & Sediment Control & Land Disturbance Permits Brochure



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## What is Erosion? What is Sediment?

**Erosion** is the process by which the land's surface is worn away by the action of wind, water, ice, and gravity. There are both natural and accelerated forms of erosion. **Sediment** is the terminology applied to the soil particles that are transported by erosion. By volume, sediment is the greatest pollutant to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Though Erosion is a natural process, accelerated erosion from a poorly protected construction site can erode up to 500 times faster than it would naturally occur.

## What is Land Disturbing Activity?

A land disturbing activity is any alteration to the natural surface of the ground through the use of construction equipment, tractors, and similar equipment. The removal of stumps, digging foundations, and clearing pasture for non-bonafide agricultural use are classified as land disturbing activity.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Do I need a land disturbance permit for a single-family home?

*Yes, You will need to complete and Agreement In Lieu of an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for a single-family residence application, which does not require a formal plan by and engineer.*

### How much land can I clear before I need a land disturbance permit?

*You can clear up to 2,500 square feet.*

### Do I need an erosion and sediment control permit to disturb my own land?

*The Virginia State Code and The Code of Dinwiddie County require it as a way to control the disturbance of land.*

## What Is An Agreement In Lieu of An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for Construction of a Single-Family Residence?

An agreement in lieu of a plan is a contract between the plan-approving authority (Dinwiddie County) and the owner that specifies conservation measures, which must be implemented in the **construction of a single-family residence**.

## What is my responsibility with an agreement in lieu of a plan?

The property owner agrees to provide the following information with an **attached drawing** to the plan that includes:

- Boundary measurements
- Limits of Clearing
- Location of improvements
- Slope of lot
- Construction entrance location
- Location of well, septic system (drain field, etc.)
- Location of silt fence, straw bales
- Location of wetlands, streams, and waterways



### Other responsibilities with a single-family construction include:

- A construction entrance shall be constructed at a minimum of 10 ft. wide, 30 ft. long, and 6 inches deep of VDOT #21B stone.
- The lot must be graded, seeded, limed, fertilized and mulched prior to obtaining a final certificate of occupancy.

## What is the fee for an agreement in lieu of a plan? - \$25



## When do I need a Land Disturbance Permit? How do I get it?

Any land disturbance of 2,500 square feet of land requires a Land Disturbance Permit. This permit must be obtained before any other permits can be issued and before any construction or grading may begin.

In order to obtain a Land Disturbance Permit, the following information must be submitted to the Dinwiddie County Planning & Zoning Department:

1. A completed Land Disturbance Application Form
2. Two copies of the sketch plan of your project site drawn to scale. All items contained in the County's E&S Checklist must be addressed.
3. Two copies of the narrative portion of the plan.
4. The plan review fees- (\$200 + \_\_\_ acres x \$15/acre)
5. A bond

## Erosion & Sediment Control Checklist:

The E&S checklist includes items such as project description, existing site conditions, adjacent property, soils, erosion and sediment control measures, and management strategies. A complete checklist and sample plan can be obtained through the Planning & Zoning Department.

## Plan Review

Once the plans have been submitted, the Planning & Zoning Department will conduct a review to ensure that all items on the checklist have been addressed adequately. Please keep in mind that the County will not only review the plans for erosion and sediment control measures, but storm water management as well (detention basin and conveyance channels).

## How Long Does it Take?

By law, final action on the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall be taken within 45 days of receipt of a complete Plan.