

**21.0 STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR TOPSOIL**

**Definition**  
Placement of topsoil over a prepared subsoil prior to establishment of permanent vegetation.

**Purpose**  
To provide a suitable soil medium for vegetable growth. Soils of concern have low moisture content, low nutrient levels, low pH, materials toxic to plants, and/or unacceptable soil gradation.

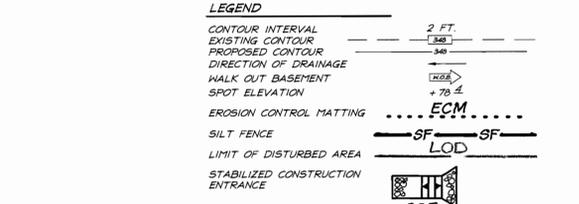
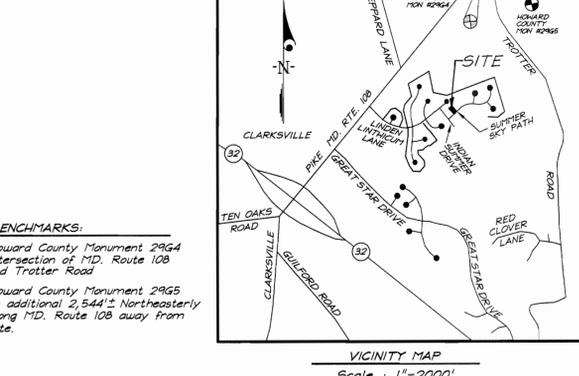
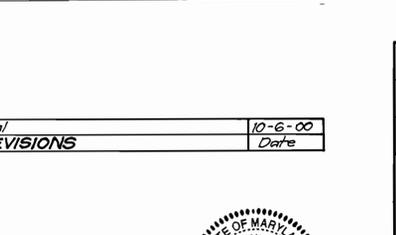
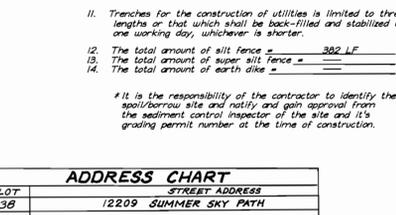
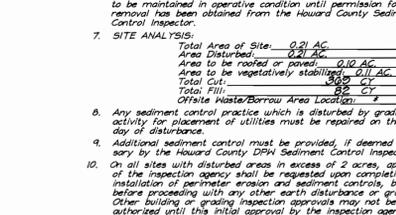
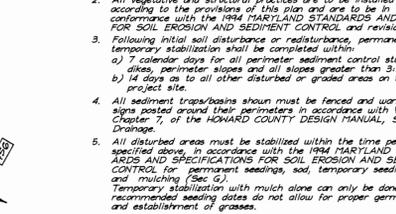
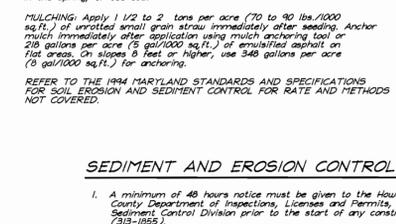
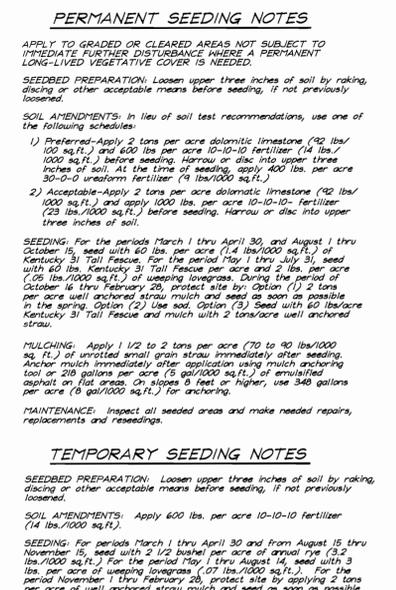
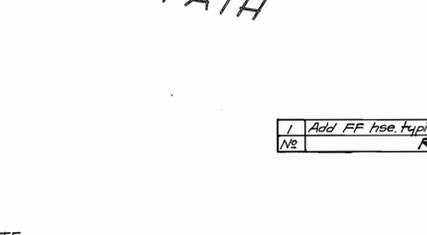
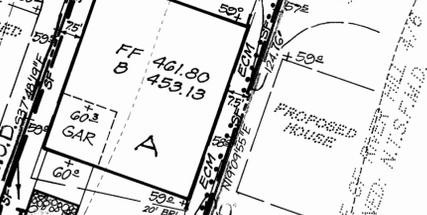
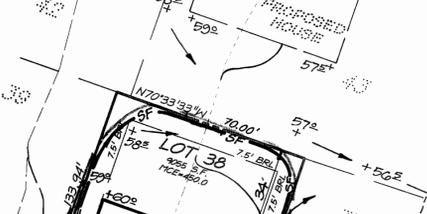
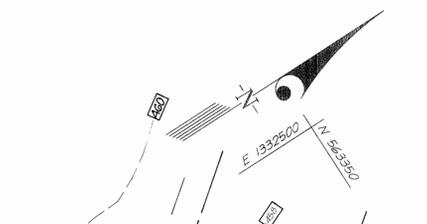
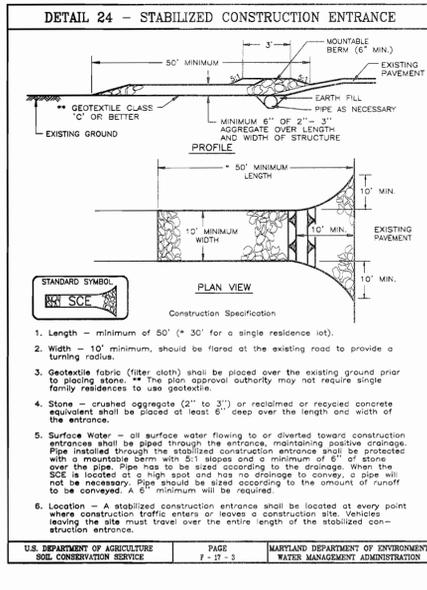
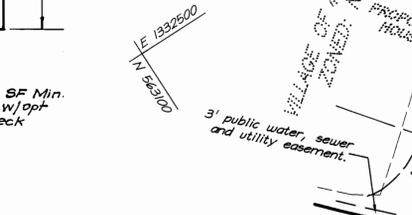
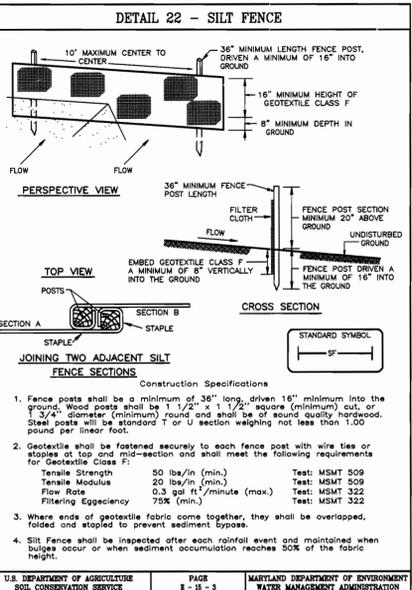
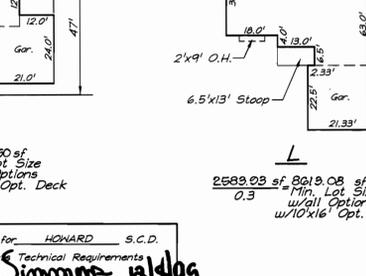
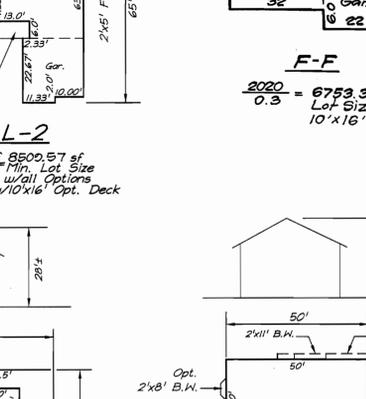
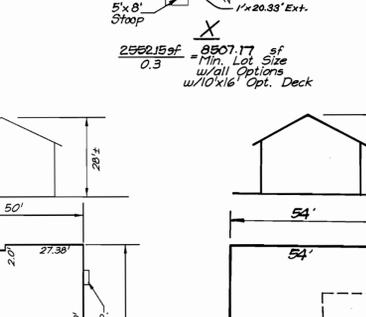
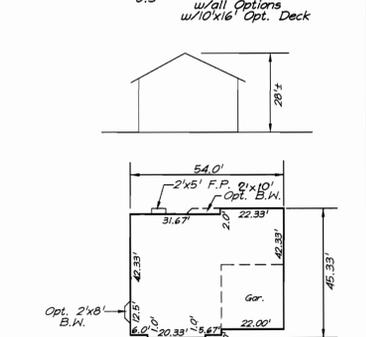
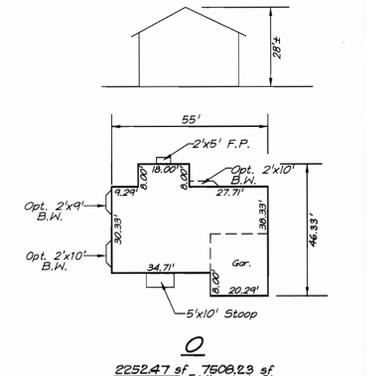
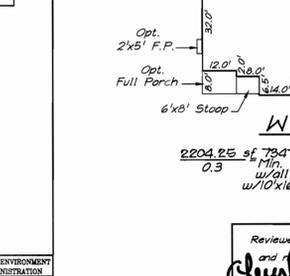
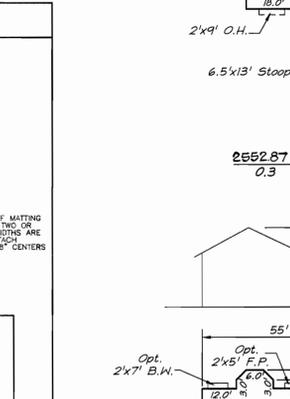
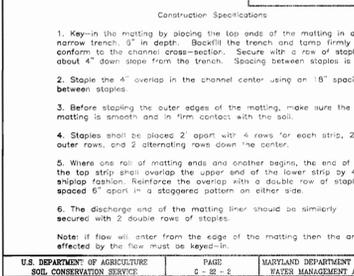
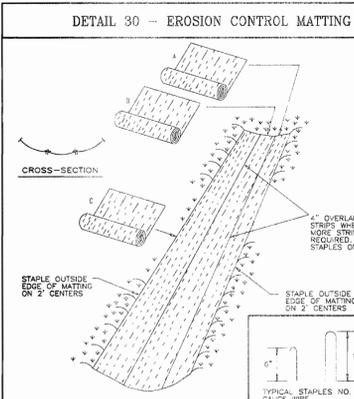
**Conditions Where Practice Applies**  
1. This practice is limited to areas having 2:1 or flatter slopes where:  
a. The texture of the exposed subsoil/parent material is not adequate to produce desirable growth.  
b. The soil material is so shallow that the rooting zone is not deep enough to support plants or furnish continuing supplies of moisture and plant nutrients.  
c. The original soil to be vegetated contains material toxic to plant growth.  
d. The soil is so acidic that treatment with limestone is not feasible.

2. For the purpose of these Standards and Specifications, areas having slopes steeper than 2:1 require special consideration and design for adequate stabilization. Areas having slopes steeper than 2:1 shall have the appropriate stabilization shown on the plans.

**Construction and Material Specifications**  
1. Topsoil salvaged from the existing site may be used provided it meets the standards as set forth in these specifications. Typically, the depth of topsoil to be salvaged for a given lot type can be found in the representative soil profile section in the Soil Survey published by USDA-SCS in cooperation with Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station.  
2. Topsoil Specifications - Soil to be used as topsoil must meet the following:  
i. Topsoil shall be a loam, sandy loam, clay loam, silt loam, sandy clay loam, loamy sand. Other soils may be used if recommended by an agronomist or soil scientist and approved by the appropriate approval authority. Regardless, topsoil shall not be a mixture of contrasting textures and soil carbon less than 5% by volume of chert, stones, slag, coarse fragments, gravel, sticks, roots, trash, or other materials larger than 1/2" in diameter.  
ii. Topsoil must be free of plants or plant parts such as Bermuda grass, quackgrass, johnsongrass, nutgrass, poison ivy, thistle, or others as specified.  
iii. Where the subsoil is either highly acidic or composed of heavy clay, ground limestone shall be spread at the rate of 4-8 tons/acre (200-400 pounds per 1,000 square feet) prior to the placement of topsoil. Lime shall be distributed uniformly over designated areas and worked into the soil in conjunction with tillage operations as described in the following procedures.  
2. For sites having disturbed areas under 5 acres:  
Place topsoil (if required), and apply soil amendments as specified in 20.0 Vegetative Stabilization - Section 1 - Vegetative Stabilization Methods and Materials.

3. For sites having disturbed areas over 5 acres:  
i. On soil meeting topsoil specifications, obtain test results indicating fertilizer and lime amendments required to bring the soil into compliance with the following:  
a. pH for topsoil shall be between 6.0 and 7.5. If the tested soil demonstrates a pH of less than 6.0, sufficient lime shall be prescribed to raise the pH to 6.5 or higher.  
b. Organic content of topsoil shall be not less than 1.5 percent by weight.  
c. Topsoil having soluble salt content greater than 500 parts per million shall not be used.  
d. No seed or seed shall be placed on soil which has been treated with soil sterilants or chemicals used for weed control until sufficient time has elapsed (14 days min.) to permit dissipation of phytotoxic materials.  
NOTE: Topsoil substitutes or amendments, as recommended by a qualified agronomist or soil scientist and approved by the appropriate approval authority, may be used in lieu of natural topsoil.  
ii. Place topsoil (if required) and apply soil amendments as specified in 20.0 Vegetative Stabilization-Section 1-Vegetative Stabilization Methods and Materials.  
3. Topsoil Application  
i. When topsoiling, maintain needed erosion and sediment control practices such as diversions, Grade Stabilization Structures, Earth Ovens, Slope Side Fence and Sediment Traps and Basins.  
ii. Grades on the areas to be topsoiled, which have previously established, shall be maintained, about 4" - 8" higher in elevation.  
iii. Topsoil shall be uniformly distributed in a 4" - 8" layer and lightly compacted to a minimum thickness of 4". Spreading shall be performed in such a manner that sodding or seeding can proceed with a minimum of additional soil preparation and tillage. Any irregularities in the surface resulting from sodding or other operations shall be corrected in order to prevent the formation of depressions or water pockets.  
iv. Topsoil shall not be placed while the topsoil or subsoil is in a frozen or muddy condition, when the subsoil is excessively wet or in a condition that may otherwise be detrimental to proper grading and seedbed preparation.

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**GENERAL NOTES:**  
1. Subject property is zoned: NTSFLD per 10-18-93 Comprehensive Zoning Plan.  
2. The total area included in this submission is: 0.21 Acres.  
3. The total number of lots included in this submission is: 1  
4. Improvement to property: Single Family Detached  
5. The maximum lot coverage permitted including Decks is 30%  
6. Department of Planning and Zoning reference file numbers: 5-43-21P-95-14F-96-102WP-95-70, F-96-37  
7. Utilities shown as existing are taken from approved Water and Sewer plans Contract #34-3655-D, approved Road Construction plans F-98-37, and actual field survey.  
8. Any damage to county owned rights-of-way shall be corrected at the developer's expense.  
9. All roadways are public and existing.  
10. The existing topography was taken from Road Construction Plans prepared by Morris & Ritchie Associates (F-96-37)  
11. The coordinates shown herein are based upon the Howard County Geodetic Control which is based upon the Maryland State Plane Coordinate System - Howard County Monuments Numbers: 29G4 & 29G5  
12. The contractor shall notify the Department of Public Works/Division of Construction inspection at (410) 313-1800 at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of work.  
13. The contractor shall notify 'Miss Utility' at 1-800-257-7777 at least 48 hours prior to any excavation work.  
14. For driveway entrance details, refer to Ho. Co. Design Manual Volume IV details R.6.05  
15. In accordance with FDP-Phase 222 A, Part VI, boy windows or chimneys not more than 10 feet in width may project not more than 4 feet into any setbacks; porches and decks may project not more than 3 feet into the front or rear setbacks. Acreway may not project into any setback.  
16. Quantity Storm water Management for Section 4, Area 6 is provided by the facility below lot 12 on Silent Sun Place. Quality Management for this section will be provided by one extended Detention Facility adjacent to the SNIW pond. The subdivision is located in the Patuxent River area sub-basin and is a Class 1 Watershed.  
17. SMC Elevations shown are at the Property lines.

**SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL NOTES**  
1. A minimum of 48 hours notice must be given to the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits, Sediment Control Division prior to the start of any construction (313-1055).  
2. All vegetative and structural practices are to be installed according to the provisions of this plan and are to be in conformity with the 19M STANDARDS AND SPECS. FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL AND REVISIONS THEREOF.  
3. Following initial soil disturbance or disturbance, permanent or temporary stabilization shall be completed within:  
a) 7 calendar days for all perimeter sediment control structures, dikes, perimeter slopes and all slopes greater than 3:1  
b) 14 days as to all other disturbed or graded areas on the project site.  
4. All sediment traps/basins shown must be fenced and warning signs posted around their perimeters in accordance with Vol. I, Chapter 7, of the HOWARD COUNTY DESIGN MANUAL, Storm Drainage.  
5. All disturbed areas must be stabilized within the time period specified above, in accordance with the 19M STANDARDS AND SPECS. FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, for permanent seedings, sod, temporary seeding and mulching (Sec 6).  
6. All sediment control structures are to remain in place and are to be maintained in operative condition until permission for their removal has been obtained from the Howard County Sediment Control Inspector.  
7. SITE ANALYSIS:  
Total Area of Site = 0.21 AC.  
Area Disturbed = 0.10 AC.  
Area to be seeded or paved = 0.10 AC.  
Area to be vegetatively stabilized = 0.11 AC.  
Total Fill = 86 CY.  
Office Water/Borrow Area Location =  
8. Any sediment control practice which is disturbed by grading activity for placement of utilities must be repaired on the same day of disturbance.  
9. Additional sediment control must be provided, if deemed necessary by the Howard County DPW Sediment Control Inspector.  
10. On all sites with disturbed areas in excess of 2 acres, approval of the inspection agency shall be requested upon completion of installation of perimeter erosion and sediment controls, but before proceeding with any other earth disturbance or grading. Other building or grading inspection approvals may be requested after this initial approval by the inspection agency is made.  
11. Trenches for the construction of utilities is limited to three pipe lengths or that which shall be back-filled and stabilized within one working day, whichever is shorter.  
12. The total amount of silt fence = 382 LF  
13. The total amount of super silt fence =  
14. The total amount of earth dike =  
\* It is the responsibility of the contractor to identify the spot/borrow site and notify and gain approval from the sediment control inspector at the site and it's grading permit number at the time of construction.

**CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE:**

NO.	NO. OF DAYS
1. Obtain grading permit	2
2. Relocate 16" CIP Clean Water Diversion Outfall	2
3. Install sediment and erosion control devices and stabilize	2
4. Excavate for foundations, rough grade and temporarily stabilize	30
5. Construct structures, sidewalks and driveways	20
6. Final grade and stabilize in accordance with Specs. and Specs.	14
7. Upon approval of the sediment control inspector, remove sediment and erosion control devices and stabilize	2

**OWNER/DEVELOPER**  
THE HOWARD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORP.  
10275 LITTLE PATUXENT PARKWAY  
COLUMBIA, MARYLAND 21044

**SPECIAL NOTES:**  
This plan is for house siting and lot grading only. Improvements shown within the rights-of-way on this S.D.P. are not to be used for construction. For construction, see approved Road Construction Plans F-98-37 and/or approved Water and Sewer Plans Contract #34-3586-D.

SUBDIVISION NAME		SECTION/AREA	LOTS/PARCELS	
VILLAGE OF RIVER HILL		4/6	38	
PLAT NO.	BLOCK NO.	ZONE	TAX MAP NO.	ELECTION DIST.
13507	1	NTSFLD	35	5th
CENSUS TRACT		6055		
WATER CODE		SEWER CODE		
1-10		6653000		

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DESIGNED	SITE DEVELOPMENT, SEDIMENT EROSION CONTROL PLAN	SCALE
J.M.E.	LOT 38	1" = 30'
DRAWN	COLUMBIA VILLAGE OF RIVER HILL	DRAWING
K.P.B.	SECTION 4 AREA 6	1 of 1
CHECKED	FIFTH (5th) ELECTION DISTRICT	JOB NO.
J.M.E.	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND	99-102
DATE	FOR: COLUMBIA BUILDERS	FILE NO.
10-15-99	P.O. BOX 999	99-102X
	COLUMBIA, MARYLAND 21044	

**APPROVED: DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING**  
12/9/99  
12/13/99  
12/16/99

**Reviewed for HOWARD S.C.D. and Technical Requirements**  
12/16/99

**DEVELOPER'S/BUILDER'S CERTIFICATE**  
I/We certify that all development and construction will be done according to this plan of development and plan for sediment and erosion control and that all responsible personnel involved in the construction project will have a Certificate of Attendance at a Department of the Environment Approved Training Program for the Control of Sediment and Erosion before beginning the project. I also authorize periodic on-site inspection by the Howard Soil Conservation District or their authorized agents, as are deemed necessary.  
10-18-99

**ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE**  
I hereby certify that this plan for Sediment and Erosion Control represents a practical and workable plan based on my personal knowledge of the site conditions and that it was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Howard Soil Conservation District.  
10-18-99

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