

**SOILS DESCRIPTION**

LoB- (B) - LEGORE-MONTALTO-URBAN LAND COMPLEX, 0-8% SLOPES (SOIL MAP # 13)

PERMIT INFORMATION BLOCK					
SUBDIVISION NAME: CRESTLEIGH		SECTION/AREA: 2		PARCEL: 696	
PLAT NO. P8 7/16	BLOCK(S) 23	ZONING R-20	TAX MAP NO. 31	ELECTION DISTRICT 2ND	CENSUS TRACT 6022.02

**ADDRESS CHART**

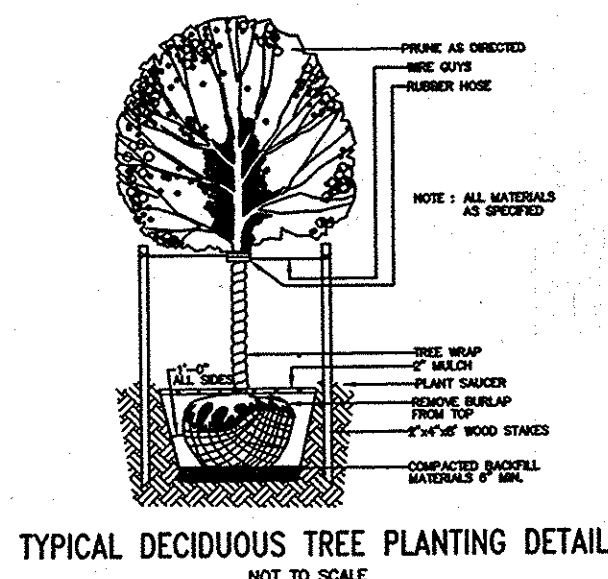
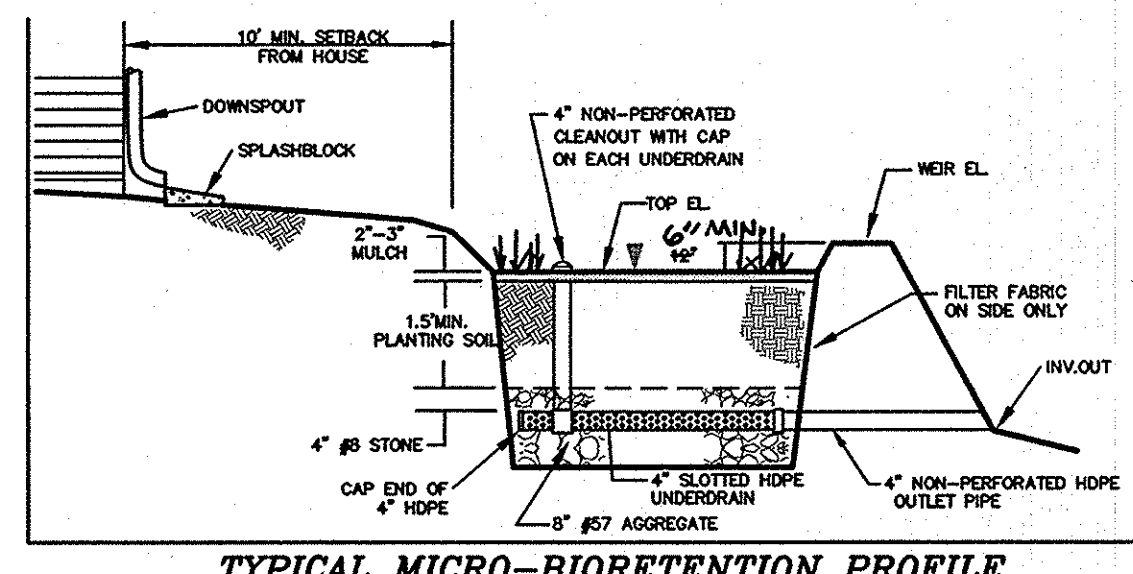
LOT #	ADDRESS
16	4218 CLUB COURT

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**LEGEND**

- N-1, ROOFTOP DISCONNECTION
- LOD LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE
- SF SUPER SILT FENCE
- SF SILT FENCE
- SCE STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE



**OWNER/DEVELOPER**

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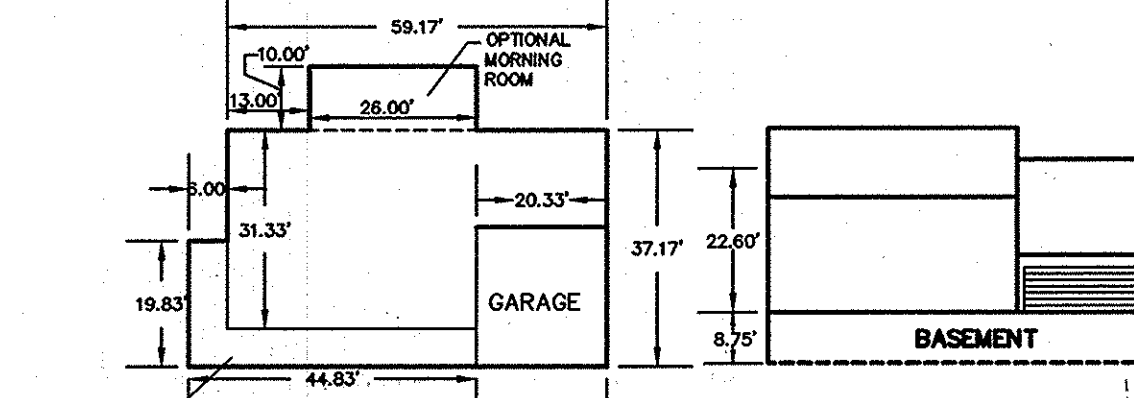
# SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

## CRESTLEIGH, SECTION 2, LOT 16

### PARCEL 696

## SECOND ELECTION DISTRICT

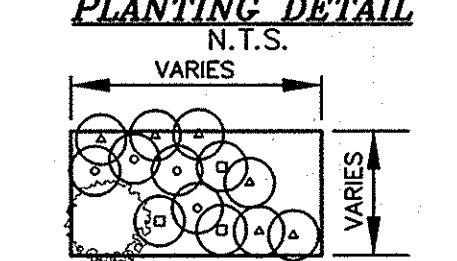
## HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND



**FULTON II**

SCALE 1"=30'

**MICRO-BIORETENTION PLANTING DETAIL**



**BIO-RETENTION SCHEDULE**

NO.	SIZE	TOP EL.	WEIR EL.	INV. IN.	INV. OUT.
1	30" S.F.	261.00	261.50	259.40	258.50

**PLANT LIST**

QUANTITY	SYMBOL	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE
4	○	ILEX GLABRA	INK BERRY	2 - 3" HT.
12	○	LOBELIA SIPHILITICA	GREAT BLUE LOBELIA	1 GAL. CONTAINER
8	○	ONOCLEA SENSIBILIS	SENSITIVE FERN	1 GAL. CONTAINER
6	○	ASTER NOVAE-ANGLIAE	NEW ENGLAND ASTER	1 GAL. CONTAINER
TOTAL: 28 PERENNIALS, 4 SHRUB				

**SCHEDULE A: PERIMETER LANDSCAPE EDGE**

CATEGORY	ADJACENT TO PERIMETER PROPERTIES					TOTAL
	A (PERIMETER 1)*	A (PERIMETER 2)	A (PERIMETER 3)**	A (PERIMETER 4)***	A (PERIMETER 5)	
LANDSCAPE TYPE	51.69 LF	263.231 LF	90.00 LF	274.04 LF	199.69 LF	
LINEAR FEET OF PERIMETER						
CREDIT FOR EXISTING VEGETATION (YES, NO, LINEAR FEET)	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	
NUMBER OF PLANTS REQUIRED	0 SHADE TREES 0 EVERGREEN TREES 0 SHRUBS	4 SHADE TREES 0 EVERGREEN TREES 0 SHRUBS	2 SHADE TREES 0 EVERGREEN TREES 0 SHRUBS	5 SHADE TREES 0 EVERGREEN TREES 0 SHRUBS	3 SHADE TREES 0 EVERGREEN TREES 0 SHRUBS	14 SHADE TREES 0 EVERGREEN TREES 0 SHRUBS
NUMBER OF PLANTS PROVIDED	0 SHADE TREES 0 EVERGREEN TREES 0 OTHER TREES (2:1 SUBSTITUTION SHRUBS (10:1 SUBSTITUTION))	4 SHADE TREES 0 EVERGREEN TREES 0 SHRUBS	1 SHADE TREE 0 EVERGREEN TREES 0 SHRUBS	4 SHADE TREES 0 EVERGREEN TREES 0 SHRUBS	3 SHADE TREES 0 EVERGREEN TREES 0 SHRUBS	12 SHADE TREES 0 EVERGREEN TREES 0 SUBSTITUTION TREES 0 SHRUBS

\* PERIMETER LANDSCAPING ALONG FRONT PROPERTY LINE IS NOT REQUIRED.  
\*\* EXISTING 30" HICKORY HAS BEEN CREDITED TO PERIMETER #3.  
\*\*\* EXISTING 24" HICKORY HAS BEEN CREDITED TO PERIMETER #4.

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

LOT #	ADDRESS	GREEN ROOF	PERMEABLE PAVEMENTS	REINFORCED TURF	DISCONNECTION OF ROOFTOP RUNOFF	DISCONNECTION OF NON-ROOFTOP RUNOFF	SHEETFLOW TO CONSERVATION AREAS	RAINWATER HARVESTING	SUBMERGED GRAVEL WETLANDS	LANDSCAPE INFILTRATION	INFILTRATION BERMS	DRY WELLS	MICRO-BIORETENTION	RAIN GARDENS	SWALES	ENHANCED FILTERS
		A-1 (Y/N)	A-2 (Y/N)	A-3 (Y/N)	(NUMBER)	N-2 (Y/N)	N-3 (Y/N)	M-1 (NUMBER)	M-2 (NUMBER)	M-3 (NUMBER)	M-4 (NUMBER)	M-5 (NUMBER)	M-6 (NUMBER)	M-7 (NUMBER)	M-8 (NUMBER)	M-9 (NUMBER)
16	4218 CLUB COURT	N	N	N	6	N	N	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

**LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENT PLANTING SCHEDULE**

QUANTITY	SYMBOL	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE
5	○	ACER RUBRUM 'RED SUNSET' OR EQUIVALENT	RED SUNSET RED MAPLE	2 1/2" - 3" CAL.
7	○	ZELKOVA SERBATA OR EQUIVALENT	VILLAGE GREEN	2 1/4" - 3" CAL.
TOTAL				
12				SHADE TREES

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE FOR MODIFIED DRY WELLS (M-5)**

THE OWNER SHALL INSPECT THE MONITORING WELLS AND STRUCTURES ON A QUARTERLY BASIS AND AFTER EVERY HEAVY STORM EVENT.  
THE OWNER SHALL RECORD THE WATER LEVELS AND SEDIMENT BUILD-UP IN THE MONITORING WELLS OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL DAYS TO ENSURE TRENCH DRAINAGE.  
THE OWNER SHALL MAINTAIN A LOG BOOK TO DETERMINE THE RATE AT WHICH THE FACILITY DRAINAGE.  
WHEN THE FACILITY BECOMES CLOGGED SO THAT IT DOES NOT DRAIN DOWN WITHIN A 72-HOUR TIME PERIOD, CORRECTIVE ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN.  
THE MAINTENANCE LOG BOOK SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO HOWARD COUNTY FOR INSPECTION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE CRITERIA.  
ONCE THE PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INFILTRATION FACILITY HAVE BEEN VERIFIED, THE MONITORING SCHEDULE CAN BE REDUCED TO AN ANNUAL BASIS UNLESS THE PERFORMANCE DATA INDICATES THAT A MORE FREQUENT SCHEDULE IS REQUIRED.

**DEVELOPER'S/OWNER'S CERTIFICATE**

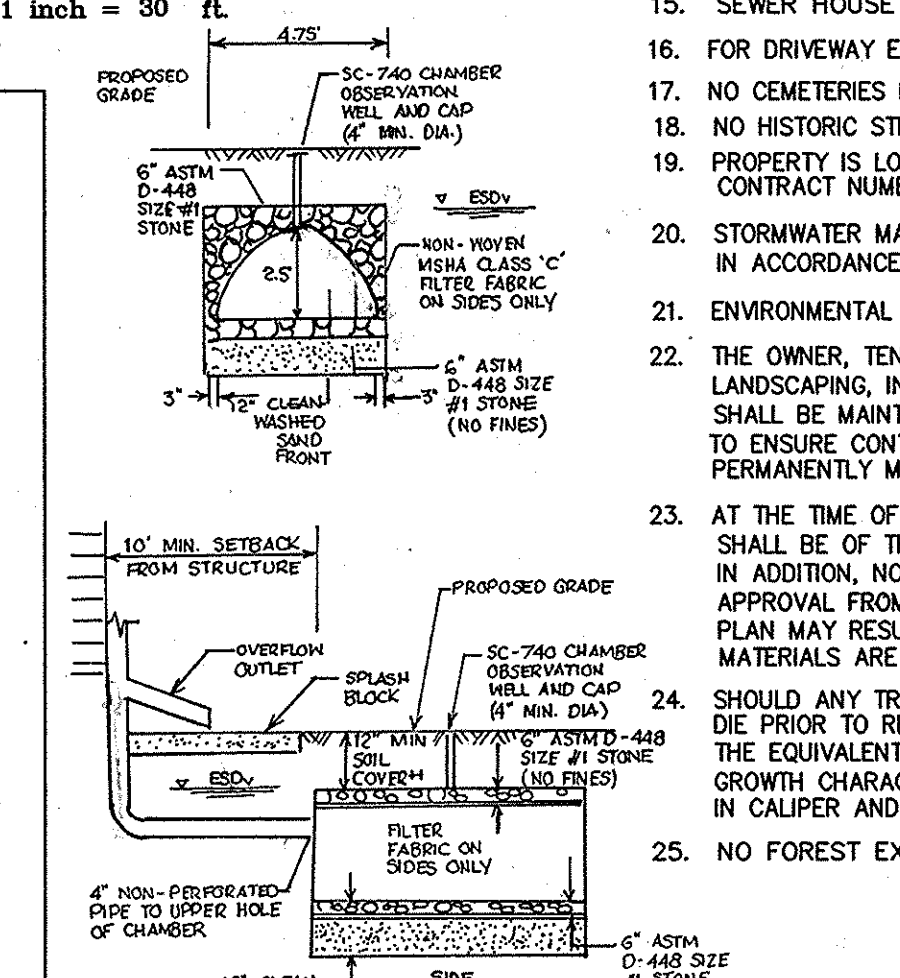
I/WE CERTIFY THAT THE LANDSCAPING SHOWN ON THIS PLAN WILL BE DONE ACCORDING TO THE PLAN, SECTION 16.124 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE, AND THE HOWARD COUNTY LANDSCAPE MANUAL. I/WE FURTHER CERTIFY THAT UPON COMPLETION A CERTIFICATION OF LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION, ACCOMPANIED BY AN EXECUTED ONE YEAR GUARANTEE OF PLANT MATERIALS, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING.

*Christopher L. Brown* 7/17/14  
OWNER DATE

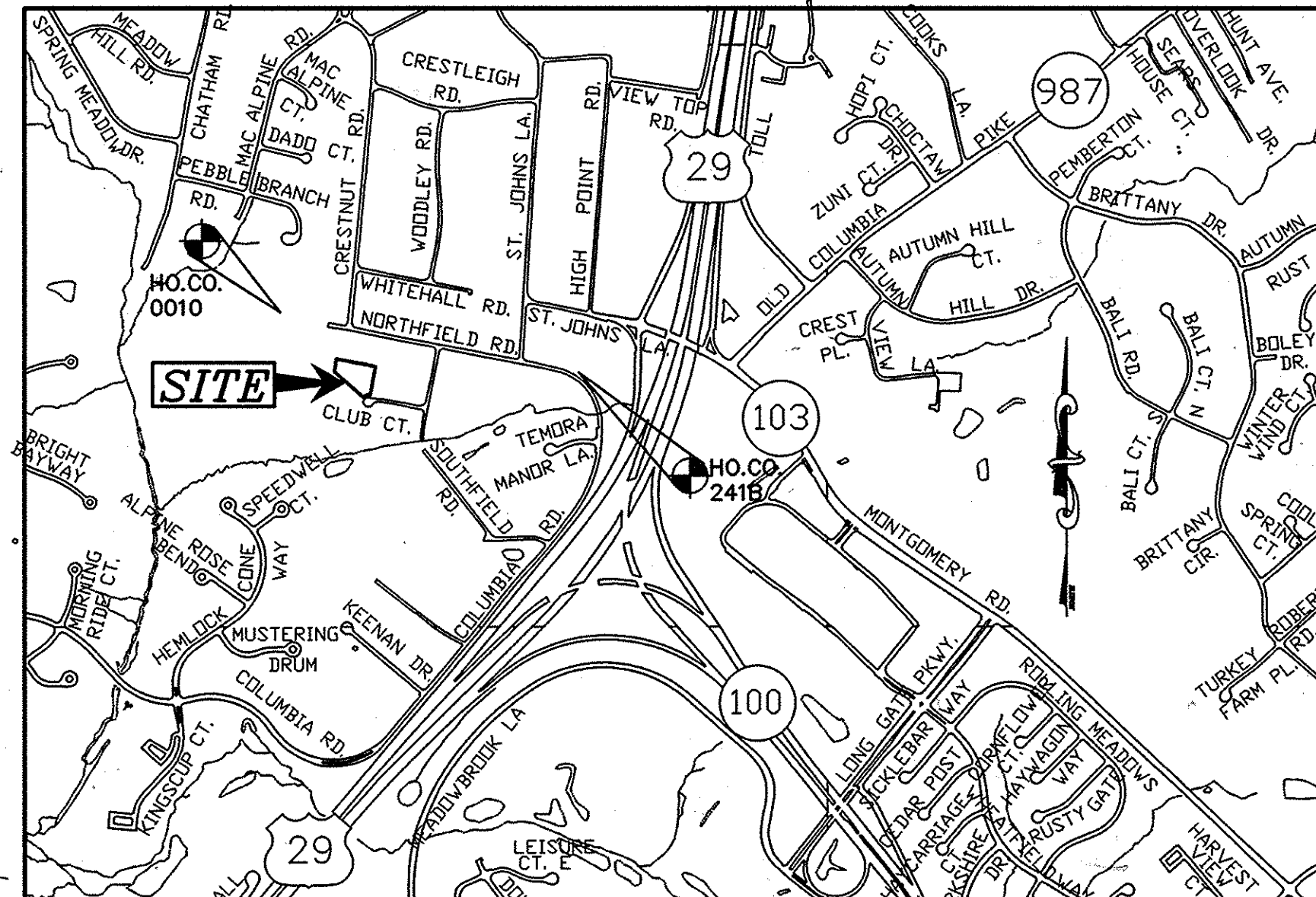
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE PREPARED OR APPROVED BY ME AND THAT I AM A DULY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, LICENSE NO. 40091, EXP DATE 2/13/15  
*Jeffrey S. Sloman* 7/9/14  
JEFFREY SLOMAN P.E. DATE

**Appendix B.4. Construction Specifications for Environmental Site Design Practices**

Material	Specification	Notes
Plantings	see Appendix A, Table A.4	all plants are site-specific
Planting soil (2' to 4' deep)	loamy sand (80-10%) & compost (10-15%) or loam sand (90%) & compost (10%)	USDA soil types loamy sand or sandy loam; clay content < 5% or steady base (90%)
Organic content	Min. 10% by dry weight (ASTM D 2974)	
Subsoil	per geotechnical report	see 6.0 months, minimum no pile or wood chips
Permeable geotextile	per geotechnical report	NO. 8 OR NO. 9 (1/8" TO 3/8")
Certain drain	corrugated metal: washed cobble	size: 2" to 5"
Geotextile	ASTM M-43	see 2.5.1.2.1.1
Gravel (underdrains and infiltration berms)	NO. 55 OR NO. 6 AGRIGORITE ASTM M-382 4" to 6" rigid subgrade 40% or 50%	
Underdrain piping	1.5" dia. Type PS-28 or AASHTO M-278	3/8" dia. minimum of 2" of gravel over pipe; not necessary underdrain pipes. Perforated pipe shall be wrapped with 16-mil polyethylene membrane.
Found in place concrete (if required)	MESA Mix No. 3, f'c = 3000 psi @ 28 days, normal weight, air-entrained, conforming to most ASTM A-115-60	
Soil	AASHTO M-6 or ASTM-C-33	0.075" to 0.04"



MODIFIED DRY WELL (M-5) DETAIL



**VICINITY MAP**

SCALE: 1"=100'  
ADC MAP 27 GRID D-2

**GENERAL NOTES:**

- SUBJECT PROPERTY ZONED "R-20" PER 10/06/13 COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS
- ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT ARE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE LATEST HOWARD COUNTY STANDARDS.
- STATE ANALYSIS DATA:  
LOCATION: TAX MAP: 24 PARCEL: 696 LOT: 16 GRID: 23  
ELECTION DISTRICT: SECOND  
ZONING: R-20  
TOTAL AREA: 1.03 AC.±, 44,657 S.F.±  
AREA OF ROAD DEDICATION: 0  
LIMIT OF DISTURBED AREA: 0.80 AC.±, 39,206 S.F.±  
PROPOSED USE FOR SITE: RESIDENTIAL  
TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS: 1  
TYPE OF PROPOSED UNIT: SFD
- HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL DATUMS ARE RELATED TO THE MARYLAND STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM AS PRECISED FROM HOWARD COUNTY CONTROL STATIONS NO. 2418 AND 0010.  
STA. No. 2418 N 578,753.5105, E 1,362,302.9147, ELEV. 390.5419  
STA. No. 0010 N 579,167.0667, E 1,360,260.357, ELEV. 357.1336
- THE EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY IS TAKEN FROM A FIELD RUN SURVEY WITH MAXIMUM TWO FOOT CONTOUR INTERVALS PREPARED BY MILDENBERG, BOENDER & ASSOC. INC. PERFORMED ON OR ABOUT JULY 2013.
- THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 16.124 OF HOWARD COUNTY CODE AND THE LANDSCAPE MANUAL. FINANCIAL SURETY OF \$3,600.00 FOR 12 SHADE TREES WILL BE POSTED WITH THE GRADING PERMIT.
- THIS PROJECT IS CONDITIONALLY EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 16.120 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE FOR FOREST CONSERVATION WITH THE FILING OF A DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR CLEARING LESS THAN 20,000 SQ. FT. OF FOREST.
- IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 128 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS, BAY WINDOWS, CHIMNEYS, OR EXTERIOR STAIRWAYS NOT MORE THAN 16 FEET IN WIDTH MAY PROJECT NOT MORE THAN 4 FEET INTO ANY SETBACKS, PORCHES OR DECKS, OPEN OR ENCLOSED MAY PROJECT NOT MORE THAN 10 FEET INTO THE FRONT OR REAR YARD.
- NO WETLANDS, FLOODPLAIN, STREAMS OR THEIR BUFFERS OR STEEP SLOPES EXIST ON OR IMPACT THIS PARCEL.
- DRIVEWAYS SHALL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR ANY NEW DWELLINGS TO ENSURE SAFE ACCESS FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES PER THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:  
- WIDTH - 12 FEET (16 FEET SERVING MORE THAN ONE RESIDENCE).  
- SURFACE - 6 INCHES OF COMPACTED CRUSHER RUN BASE WITH TAR AND CHIP COATING (1-1/2 INCH MINIMUM).  
- GEOMETRY - MAXIMUM 15% GRADE, MAXIMUM 10% GRADE CHANGE AND MINIMUM OF 45-FOOT TURNING RADIUS.  
- STRUCTURES (CULVERTS/BRIDGES) - CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING 25 GROSS TONS (H25 LOADING)  
- DRAINAGE ELEMENTS-CAPABLE OF SAFELY PASSING 100-YEAR FLOOD WITH NO MORE THAN 1 FOOT DEPTH OVER DRIVEWAY SURFACE.  
- MAINTENANCE - SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE ALL WEATHER USE.
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE FOLLOWING UTILITIES OR AGENCIES AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO EXCAVATION WORK BEING DONE:  
MISS UTILITY 800-257-7777  
VERIZON TELEPHONE COMPANY (410) 725-9976  
HOWARD COUNTY BUREAU OF UTILITIES (410) 313-4900  
AT&T CABLE LOCATION DIVISION (410) 393-3533  
BALTIMORE GAS & ELECTRIC (410) 685-0123  
STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (410) 531-5533
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS AT (410) 313-1880 AT LEAST FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF WORK.
- EXISTING UTILITIES ARE BASED ON ACTUAL FIELD LOCATIONS, IN COMBINATION WITH EXISTING WATER AND SEWER CONTRACTS.
- ANY DAMAGE TO THE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY SHALL BE CORRECTED AT THE DEVELOPER'S EXPENSE.
- SEWER HOUSE CONNECTION ELEVATIONS SHOWN ARE LOCATED AT THE PROPERTY LINE OR EASEMENT LINE.
- FOR DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE DETAILS, REFER TO HOWARD COUNTY DESIGN MANUAL, VOLUME IV, STANDARD DETAIL R-6.06.
- NO CEMETERIES EXIST ON SITE.
- NO HISTORIC STRUCTURE EXISTS ON SITE.
- PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT. PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER WILL BE UTILIZED UNDER CONTRACT NUMBERS: 129-S AND 9-W.
- STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IS PROVIDED VIA MICRO-BIORETENTION FACILITY (M-6) AND ROOFTOP DISCONNECTION (N-1), IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2007 MDE STORMWATER DESIGN MANUAL.
- ENVIRONMENTAL CONCEPT PLAN, ECP-14-022, FOR THIS PROJECT WAS APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 21, 2013.
- THE OWNER, TENANT, AND/OR THEIR AGENTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE REQUIRED LANDSCAPING, INCLUDING BOTH PLANT MATERIALS AND BERMS, FENCES, AND WALLS. ALL PLANTS MATERIALS SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN GOOD GROWING CONDITION, AND WHEN NECESSARY, REPLACED WITH NEW MATERIALS TO ENSURE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS. ALL OTHER LANDSCAPING SHALL BE PERMANENTLY MAINTAINED IN GOOD CONDITION, AND WHEN NECESSARY, REPAIRED OR REPLACED.
- AT THE TIME OF INSTALLMENT, ALL SHRUBS AND OTHER PLANTINGS HEREWITH LISTED AND APPROVED FOR THIS SITE SHALL BE OF THE PROPER HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOWARD COUNTY LANDSCAPE MANUAL. IN ADDITION, NO SUBSTITUTIONS OR RELOCATION OF REQUIRED PLANTINGS MAY BE MADE WITHOUT PRIOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING. ANY DEVIATION FROM THIS APPROVED LANDSCAPE PLAN MAY RESULT IN DENIAL OR DELAY IN THE RELEASE OF LANDSCAPE SURETY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS ARE PLANTED AND/OR REVISIONS ARE MADE TO APPLICABLE PLANS AND CERTIFICATES.
- SHOULD ANY TREE DESIGNATED FOR PRESERVATION, FOR WHICH LANDSCAPING CREDIT IS GIVEN, DIE PRIOR TO RELEASE OF BONDS, THE OWNER WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPLACE THE TREE WITH THE EQUIVALENT SPECIES OR WITH A TREE WHICH WILL OBTAIN THE SAME HEIGHT, SPREAD, AND GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS. THE REPLACEMENT TREE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 2 1/2 TO 3 INCHES IN CALIPER AND INSTALLED AS REQUIRED IN THE LANDSCAPE MANUAL.
- NO FOREST EXISTS ON SITE. THERE IS ONE SPECIMEN TREE (30" HICKORY) WHICH WILL BE PRESERVED.

Project	date	description	revisions
13-014	JUN. 2014	engineering	
13-014	JUN. 2014	illustration	
13-014	JUN. 2014	MARK	
13-014	JUN. 2014	approval	

**CRESTLEIGH, SECTION TWO, LOT 16**  
 SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED  
 SECOND ELECTION DISTRICT, HOWARD COUNTY, MD. TAX MAP 24, PARCEL 696, GRID 23  
 SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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**STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOIL PREPARATION, TOPSOILING, AND SOIL AMENDMENTS (B-4-2)**

**DEFINITION**  
THE PROCESS OF PREPARING THE SOILS TO SUSTAIN ADEQUATE VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION.

**PURPOSE**  
TO PROVIDE A SUITABLE SOIL MEDIUM FOR VEGETATIVE GROWTH.

**CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES**  
WHERE VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION IS TO BE ESTABLISHED.

- CRITERIA**
- SOIL PREPARATION**
    - TEMPORARY STABILIZATION**
      - SEEDING PREPARATION CONSISTS OF LOOSENING SOIL TO A DEPTH OF 3 TO 5 INCHES BY MEANS OF SUITABLE AGRICULTURAL OR CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS DISC HARROWS OR CHISEL PLOWS OR RIPPERS MOUNTED ON CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. AFTER THE SOIL IS LOOSENED, IT MUST NOT BE ROLLED OR DRAGGED SMOOTH BUT LEFT IN THE ROUGHENED CONDITION. SLOPES 3:1 OR FLATTER ARE TO BE TRACKED WITH RIDGES RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE CONTOUR OF THE SLOPE.
      - APPLY FERTILIZER AND LIME AS PRESCRIBED ON THE PLANS.
      - INCORPORATE LIME AND FERTILIZER INTO THE TOP 3 TO 5 INCHES OF SOIL BY DISKING OR OTHER SUITABLE MEANS.
    - PERMANENT STABILIZATION**
      - A SOIL TEST IS REQUIRED FOR EVERY EARTH DISTURBANCE OF 5 ACRES OR MORE. THE MINIMUM SOIL CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR PERMANENT VEGETATIVE ESTABLISHMENT ARE:
        - SOIL PH BETWEEN 6.0 AND 7.0.
        - SOLUBLE SALTS LESS THAN 500 PARTS PER MILLION (PPM).
        - SOIL CONTAINS LESS THAN 40 PERCENT CLAY BUT ENOUGH FINE GRAINED MATERIAL (GREATER THAN 30 PERCENT SILT PLUS CLAY) TO PROVIDE THE CAPACITY TO HOLD A MODERATE AMOUNT OF MOISTURE. AN EXCEPTION: IF LOW GRASS WILL BE PLANTED, THEN A SANDY SOIL (LESS THAN 30 PERCENT SILT PLUS CLAY) WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.
        - SOIL CONTAINS 15 PERCENT MINIMUM ORGANIC MATTER BY WEIGHT.
        - SOIL CONTAINS SUFFICIENT PORE SPACE TO PERMIT ADEQUATE ROOT PENETRATION.
      - APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS OR TOPSOIL IS REQUIRED IF ON-SITE SOILS DO NOT MEET THE ABOVE CONDITIONS.
      - GRADED AREAS MUST BE MAINTAINED IN A TRUE AND EVEN GRADE AS SPECIFIED ON THE APPROVED PLAN, THEN SCARIFIED OR OTHERWISE LOOSENED TO A DEPTH OF 3 TO 5 FEET.
      - APPLY SOIL AMENDMENTS AS PRESCRIBED ON THE APPROVED PLAN OR AS INDICATED BY THE RESULTS OF SOIL TESTS.
      - MIX SOIL AMENDMENTS INTO THE TOP 3 TO 5 INCHES OF SOIL BY DISKING OR OTHER SUITABLE MEANS. RAKE LAWN TO SMOOTH THE SURFACE. REMOVE LARGE OBJECTS LIKE STONES AND BRANCHES, AND READY THE AREA FOR SEED APPLICATION. LOOSEN SURFACE SOIL BY DRAGGING WITH A HEAVY CHAIN OR OTHER EQUIPMENT TO ROUGHEN THE SURFACE WHERE SITE CONDITIONS WILL NOT PERMIT NORMAL SEEDING OPERATIONS. TRACK EQUIPMENT WITH TRACKED EQUIPMENT LEAVING THE SOIL IN AN UNACCEPTABLE, IRREGULAR CONDITION WITH RIDGES RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE CONTOUR OF THE SLOPE. LEAVE THE TOP 1 TO 3 INCHES OF SOIL LOOSE AND FRAGMENTED. SEEDING LOOSENING MAY BE UNNECESSARY ON NEWLY DISTURBED AREAS.

- TOPSOILING**
  - TOPSOIL IS PLACED OVER SUBSOIL PRIOR TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT VEGETATION. THE PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE A SUITABLE SOIL MEDIUM FOR VEGETATIVE GROWTH, SOILS OF CONCERN HAVE LOW MOISTURE CONTENT, LOW NUTRIENT LEVELS, LOW PH, MATERIALS TOXIC TO PLANTS, AND/OR UNACCEPTABLE SOIL GRADATION.
  - TOPSOIL SALVAGED FROM AN 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 SOIL TYPE CAN BE FOUND IN THE REPRESENTATIVE SOIL PROFILE SECTION IN THE SOIL SURVEY PUBLISHED BY USDA-NRCS.
  - TOPSOILING IS LIMITED TO AREAS HAVING 2:1 OR FLATTER SLOPES WHERE:
    - THE TEXTURE OF THE EXPOSED SUBSOIL/PARENT MATERIAL IS NOT ADEQUATE TO PRODUCE VEGETATIVE GROWTH.
    - THE NATURAL MATERIAL IS SO SHALLOW THAT THE ROOTING ZONE IS NOT DEEP ENOUGH TO SUPPORT PLANTS OR FURNISH CONTINUING SUPPLIES OF MOISTURE AND PLANT NUTRIENTS.
    - THE ORIGINAL SOIL TO BE VEGETATED CONTAINS MATERIAL TOXIC TO PLANT GROWTH.
    - THE SOIL IS SO ACIDIC THAT TREATMENT WITH LIMESTONE IS NOT FEASIBLE.
    - AREAS HAVING SLOPES STEEPER THAN 2:1 REQUIRE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND DESIGN.

- TOPSOIL SPECIFICATIONS**
  - TOPSOIL MUST BE A LOAM, SANDY LOAM, CLAY LOAM, SANDY CLAY LOAM, OR LOAMY SAND. OTHER SOILS MAY BE USED IF RECOMMENDED BY AN AGRICULTURIST OR SOIL SCIENTIST AND APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE APPROVAL AUTHORITY. TOPSOIL MUST NOT BE A MIXTURE OF CONTRASTING TEXTURED SUBSOILS AND MUST CONTAIN LESS THAN 5 PERCENT BY VOLUME OF CINDEHS, STONES, SLAG, COARSE GRAVEL, STICKS, ROOTS, TRASH, OR OTHER MATERIALS LARGER THAN 1 1/2 INCHES IN DIAMETER.
  - TOPSOIL MUST BE FREE OF NOXIOUS PLANTS OR PLANT PARTS SUCH AS BERMUDA GRASS, QUACK GRASS, JOHNSON GRASS, NUT SEDGE, POISON IVY, THISTLE, OR OTHERS AS SPECIFIED.
  - 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.

- TOPSOIL APPLICATION**
  - EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PRACTICES MUST BE MAINTAINED WHEN APPLYING TOPSOIL.
  - UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTE TOPSOIL IN A 5 TO 8 INCH LAYER AND LIGHTLY COMPACT TO A MINIMUM THICKNESS OF 4 INCHES. SPREADING IS TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT SODDING OR SEEDING CAN PROCEED WITH A MINIMUM OF ADDITIONAL SOIL PREPARATION AND TOEAGE. ANY IRREGULARITIES IN THE SURFACE RESULTING FROM TOPSOILING OR OTHER OPERATIONS MUST BE CORRECTED IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE FORMATION OF DEPRESSIONS OR WATER POCKETS.
  - TOPSOIL MUST NOT BE PLACED IN THE TOPSOIL OR SUBSOIL IS IN A FROZEN OR MUDDY CONDITION, WHEN THE SUBSTRATE IS FROZEN OR IN A CONDITION THAT MAY OTHERWISE BE DETRIMENTAL TO PROPER GRADING AND SEEDING PREPARATION.

- SOIL AMENDMENTS (FERTILIZER AND LIME SPECIFICATIONS)**
  - SOIL TESTS MUST BE PERFORMED TO DETERMINE THE EXACT RATES AND APPLICATION RATES FOR BOTH LIME AND FERTILIZER ON SITES HAVING DISTURBED AREAS OF 5 ACRES OR MORE. SOIL ANALYSIS MAY BE PERFORMED BY A RECOGNIZED PRIVATE OR COMMERCIAL LABORATORY. SOIL SAMPLES TAKEN FOR ENGINEERING PURPOSES MAY ALSO BE USED FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSES.
  - FERTILIZERS MUST BE UNIFORM IN COMPOSITION, FINE FLOWING AND SUITABLE FOR ACCURATE APPLICATION BY APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT. MANURE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR FERTILIZER WITH APPROVAL FROM THE APPROPRIATE APPROVAL AUTHORITY. FERTILIZERS MUST ALL BE DELIVERED TO THE SITE FULLY LABELED ACCORDING TO THE APPLICABLE LAWS AND MUST BEAR THE NAME, TRADE NAME OR TRADEMARK AND WARRANTY OF THE PRODUCER.
  - LIME MATERIALS MUST BE GROUND LIMESTONE (HYDRATED OR BURNT LIME MAY BE SUBSTITUTED EXCEPT WHEN HYDROSEEDING) WHICH CONTAINS AT LEAST 50 PERCENT TOTAL OXIDE (CALCIUM OXIDE PLUS MAGNESIUM OXIDE). LIMESTONE MUST BE GROUND TO SUCH FINENESS THAT AT LEAST 50 PERCENT WILL PASS THROUGH A #100 MESH SIEVE AND 98 TO 100 PERCENT WILL PASS THROUGH A #20 MESH SIEVE.
  - LIME AND FERTILIZER ARE TO BE EVENLY DISTRIBUTED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE TOP 3 TO 5 INCHES OF SOIL BY DISKING OR OTHER SUITABLE MEANS.
  - WHERE THE SUBSOIL IS EITHER HIGHLY ACIDIC OR COMPOSED OF HEAVY CLAYS, SPREAD GROUND LIMESTONE AT THE RATE OF 4 TO 8 TONS/ACRE (200-400 POUNDS PER 1,000 SQUARE FEET) PRIOR TO THE PLACEMENT OF TOPSOIL.

- TEMPORARY STABILIZATION**
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  - FERTILIZERS MUST BE UNIFORM IN COMPOSITION, FINE FLOWING AND SUITABLE FOR ACCURATE APPLICATION BY APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT. MANURE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR FERTILIZER WITH APPROVAL FROM THE APPROPRIATE APPROVAL AUTHORITY. FERTILIZERS MUST ALL BE DELIVERED TO THE SITE FULLY LABELED ACCORDING TO THE APPLICABLE LAWS AND MUST BEAR THE NAME, TRADE NAME OR TRADEMARK AND WARRANTY OF THE PRODUCER.
  - LIME MATERIALS MUST BE GROUND LIMESTONE (HYDRATED OR BURNT LIME MAY BE SUBSTITUTED EXCEPT WHEN HYDROSEEDING) WHICH CONTAINS AT LEAST 50 PERCENT TOTAL OXIDE (CALCIUM OXIDE PLUS MAGNESIUM OXIDE). LIMESTONE MUST BE GROUND TO SUCH FINENESS THAT AT LEAST 50 PERCENT WILL PASS THROUGH A #100 MESH SIEVE AND 98 TO 100 PERCENT WILL PASS THROUGH A #20 MESH SIEVE.
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**STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SEEDING AND MULCHING (B-4-3)**

**DEFINITION**  
THE APPLICATION OF SEED AND MULCH TO ESTABLISH VEGETATIVE COVER.

**PURPOSE**  
TO PROTECT DISTURBED SOILS FROM EROSION DURING AND AT THE END OF CONSTRUCTION.

**CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES**  
TO THE SURFACE OF ALL PERIMETER CONTROLS, SLOPES, AND ANY DISTURBED AREA NOT UNDER ACTIVE GRADING.

- CRITERIA**
- SEEDING**
    - SPECIFICATIONS**
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      - MULCHING AND HYDROSEEDING ARE REQUIRED TO BURY THE SEED IN SUCH A FASHION AS TO PREVENT THE SEED FROM BEING FROZEN. THE APPROPRIATE SEEDING MIXTURE MUST BE APPLIED WHEN THE GROUND THAW IS LOCATED. THE INOCULANT FOR TREATING LEGUME SEED IN THE SEED MIXTURES MUST BE A PURE CULTURE OF NITROGEN FIXING BACTERIA SPECIFICALLY FOR THE SPECIES. INOCULANTS MUST NOT BE USED IN QUANTITIES LESS THAN THE DATE INDICATED ON THE CONTAINER. ADD FRESH INOCULANTS AS DIRECTED ON THE PACKAGE. USE FOUR TIMES THE RECOMMENDED RATE WHEN HYDROSEEDING. NOTE: IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP INOCULANT AS COOL AS POSSIBLE UNTIL USED. TEMPERATURES ABOVE 75 TO 80 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT CAN WEAKEN BACTERIA AND MAKE THE INOCULANT LESS EFFECTIVE.
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    - APPLICATION**
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        - CULTIPACKER SEEDERS ARE REQUIRED TO BURY THE SEED IN SUCH A FASHION AS TO PROVIDE AT LEAST 1/4 INCH OF SOIL COVERING. SEEDING MUST BE FIRM AFTER PLANTING.
        - APPLY SEED IN TWO DIRECTIONS, PERPENDICULAR TO EACH OTHER. APPLY HALF THE SEEDING RATE IN EACH DIRECTION.
      - HYDROSEEDING: APPLY SEED UNIFORMLY WITH HYDROSEEDER (SLURRY INCLUDES SEED AND FERTILIZER).
        - IF FERTILIZER IS BEING APPLIED AT THE TIME OF SEEDING, THE APPLICATION RATES SHOULD NOT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SOIL NUTRIENT: NITROGEN; P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (PHOSPHORUS); K<sub>2</sub>O (POTASSIUM); 200 POUNDS PER ACRE.
        - LIME: USE ONLY GROUND AGRICULTURAL LIMESTONE. 200 POUNDS PER ACRE MAY BE APPLIED BY HYDROSEEDING. NORMALLY, NOT MORE THAN 2 TONS ARE APPLIED BY HYDROSEEDING AT ANY ONE TIME. DO NOT USE BURNT OR HYDRATED LIME WHEN HYDROSEEDING.
        - MIX SEED AND FERTILIZER ON SITE AND SEED IMMEDIATELY AND WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.
        - WHEN HYDROSEEDING IS USED DO NOT INCORPORATE SEED INTO THE SOIL.

- MULCHING**
  - MULCH MATERIALS (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE)**
    - STRAW CONSISTING OF THRESHED WHEAT, RYE, OAT, OR BARLEY AND REASONABLY BRIGHT IN COLOR. STRAW IS TO BE FREE OF NOXIOUS WEED SEEDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE MARYLAND SEED LAW AND NOT MUSTY, MOLDY, CAKED, DECAYED, OR EXCESSIVELY DUSTY. NOTE: USE ONLY STERILE STRAW MULCH IN USDA-NRCS AREAS WHERE ONE SPECIES OF GRASS IS DESIRED.
    - WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER MULCH (WCFM) CONSISTING OF SPECIALLY PREPARED WOOD CELLULOSE PROCESSED INTO A UNIFORM FIBROUS PHYSICAL STATE.
      - WCFM IS TO BE DYED GREEN OR CONTAIN A GREEN DYE IN THE PACKAGE THAT WILL PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE VISUAL INDICATION OF THE UNIFORMITY OF SPREAD SLURRY.
      - WCFM, INCLUDING DYE, MUST CONTAIN NO GERMINATION OR GROWTH INHIBITING FACTORS.
      - WCFM MATERIALS ARE TO BE MANUFACTURED AND PROCESSED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER BINDER IS UNDER AGRICULTURAL USE IN WATER UNDER AGITATION AND BLEND WITH SEED, FERTILIZER AND OTHER ADDITIVES TO FORM A HOMOGENEOUS SLURRY. THE MULCH MATERIAL MUST FORM A BLOTTER-LIKE GROUND COVER. ON APPLICATION, HAVING MOISTURE ABSORPTION AND PERMEABILITY CHARACTERISTICS THAT COVER AND HOLD GRASS SEED IN CONTACT WITH THE SOIL WITHOUT INHIBITING THE GROWTH OF THE GRASS SEEDINGS.
      - WCFM MATERIAL MUST NOT CONTAIN ELEMENTS OR COMPOUNDS AT CONCENTRATION LEVELS THAT WILL BE PHYTO-TOXIC.
      - WCFM MUST CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: FIBER LENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY 10 MILLIMETERS, DIAMETER APPROXIMATELY 1 MILLIMETER, PH RANGE OF 4.0 TO 8.5, ASH CONTENT OF 1.6 PERCENT MAXIMUM AND WATER HOLDING CAPACITY OF 90 PERCENT MINIMUM.
  - APPLICATION**
    - APPLY MULCH TO ALL SEEDED AREAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER SEEDING.
    - WHEN STRAW MULCH IS USED, SPREAD AT THE RATE OF 2 TONS PER ACRE TO A UNIFORM LOOSE DEPTH OF 1 TO 2 INCHES. APPLY MULCH TO ACHIEVE A UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION AND DEPTH SO THAT THE SOIL SURFACE IS NOT EXPOSED. WHEN USING A MULCH ANCHORING TOOL, INCREASE THE APPLICATION RATE TO 2.5 TONS PER ACRE.
    - WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER USED AS MULCH MUST BE APPLIED AT A NET DRY WEIGHT OF 1500 POUNDS PER ACRE. MIX THE WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER WITH WATER TO ATTAIN A MIXTURE WITH A MAXIMUM OF 50 POUNDS OF WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER PER 100 GALLONS OF WATER.

- ANCHORING**
  - PERFORM MULCH ANCHORING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING APPLICATION OF MULCH TO MINIMIZE LOSS BY WIND OR WATER. THIS MAY BE DONE BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS (LISTED BY PREFERENCE), DEPENDING UPON THE SIZE OF THE AREA AND SOIL TYPE:
    - A MULCH ANCHORING TOOL IS A TRACTOR DRAWN IMPLEMENT DESIGNED TO PUNCH AND ANCHOR MULCH INTO THE SOIL SURFACE A MINIMUM OF 2 INCHES. THIS PRACTICE IS MOST EFFECTIVE ON LARGE AREAS, BUT IS LIMITED TO FLATTER SLOPES WHERE EQUIPMENT CAN OPERATE SAFELY. IF USED ON SLOPING LAND, THE ANCHORING TOOL MUST BE OPERATED UP THE SLOPE.
    - WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER MAY BE USED FOR ANCHORING STRAW. APPLY THE FIBER BINDER AT A NET DRY WEIGHT OF 750 POUNDS PER ACRE. MIX THE WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER WITH WATER AT A MAXIMUM OF 50 POUNDS OF WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER PER 100 GALLONS OF WATER.
    - SYNTHETIC BINDERS SUCH AS ACRYLIC DLR (AGRO-TACK), DCA-70, PETROSET, TERRA TAX II, TERRA TACK OR OTHER APPROVED EQUIPMENT MAY BE USED. FOLLOW APPLICATION RATES AS SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER. APPLICATION OF LIQUID BINDERS NEEDS TO BE HEAVIER AT THE EDGES WHERE WIND CATCHES MULCH, SUCH AS IN VALLEYS AND ON CRESTS OF BANKS.
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  - LIGHTWEIGHT PLASTIC NETTING MAY BE STAPLED OVER THE MULCH ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURER RECOMMENDATIONS. NETTING IS USUALLY AVAILABLE IN ROLLS 4 TO 15 FEET WIDE AND 300 TO 3,000 FEET LONG.

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      - MIX SEED AND FERTILIZER ON SITE AND SEED IMMEDIATELY AND WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.
      - WHEN HYDROSEEDING IS USED DO NOT INCORPORATE SEED INTO THE SOIL.

- MULCHING**
  - MULCH MATERIALS (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE)**
    - STRAW CONSISTING OF THRESHED WHEAT, RYE, OAT, OR BARLEY AND REASONABLY BRIGHT IN COLOR. STRAW IS TO BE FREE OF NOXIOUS WEED SEEDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE MARYLAND SEED LAW AND NOT MUSTY, MOLDY, CAKED, DECAYED, OR EXCESSIVELY DUSTY. NOTE: USE ONLY STERILE STRAW MULCH IN USDA-NRCS AREAS WHERE ONE SPECIES OF GRASS IS DESIRED.
    - WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER MULCH (WCFM) CONSISTING OF SPECIALLY PREPARED WOOD CELLULOSE PROCESSED INTO A UNIFORM FIBROUS PHYSICAL STATE.
      - WCFM IS TO BE DYED GREEN OR CONTAIN A GREEN DYE IN THE PACKAGE THAT WILL PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE VISUAL INDICATION OF THE UNIFORMITY OF SPREAD SLURRY.
      - WCFM, INCLUDING DYE, MUST CONTAIN NO GERMINATION OR GROWTH INHIBITING FACTORS.
      - WCFM MATERIALS ARE TO BE MANUFACTURED AND PROCESSED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER BINDER IS UNDER AGRICULTURAL USE IN WATER UNDER AGITATION AND BLEND WITH SEED, FERTILIZER AND OTHER ADDITIVES TO FORM A HOMOGENEOUS SLURRY. THE MULCH MATERIAL MUST FORM A BLOTTER-LIKE GROUND COVER. ON APPLICATION, HAVING MOISTURE ABSORPTION AND PERMEABILITY CHARACTERISTICS THAT COVER AND HOLD GRASS SEED IN CONTACT WITH THE SOIL WITHOUT INHIBITING THE GROWTH OF THE GRASS SEEDINGS.
      - WCFM MATERIAL MUST NOT CONTAIN ELEMENTS OR COMPOUNDS AT CONCENTRATION LEVELS THAT WILL BE PHYTO-TOXIC.
      - WCFM MUST CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: FIBER LENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY 10 MILLIMETERS, DIAMETER APPROXIMATELY 1 MILLIMETER, PH RANGE OF 4.0 TO 8.5, ASH CONTENT OF 1.6 PERCENT MAXIMUM AND WATER HOLDING CAPACITY OF 90 PERCENT MINIMUM.
  - APPLICATION**
    - APPLY MULCH TO ALL SEEDED AREAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER SEEDING.
    - WHEN STRAW MULCH IS USED, SPREAD AT THE RATE OF 2 TONS PER ACRE TO A UNIFORM LOOSE DEPTH OF 1 TO 2 INCHES. APPLY MULCH TO ACHIEVE A UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION AND DEPTH SO THAT THE SOIL SURFACE IS NOT EXPOSED. WHEN USING A MULCH ANCHORING TOOL, INCREASE THE APPLICATION RATE TO 2.5 TONS PER ACRE.
    - WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER USED AS MULCH MUST BE APPLIED AT A NET DRY WEIGHT OF 1500 POUNDS PER ACRE. MIX THE WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER WITH WATER TO ATTAIN A MIXTURE WITH A MAXIMUM OF 50 POUNDS OF WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER PER 100 GALLONS OF WATER.

- ANCHORING**
  - PERFORM MULCH ANCHORING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING APPLICATION OF MULCH TO MINIMIZE LOSS BY WIND OR WATER. THIS MAY BE DONE BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS (LISTED BY PREFERENCE), DEPENDING UPON THE SIZE OF THE AREA AND SOIL TYPE:
    - A MULCH ANCHORING TOOL IS A TRACTOR DRAWN IMPLEMENT DESIGNED TO PUNCH AND ANCHOR MULCH INTO THE SOIL SURFACE A MINIMUM OF 2 INCHES. THIS PRACTICE IS MOST EFFECTIVE ON LARGE AREAS, BUT IS LIMITED TO FLATTER SLOPES WHERE EQUIPMENT CAN OPERATE SAFELY. IF USED ON SLOPING LAND, THE ANCHORING TOOL MUST BE OPERATED UP THE SLOPE.</