UTILITY NOTES

1. CONTRACTOR SHOULD OPEN ONLY THAT SECTION OF TRENCH THAT CAN BE BACKFILLED AND STABILIZED EACH DAY.
2. PLACE ALL EXCAVATED MATERIAL ON UPHILL SIDE OF TRENCH.
3. ANY SEDIMENT CONTROLS DISTURBED BY UTILITY CONSTRUCTION ARE TO BE REPAIRED IMMEDIATELY.

GRADING NOTE

1. NO ADJUSTMENT OR CHANGES IN GRADE WILL BE PERMITTED.
2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL STABILIZE THE SITE AT THE END OF EACH DAY'S WORK.

SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL GENERAL NOTES

1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL STAKE THE LIMITS OF THE DISTURBED AREAS AND NOTIFY THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION, LICENSES AND PERMITS, SEDIMENT CONTROL DIVISION (313-1855) AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK.
2. REFER TO "1994 MARYLAND STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL" FOR STANDARD DETAILS AND DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS OF EACH PRACTICE SPECIFIED HEREIN.
3. ALL VEGETATIVE AND STRUCTURAL PRACTICES ARE TO BE INSTALLED ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PLAN AND ARE TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE 1994 MARYLAND STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL AND REVISIONS THERETO.
4. AT THE END OF EACH WORKING DAY, ALL SEDIMENT CONTROL PRACTICES WILL BE INSPECTED AND LEFT IN OPERATIONAL CONDITION.
5. ALL DISTURBED AREAS MUST BE STABILIZED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED ABOVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1994 MARYLAND STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL FOR PERMANENT SEEDING, SOD, TEMPORARY SEEDING, AND MULCHING (SEC. 0). TEMPORARY STABILIZATION WITH MULCH ALONE SHALL ONLY BE DONE WHEN RECOMMENDED SEEDING DATES DO NOT ALLOW FOR PROPER GERMINATION AND ESTABLISHED OF GRASSES.
6. DUST CONTROL WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL DISTURBED AREAS. REFER TO "1994 MARYLAND STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL", PG H-30-1, FOR ACCEPTABLE METHODS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR DUST CONTROL.
7. 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.
8. SITE ANALYSIS:

AREA DISTURBED	10.90 ACRES
AREA TO BE VEGATATIVELY STABILIZED	10.90 ACRES
TOTAL CUT	15,000 CU. YARDS
TOTAL FILL	15,000 CU. YARDS

OFFSITE WASTE AREA LOCATIONS TO HAVE ACTIVE GRADING PERMIT.

9. ANY SEDIMENT CONTROL PRACTICE WHICH IS DISTURBED BY GRADING ACTIVITY FOR PLACEMENT OF UTILITIES MUST BE REPAIRED ON THE SAME DAY OF DISTURBANCE.
10. ADDITIONAL SEDIMENT CONTROLS MUST BE PROVIDED, IF DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE HOWARD COUNTY SEDIMENT CONTROL INSPECTOR.
11. SITE GRADING WILL BEGIN ONLY AFTER PERIMETER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AND ARE IN FUNCTIONING CONDITION.
12. CUT AND FILL QUANTITIES PROVIDED UNDER SITE ANALYSIS DO NOT REPRESENT BID QUANTITIES. THESE QUANTITIES DO NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TOPSOIL, STRUCTURAL FILL OT EMBANKMENT MATERIAL, NOR DO THEY REFLECT CONSIDERATION OF UNDERCUTTING OR REMOVAL OR UNSUITABLE MATERIAL. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH SITE CONDITIONS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE WORK.
13. EXISTING UTILITIES HAVE BEEN LOCATED FROM THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE AND ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY.

SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1)	NOTIFY HOWARD COUNTY BUREAU OF ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION DIVISION (410-313-1810) AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK ON-SITE AND OBTAIN GRADING PERMIT.	1 DAY
2)	CLEAR AND GRUB FOR SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES OR DEVICES ONLY.	20 DAYS
3)	INSTALL ALL SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES AND DEVICES INCLUDING STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE.	25 DAYS
4)	NOTIFY HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS UPON COMPLETION OF SAID INSTALLATION.	1 DAY
5)	WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION DIVISION, CLEAR AND GRUB THE REMAINDER OF THE SITE.	25 DAYS
6)	COMMENCE EXCAVATION AND INSTALLATION OF SEWER INTERCEPTOR. OPEN TRENCH SHALL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) PIPE LENGTHS OR THAT LENGTH OF TRENCH WHICH CAN BE BACKFILLED AND STABILIZED AT THE END OF THE WORKING DAY.	350 DAYS
7)	STABILIZE ALL DISTURBED AREAS.	21 DAYS
8)	WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE SEDIMENT CONTROL INSPECTOR, REMOVE STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE.	6 DAYS
9)	FOLLOWING APPROVAL FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION DIVISION, REMOVE ALL REMAINING SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES AND STABILIZE ANY REMAINING AREAS.	10 DAYS

21.0 STANDARD 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 VEGETATIVE 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

I. 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 VEGETATIVE 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.

II. 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

I. TOPSOIL SALVAGED FROM THE EXISTING SITE MAY BE USED PROVIDED THAT 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-SCS IN COOPERATION WITH MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTATION STATION.

II. 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 TEXTURED SUBSOILS AND SHALL CONTAIN LESS THAN 5% BY VOLUME OF CINDERS, STONES, SLAG, COARSE FRAGMENTS, GRAVEL, STICKS, ROOTS, TRASH, OR OTHER MATERIALS LARGER THAN 11" IN DIAMETER.
   ii. TOPSOIL MUST BE FREE OF PLANTS OR PLANT PARTS SUCH AS BERMUDA GRASS, QUACKGRASS, JOHNSONGRASS, NUTSEDGE, POISON IVY, THISTLE, OR OTHERS AS SPECIFIED.
   iii. WHERE SUBSOIL IS EITHER HIGHLY ACIDIC OR COMPOSED OF HEAVY CLAYS. 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.

III. FOR SITES HAVING DISTURBED AREAS UNDER 5 ACRES:
   i. PLACE TOPSOIL (IF REQUIRED) AND APPLY SOIL AMENDMENTS AS SPECIFIED IN 20.0 VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION – SECTION I – VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION METHODS AND MATERIALS.

IV. FOR SITES HAVING DISTURBED AREAS OVER 5 ACRES:
   i. ON SOIL MEETING TOPSOIL SPECIFICATIONS, OBTAIN TEST RESULTS DICTATING 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 SOD 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 PHYTO-TOXIC MATERIALS.

NOTE: TOPSOIL SUBSTITUTES TO 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.
   i. PLACE TOPSOIL (IF REQUIRED) AND APPLY SOIL AMENDMENTS AS SPECIFIED IN 20.0 VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION – SECTION I – VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION METHODS AND MATERIALS.

V. TOPSOIL APPLICATION
   I. WHEN TOPSOILING, MAINTAIN NEEDED EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PRACTICES SUCH AS DIVERSIONS, GRADE STABILIZATION STRUCTURES, EARTH DIKES, SLOPE SILT FENCE AND SEDIMENT TRAPS AND BASINS.
   II. GRADES ON THE AREAS TO BE TOPSOILED, WHICH HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED, SHALL BE MAINTAINED, ALBEIT 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 TOPSOILING 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.
   V. ALTERNATIVE FOR PERMANENT SEEDING – INSTEAD OF APPLYING THE FULL AMOUNTS OF LIME AND COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER, COMPOSTED SLUDGE AND AMENDMENTS MAY BE APPLIED AS SPECIFIED BELOW:
      I. COMPOSTED SLUDGE MATERIAL FOR USE AS A SOIL CONDITIONER FOR SITES HAVING DISTURBED AREAS OVER 5 ACRES SHALL BE TESTED TO PRESCRIBE AMENDMENTS AND FOR SITE HAVING DISTURBED AREAS UNDER 5 ACRES SHALL CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:
         a. COMPOSTED SLUDGE SHALL BE SUPPLIED BY, OR ORIGINATE FROM, A PERSON OR PERSONS THAT ARE PERMITTED (AT THE TIME OF ACQUISITION OF THE COMPOST) BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT UNDER COMAR 26.04.06.
         b. COMPOSTED SLUDGE SHALL CONTAIN AT LEAST 1 PERCENT NITROGEN, 1.5 PERCENT PHOSPHORUS, AND 0.2 PERCENT POTASSIUM AND HAVE A PH OF 7.0 TO 8.0. IF COMPOST DOES NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS, THE APPROPRIATE CONSTITUENTS MUST BE ADDED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO USE.
         c. COMPOSTED SLUDGE SHALL BE APPLIED AT A RATE OF 1 TON/1,000 SQUARE FEET.
         d. COMPOSTED SLUDGE SHALL BE AMENDED WITH A POTASSIUM FERTILIZER APPLIED AT THE RATE OF 4 LB/1,000 SQUARE FEET, AND 1/3 THE NORMAL LIME APPLICATION RATE.

REFERENCES: GUIDELINE SPECIFICATIONS, SOIL PREPARATION AND SODDING. MD-VA, PUB. #1, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTES. REVISED 1973.

20.0 VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION

SECTION I VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION METHODS AND MATERIALS

A. SITE PREPARATION

i. INSTALL SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES (EITHER TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT) SUCH AS DIVERSIONS, GRADE STABILIZATION STRUCTURES, BERMS, WATERWAYS OR SEDIMENT CONTROL BASINS

ii. PERFORM ALL GRADING OPERATIONS AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE SLOPE. FINAL GRADING AND SHAPING IS NOT USUALLY NECESSARY FOR TEMPORARY SEEDING.

iii. SCHEDULE REQUIRED SOIL TESTS TO DETERMINE SOIL AMENDMENT COMPOSITION AND APPLICATION RATES FOR SITES HAVING DISTURBED AREA OVER 5 ACRES.

B. SOIL AMENDMENTS (FERTILIZER AND LIME SPECIFICATIONS):

i. SOIL TESTS MUST BE PERFORMED TO DETERMINE THE EXACT RATIOS AND APPLICATION RATES FOR BOTH LIME AND FERTILIZER ON SITES HAVING DISTURBED AREAS OVER 5 ACRES. SOIL ANALYSIS MAY BE PERFORMED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND OR A RECOGNIZED COMMERCIAL LABORATORY. SOIL SAMPLES TAKEN FOR ENGINEERING PURPOSES MAY ALSO BE USED FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

ii. FERTILIZERS SHALL BE UNIFORM IN COMPOSITION. FREE FLOWING AND SUITABLE FOR ACCURATE APPLICATION BY APPROVED EQUIPMENT. MANURE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR FERTILIZER WITH PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE APPROPRIATE APPROVAL AUTHORITY. FERTILIZERS SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE SITE FULLY LABELED ACCORDING TO THE APPLICABLE STATE FERTILIZER LAWS AND SHALL BEAR THE NAME, TRADE NAME OR TRADEMARK AND WARRANTEE OF THE PRODUCER.

iii. LIME MATERIAL SHALL BE GROUND LIMESTONE (HYDRATED OR BURNT LIME MAY BE SUBSTITUTED) WHICH CONTAINS AT LEAST 50 % TOTAL OXIDES (CALCIUM OXIDE PLUS MAGNESIUM OXIDE). LIMESTONE SHALL BE GROUND TO SUCH FINENESS THAT AT LEAST 50 % WILL PASS THROUGH A #100 MESH SIEVE AND 98-100 % WILL PASS THROUGH A #20 MESH SIEVE.

iv. INCORPORATE LIME AND FERTILIZER INTO THE TOP 3-5" OF SOIL BY DISKING OR OTHER SUITABLE MEANS.

C. SEEDBED PREPARATION:

i. TEMPORARY SEEDING
   a. SEEDBED PREPARATION SHALL CONSIST OF LOOSENING SOIL, AT A DEPTH OF 3-6" 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 SHOULD NOT BE ROLLED OR DRAGGED SMOOTH BUT LEFT IN THE ROUGHEST CONDITION. SLOPED AREA (GREATER THAN 3:1) SHOULD BE TRACKED LEAVING THE SURFACE IN AN IRREGULAR CONDITION WITH RIDGES RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE CONTOUR OF THE SLOPE.
   b. APPLY FERTILIZER AND LIME AS PRESCRIBED ON THE PLANS.
   c. INCORPORATE LIME AND FERTILIZER INTO THE 3-5" OF SOIL BY DISKING OR OTHER SUITABLE MEANS.

ii. PERMANENT SEEDING.
   a. MINIMUM SOIL CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR PERMANENT VEGETATIVE ESTABLISHMENT:
      1. SOIL PH SHALL BE BETWEEN 6.0 AND 7.0.
      2. SOLUBLE SALTS SHALL BE LESS THAN 500 PARTS PER MILLION (PPM).
      3. THE SOIL SHALL CONTAIN LESS THAN 40 SILT PLUS CLAY) TO PROVIDE THE CAPACITY TO HOLD A MODERATE AMOUNT OF MOISTURE. AN EXCEPTION IF LOVEGRASS OR SERECIA LESPEDEZA IS TO BE PLANTED, THEN A SANDY SOIL (<30 SILT PLUS CLAY) WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.
      4. SOIL SHALL CONTAIN 1.5
      5. SOIL MUST CONTAIN SUFFICIENT PORE SPACE TO PERMIT ADEQUATE ROOT PENETRATION.
      6. IF THESE CONDITIONS CANNOT BE MET BY SOILS ON SITE, ADDING TOPSOIL IS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 21 STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR TOPSOIL.
   b. AREAS PREVIOUSLY GRADED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE DRAWINGS SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A TRUE AND EVEN GRADE, THEN SCARIFIED OR OTHERWISE LOOSENED TO A DEPTH OF 3-5" TO PERMIT BONDING OF THE TOPSOIL TO THE SURFACE AREA AND TO CREATE HORIZONTAL EROSION CHECK SLOTS TO PREVENT TOPSOIL FROM SLIDING DOWN A SLOPE.
   c. APPLY SOIL AMENDMENTS AS PER SOIL TEST OR AS INCLUDED ON THE PLANS.
   d. MIX SOIL AMENDMENTS INTO THE TOP 3-5" OF TOPSOIL BY DISKING OR OTHER SUITABLE MEANS. LAWN AREAS SHOULD BE RAKED TO SMOOTH THE SURFACE, REMOVE LARGE OBJECTS SUCH AS STONES AND BRANCHES, AND READY THE AREA FOR SEED APPLICATION. WHERE SITE CONDITIONS WILL NOT PERMIT NORMAL SEEDBED PREPARATION, LOOSEN SURFACE SOIL BY DRAGGING WITH A HEAVY CHAIN OR OTHER EQUIPMENT TO ROUGHEN THE SURFACE. STEEP SLOPES (GREATER THAN 3:1) SHOULD BE TRACKED BY A DOZER LEAVING THE SOIL IN AN IRREGULAR CONDITION WITH RIDGES RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE CONTOUR OF THE SLOPE. THE TOP 1-3" OF SOIL SHOULD BE LOOSE AND FRIABLE. SEEDBED LOOSENING MAY NOT BE NECESSARY ON NEWLY DISTURBED AREAS.

D. SEED SPECIFICATIONS

i. ALL SEED MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARYLAND STATE SEED LAW. ALL SEED SHALL BE SUBJECT TO RE-TESTING BY A RECOGNIZED SEED LABORATORY. ALL SEED USED SHALL HAVE BEEN TESTED WITHIN THE 6 MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF SOWING SUCH MATERIAL ON THIS JOB.
   NOTE: SEED TAGS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE INSPECTOR TO VERIFY TYPE AND RATE OF SEED USED.

ii. INOCULANT – THE INOCULATION FOR TREATING LEGUME SEEDS IN THE MIXTURE SHALL BE A PURE CULTURE OF NITROGEN-FIXING BACTERIA PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR THE SPECIES. INOCULANTS SHALL NOT BE USED LATER THAN THE DATE INDICATED ON THE CONTAINER. ADD FRESH INOCULANT AS DIRECTED ON PACKAGE. USE FOUR TIMES THE RECOMMENDED RATE WHEN HYDROSEEDING. NOTE: IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP INOCULANT AS COOL AS POSSIBLE UNTIL USED. TEMPERATURES ABOVE 75-80F CAN WEAKEN BACTERIA AND MAKE THE INOCULANT LESS EFFECTIVE.

E. METHODS OF SEEDING:

i. HYDROSEEDING: APPLY SEED UNIFORMLY WITH HYDROSEEDER (SLURRY INCLUDES SEED AND FERTILIZER). BROADCAST OR DROP SEEDER, OR A CULTIPACKER SEEDER.
   a. IF FERTILIZER IS BEING APPLIED AT THE TIME OF SEEDING, THE APPLICATION AMOUNTS WILL NOT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING: NITROGEN, MAXIMUM OF 100 LB TOTAL OF SOLUBLE NITROGEN; P205 (PHOSPHOROUS): 200 LBS./AC. K20 (POTASSIUM): 200 LBS/AC.
   b. LIME – USE ONLY GROUND AGRICULTURAL LIMESTONE (UP TO 3 TONS 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.
   c. SEED AND FERTILIZER SHALL BE MIXED ON SITE AND SEEDING SHALL BE DONE IMMEDIATELY AND WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

II. DRYSEEDING: THIS INCLUDES USE OF CONVENTIONAL, DROP OR BROADCAST SPREADERS.
   a. SEED SPREAD DRY SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE SUBSOIL AT THE RATES PRESCRIBED FOR TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT SEEDING. THE SEEDED AREA SHALL THEN BE ROLLED WITH A WEIGHTED ROLLER TO PROVIDE GOOD SEED TO SOIL CONTACT.
   b. WHERE PRACTICAL, SEED SHOULD BE APPLIED IN TWO DIRECTIONS PERPENDICULAR TO EACH OTHER. APPLY HALF THE SEEDING RATE IN EACH DIRECTION.

III. DRILL OR CULTIPACKER SEEDING. MECHANIZED SEEDERS THAT APPLY AND COVER SEED WITH SOIL.
   a. CULTIPACKING SEEDERS ARE REQUIRED TO BURY THE SEED IN SUCH A FASHION AS TO PROVIDE AT LEAST 1/4 INCH OF SOIL COVERING. SEEDBED MUST BE FIRM AFTER PLANTING.
   b. WHERE PRACTICAL, SEED SHOULD BE APPLIED IN TWO DIRECTIONS PERPENDICULAR TO EACH OTHER. APPLY HALF THE SEEDING RATE IN EACH DIRECTION.

F. MULCH SPECIFICATIONS (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE)

I. STRAW SHALL CONSIST OF THOROUGHLY THRESHED WHEAT, RYE, OR OAT STRAW. REASONABLY BRIGHT IN COLOR AND SHALL NOT BE MUSTY, MOLDY, CAKED, DECAYED, OR EXCESSIVELY DUSTY, AND SHALL BE FREE OF NOXIOUS WEED SEEDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE MARYLAND SEED LAW.

II. WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER MULCH (WCFM)
   a. WCFM SHALL CONSIST OF SPECIALLY PREPARED WOOD CELLULOSE PROCESSED INTO A UNIFORM FIBROUS PHYSICAL STATE.
   b. WCFM SHALL BE DYED GREEN OR CONTAIN A GREEN DYE IN A PACKAGE THAT WILL PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE COLOR TO FACILITATE VISUAL INSPECTION OF THE UNIFORMLY SPREAD SLURRY.
   c. WCFM, INCLUDING DYE, SHALL CONTAIN NO GERMINATION OR GROWTH INHIBITING FACTORS.
   d. WCFM MATERIALS SHALL BE MANUFACTURED AND PROCESSED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER MULCH WILL REMAIN IN UNIFORM SUSPENSION IN WATER UNDER AGITATION AND WILL BLEND WITH SEED, FERTILIZER AND OTHER ADDITIVES TO FORM A HOMOGENEOUS SLURRY. THE MULCH MATERIAL SHALL FORM A BLOTTER-LIKE GROUND COVER, ON APPLICATION, HAVING MOISTURE ABSORPTION AND PERCOLATION PROPERTIES AND SHALL COVER AND HOLD GRASS SEED IN CONTACT WITH THE SOIL WITHOUT INHIBITING THE GROWTH OF THE GRASS SEEDLINGS.
   e. WCFM MATERIAL SHALL CONTAIN NO ELEMENTS OR COMPOUNDS AT CONCENTRATION LEVELS WHAT WILL BE PHYTO-TOXIC.
   f. WCFM MUST CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: FIBER LENGTH TO APPROXIMATELY 10 MM. DIAMETER APPROXIMATELY 1MM, PH RANGE OF 4.0 TO 8.5, ASH CONTENT OF 1.6% MAXIMUM AND WATER HOLDING CAPACITY OF 90% MINIMUM.
   NOTE: ONLY STERILE STRAW MULCH SHOULD BE USED IN AREA WHERE ONE SPECIES OF GRASS IS DESIRED.

G. MULCHING SEEDED AREAS – MULCH SHALL BE APPLIED TO ALL SEEDED AREAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER SEEDING.

i. IF GRADING IS COMPLETED OUTSIDE THE SEEDING SEASON, MULCH ALONE SHALL BE APPLIED AS PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION AND MAINTAINED UNTIL THE SEEDING SEASON RETURNS AND SEEDING CAN BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE SPECIFICATIONS.

ii. WHEN STRAW MULCH IS USED, IT SHALL BE SPREAD OVER ALL SEEDED AREAS AT THE RATE OF 2 TONS/ACRE. MULCH SHALL BE APPLIED TO A UNIFORM LOOSE DEPTH OF BETWEEN 1" AND 2". MULCH APPLIED SHALL ACHIEVE A UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION AND DEPTH SO THAT THE SOIL SURFACE IS NOT EXPOSED. IF A MULCH ANCHORING TOOL IS TO BE USED, THE RATE SHOULD BE INCREASED TO 25 TONS/ACRE.

III. WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER USED A S A MULCH SHALL BE APPLIED AT A NET DRY WEIGHT OF 1,500 LBS/ACRE. THE WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER SHALL BE MIXED WITH WATER AND THE MIXTURE SHALL CONTAIN A MAXIMUM OF 50 LBS OF WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER PER 100 GALLONS OF WATER.

H. SECURING STRAW MULCH (MULCH ANCHORING:) MULCH ANCHORING SHALL BE PERFORMED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MULCH APPLICATION TO MINIMIZE LOSS BY WIND OR WATER. THIS MAY BE DONE BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS (LISTED BY PREFERENCE), DEPENDING UPON SIZE OF AREA AND EROSION HAZARD.

I. A MULCH ANCHORING TOOL IS A TRACTOR DRAWN IMPLEMENT DESIGNED TO PUNCH AND ANCHOR MULCH INTO THE SOIL SURFACE. A MINIMUM OF TWO (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, THIS PRACTICE SHOULD BE USED ON THE CONTOUR IF POSSIBLE.

II. WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER MAY BE USED FOR ANCHORING STRAW. THE FIBER BINDER SHALL BE APPLIED AT A NET DRY WEIGHT OF 750 LBS/ACRE. THE WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER SHALL BE MIXED WITH WATER AND THE MIXTURE SHALL CONTAIN A MAXIMUM OF 50 LBS OF WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER PER 100 GALLONS OF WATER.

III. APPLICATION OF LIQUID BINDERS SHOULD BE HEAVIER AT THE EDGES WHERE WIND CATCHES MULCH, SUCH AS IN VALLEYS AND ON CRESTS OF BANKS. THE REMAINDER OF AREA SHOULD APPEAR UNIFORM AFTER BINDER APPLICATION. SYNTHETIC BINDERS SUCH AS ACRYLIC DLR (AGRO-TACK), DCA-70, PETROSET, TERRA TAX II, TERRA TACK AR OR OTHER APPROVED EQUAL BE USED AT RATES RECOMMENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER TO ANCHOR MULCH.

IV. LIGHTWEIGHT PLASTIC NETTING MAY BE STAPLED OVER THE MULCH ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS. NETTING IS USUALLY AVAILABLE IN ROLLS 4-15 FEET WIDE AND 300-3,000 FEET LONG.

SECTION II TEMPORARY SEEDING

A. APPLY TO GRADED OR CLEARED AREAS LIKELY TO BE REDISTURBED WHERE A SHORT-TERM VEGETATIVE COVER IS NEEDED.

i. SEEDBED PREPARATION : LOOSEN UPPER THREE INCHES OF SOIL BY RAKING, DISCING OR OTHER ACCEPTABLE MEANS BEFORE SEEDING, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY LOOSENED.

ii. SOIL AMENDMENTS : APPLY 600 LBS. PER ACRE 10-10-10 FERTILIZER (14 LBS. PER 1000 SQ.FT.).

iii. SEEDING : FOR PERIODS MARCH 1 THRU APRIL 30 AND FROM AUGUST 15 THRU NOVEMBER 15, SEED WITH 2-1/2 BUSHELS PER ACRE OF ANNUAL RYE (3.2 LBS. PER 1000 SQ.FT.). FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1 THRU AUGUST 14, SEED WITH 3 LBS. PER ACRE OF WEEPING LOVEGRASS (0.07 LBS. PER 1000 SQ.FT.). FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 16 THRU FEBRUARY 28, PROTECT SITE BY APPLYING 2 TONS PER ACRE OF WELL ANCHORED STRAW MULCH AND SEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE SPRING, OR USE SOD.

iv. MULCHING : APPLY 1-1/2 TO 2 TONS PER ACRE (70 TO 90 LBS. PER 1000 SQ.FT.) OF UNROTTED SMALL GRAIN STRAW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SEEDING. ANCHOR MULCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER APPLICATION USING MULCH ANCHORING TOOL OR 218 GAL. PER ACRE (5 GAL. PER 1000 SQ.FT.) OF EMULSIFIED ASPHALT ON FLAT AREAS. ON SLOPES, 8 FT. OR HIGHER, USE 347 GAL. PER ACRE (8 GAL. PER 1000 SQ.FT.) FOR ANCHORING.

B. REFER TO THE 1994 MARYLAND STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL FOR RATE AND METHODS NOT COVERED.

SECTION III PERMANENT SEEDING

A. APPLY TO GRADED OR CLEARED AREAS NOT SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE FURTHER DISTURBANCE WHERE A PERMANENT LONG-LIVED VEGETATIVE COVER IS NEEDED.

i. SEEDBED PREPARATION : LOOSEN UPPER THREE INCHES OF SOIL BY RAKING, DISCING OR OTHER ACCEPTABLE MEANS BEFORE SEEDING, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY LOOSENED.

ii. SOIL AMENDMENTS : IN LIEU OF SOIL TEST RECOMMENDATIONS, USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES :
   a. PREFERRED – APPLY 2 TONS PER ACRE DOLOMITIC LIMESTONE (92 LBS. PER 1000 SQ.FT.) AND 600 LBS. PER ACRE 10-10-10 FERTILIZER (14 LBS. PER 1000 SQ.FT.) BEFORE SEEDING. HARROW OR DISC INTO UPPER THREE INCHES OF SOIL.AT TIME OF SEEDING, APPLY 400 LBS. PER ACRE 30-0-0 UREAFORM FERTILIZER (9 LBS. PER 1000 SQ.FT.).
   b. ACCEPT