



**20.0 STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION DEFINITION**

Using vegetation as cover for bare soil to protect it from forces that cause erosion.

**PURPOSE**  
Vegetative stabilization specifications are used to promote the establishment of vegetation on exposed soil. When soil is stabilized with vegetation, the soil is less likely to erode and more likely to allow infiltration of rainfall, thereby reducing sediment loads and runoff to downstream areas, and improving wildlife habitat and visual resources.

**CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES**  
This practice shall be used on disturbed lands as specified on the plan and may be used on highly erodible or critically eroding areas. This specification is divided into Temporary Seeding to provide immediate vegetation cover for short duration (Up to one year), and Permanent Seeding for long term vegetative cover. Examples of applicable areas for Temporary Seeding are temporary soil stockpiles, cleared areas being left in between construction phases, earth fills, etc. and for Permanent Seeding are ditches, ditches, cut and fill slopes and other areas at final grade, former stockpile and staging areas, etc.

**EFFECTS ON WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY**  
Planting vegetation in disturbed areas will have an effect on the water budget, especially on volumes and rates of runoff, infiltration, evaporation, transpiration, and groundwater recharge. Vegetation over time will increase organic matter content and improve the water holding capacity of the soil and subsequent plant growth. Vegetation will help reduce the movement of sediment, nutrients, and other chemicals carried by runoff to receiving waters. Plants will also help protect groundwater supplies by accumulating those substances present within the root zone. Sediment control devices must remain in place during grading, seedbed preparation, seeding, mulching and vegetative establishment to prevent large quantities of sediment and associated chemicals and nutrients from entering into surface waters.

**SECTION 1 - VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION METHODS AND MATERIALS**

- A. Site Preparation**
1. Install erosion and sediment control structures (either temporary or permanent) such as dimensions, grade stabilization structures, berms, waterways, or sediment control basins.
  2. Perform all grading operations at right angles to the slope. Final grading and shaping is not usually necessary for temporary seeding.
  3. Schedule required soil tests to determine soil amendment composition and application rates for sites having disturbed areas over 5 acres.
- B. Soil Amendment (Fertilizer and Lime Specifications)**
1. Soil tests must be performed to determine the exact rates 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 technical purposes.
  2. Fertilizers shall be uniform in composition (free flowing) and suitable for accurate application by approved equipment. Phosphorus may be substituted for fertilizer with prior approval from the appropriate regulatory authority. Fertilizers shall be all delivered by site (all placed according to the applicable state fertilizer laws and shall bear the name, trade or trademark and warranty of the producer.
  3. Lime materials shall be ground limestone (hydrated or burnt lime may be substituted which consists of at least 95% total calcium oxide and 5% calcium hydroxide). Limestone shall be spread to such a thickness that at least 50% will pass through a #20 mesh sieve and 90-100% will pass through a #10 mesh sieve.
  4. Incorporate lime and fertilizer into the top 3-5" of soil by disking or other suitable means.
- C. Seeded Preparation**
- 1. Temporary Seeding**
1. Seeded preparation shall consist of loosening soil to a depth of 3" to 5" 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 compacted, but left in the required condition. Slopes shall be graded to such a degree that at least 50% will pass through a #20 mesh sieve and 90-100% will pass through a #10 mesh sieve.
  2. Minimum soil conditions required for permanent vegetative establishment: Soil pH shall be between 6.0 and 7.0.
  3. Soluble salts shall be less than 500 parts per million (ppm).
  4. The soil shall contain less than 1% clay, but a minimum of 10% silt.
  5. Soil shall contain 1% minimum organic matter by weight.
  6. Soil must contain sufficient pore space to permit adequate root penetration.
  7. If these conditions cannot be met by soil on site, adding topsoil is required in accordance with Section 21 Standard Specification for Topsoil.
  8. Areas previously graded in accordance with the drawings shall be maintained in a true and even grade, then seeded or otherwise treated to a depth of 3" to 5" to permit bedding of the topsoil to the surface area and to create horizontal erosion check dams to prevent topsoil from sliding down a slope.
  9. Apply soil amendments as per soil test or as included on the plan.
  10. 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 like stones and rocks, and ready the seed for seed and application. Where site conditions will not permit normal seeded preparation, loosen surface soil by disking with a heavy chain or other equipment to roughen the surface. Steep slopes (steeper than 3:1) should be stabilized by a down banking the soil in an irregular condition with slope breaks parallel to the contour of the slope. The top 1-2" of soil should be loose and friable. Seeding loosening may not be necessary on newly disturbed areas.
- D. Seed Specifications**
1. All seed must meet the requirements of the Maryland State Seed Law. All seed shall be subject to retesting by a recognized seed laboratory. (If seed will have been tested within the 6 months immediately preceding the date of sowing such material on this job.)
  2. Note: Seed tags shall be made available to the inspector to verify type and rate of seed used.
  3. Inoculant - The inoculant for legume species used in the seed mixture shall be a pure culture of nitrogen-fixing bacteria prepared specifically for the species. Inoculants shall not be used after the date indicated on the container. Add fresh inoculant as directed on package. Use for times the recommended rate when hydroseeding. Note: It is very important to keep inoculant cool to possible until used. Temperatures above 75-80° F. can weaken bacteria and make the inoculant less effective.
- E. Methods of Seeding**
- 1. Hydroseeding** Apply seed uniformly with hydroseeder (water includes seed and fertilizer, broadcast or drip method or a combination method).
1. If fertilizer is being applied at the time of seeding, the application rates amounts will not exceed the following: Nitrogen maximum of 100 lbs. per acre (total of soluble nitrogen P2O5 (phosphorus) 200 lbs/acre; K2O (potassium) 200 lbs/acre.
  2. Lime - use one (one) gallon liquid limestone, 100 lbs. 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.
  3. Seed and fertilizer shall be mixed on site and seeding shall be done immediately and without interruption.
- 2. Drip Seeding** This includes use of conventional drip or broadcast seeders.
1. Seed spreader or shall be incorporated into the subsoil at the rates prescribed on the Temporary or Permanent Seeding Specifications or Tables 2005 or 205. The seeded area shall then be rolled with a weighted roller to provide good seed to soil contact.
  2. Where practical, seed shall be applied in two directions perpendicular to each other. Apply half the seeding rate in each direction.
  3. Drip or Combination Seeding: Mechanical seeders that apply and cover seed with soil.
  4. Combining seeders are required to bury the seed in such a fashion as to provide at least 1/4 inch of soil covering. Seeded must be firm after planting.
  5. Where material seed should be applied in two directions perpendicular to each other. Apply half the seeding rate in each direction.
- F. Mixture Specifications (in order of preference)**
1. Straw shall consist of finely shredded wheat, rye or oat straw, reasonable being in color and shall not be rusty, mold, chaff, broken, or excessively dirty and shall be free of noxious weed seeds as specified in the Maryland Seed Law.
  2. Wood chippings (Tree Muck)
    1. WCM shall consist of specially prepared wood chippings processed into a uniform fibrous physical state.
    2. WCM shall be dead green or certain a green dye in the package that will provide an appropriate color to facilitate visual inspection of the uniform spread status.
    3. WCM, including the shall contain no germination or growth-inhibiting factors.
    4. WCM materials shall be manufactured and processed in such a manner that the wood chippings fiber muck will remain in uniform suspension in water under agitation and will blend with seed, fertilizer and other additives to form a homogeneous slurry. The muck material shall form a better-like ground cover, on application, having moisture absorption and retention properties and shall cover and hold grass seed in contact with the soil without inhibiting the growth of the grass seedlings.
    5. WCM material shall conform to elements or components of construction that will be pre-fabricated.
    6. WCM must conform to the following physical requirements: fiber length to approximately 10 mm., diameter approximately 1 mm., pH range of 4.0 to 8.5, ash content of 1.5% maximum and water holding capacity of 50% minimum.
  3. Note: One cubic yard muck should be used in seed, where one species of grass is desired.

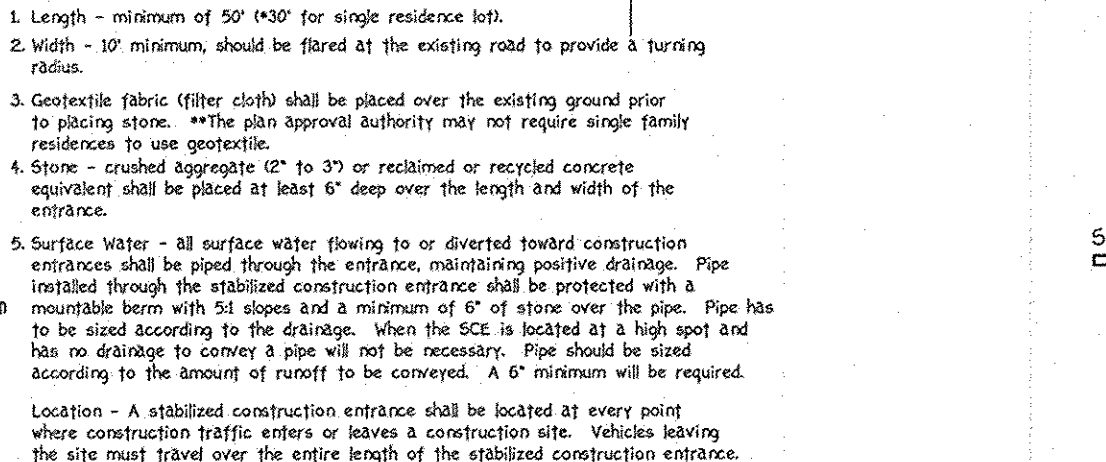
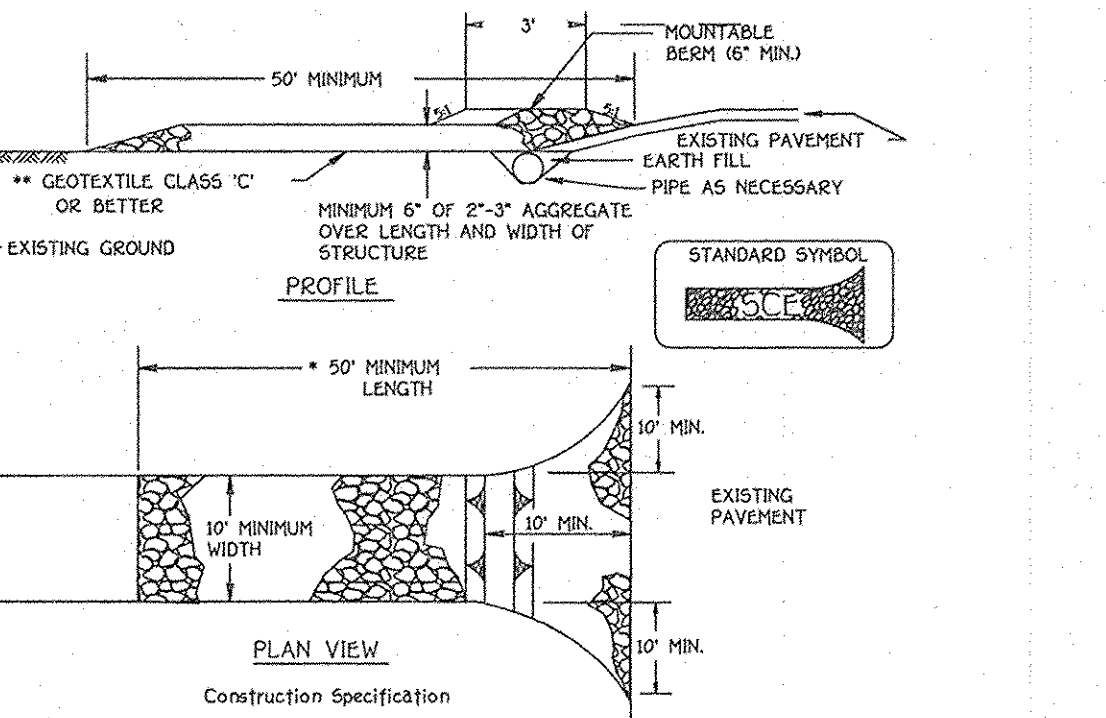
- G. Mixture Seeded Areas** - Muck shall be applied to all seeded areas immediately after seeding.
1. If grading is completed outside of the seeding season, muck shall be applied as prescribed in this section and maintained until the seeding season returns and seeding can be performed in accordance with these specifications.
  2. When straw muck is used, it shall be spread over all seeded areas at the rate of 2 tons/acre. Muck shall be applied to a uniform 1000 depth of between 1 and 2". Muck applied shall adhere to the soil, the rate shall be increased to 2.5 tons/acre.
  3. Wood chippings fiber muck shall be mixed with water, and the mixture shall contain a maximum of 50 lb. of wood chippings fiber per 100 gallons of water.
- H. Seeding Sites Muck Mixture** - Muck mixture shall be prepared immediately following muck 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.
1. A muck anchoring tool is a tractor driven implement designed to punch and anchor muck into the soil surface a minimum of 100 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 practice shall be used on the contour if possible.
  2. Wood chippings fiber muck may be used for anchoring muck. The fiber muck shall be applied at a net dry weight of 750 pounds/acre. The wood chippings fiber muck must be mixed with water and the mixture shall contain a maximum of 50 pounds of wood chippings fiber per 100 gallons of water.
  3. Application of liquid binders shall be binder at the edges where wind catches muck, such as at edges and crest of berms. The remainder of seed should be applied uniform after binder application. Synthetic binders - such as Acrylic ULR (Urgo-Tack) ICA-70 (Hydro-Tack), Terra-Tex II, Terra-Tex III or other approved equal may be used if sites recommended by the manufacturer to anchor muck.
  4. Lightweight plastic netting may be staked over the muck according to manufacturer's recommendations. Netting is usually available in rolls 1' to 10' feet wide and 300 to 1,000 feet long.

- I. Incremental Stabilization - Cut Slopes**
1. All cut slopes shall be dressed, protected, seeded and mulched as the work progresses. Slopes shall be excavated and stabilized in equal increments not to exceed 10'.
  2. Construction sequence shall be in accordance with:
    1. Excavate and stabilize all temporary setbacks, side ditches, or berms that will be used to convey runoff from the excavation.
    2. Perform Phase 1 excavation, dress and stabilize.
    3. Perform Phase 2 excavation, dress and stabilize. Overseed Phase 1 areas as necessary.
    4. Perform final phase excavation, dress and stabilize. Overseed previously seeded areas as necessary.
- Note:** Once excavation has begun the operation should be continuous from grading through the completion of grading and placement of topsoil of required grade and permanent seed and muck. Any interruptions in the operation or completion of the seeding season will necessitate the application of temporary stabilization.
- J. Incremental Stabilization of Embankments - Fill Slopes**
1. Embankments shall be constructed in lifts as prescribed on the plan.
  2. Slopes shall be stabilized immediately when the vertical height of the multiple lifts reaches 10', or when the grading operation ceases as prescribed in the plan.
  3. At the end of each lift, temporary berms and pipe slope drains shall be constructed along the top edge of the embankment to prevent surface runoff and erosion if down the side of a construction cut or pile.
- K. Construction sequence shall be in accordance with Figure 4 (below)**
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**SEDIMENT CONTROL NOTES**

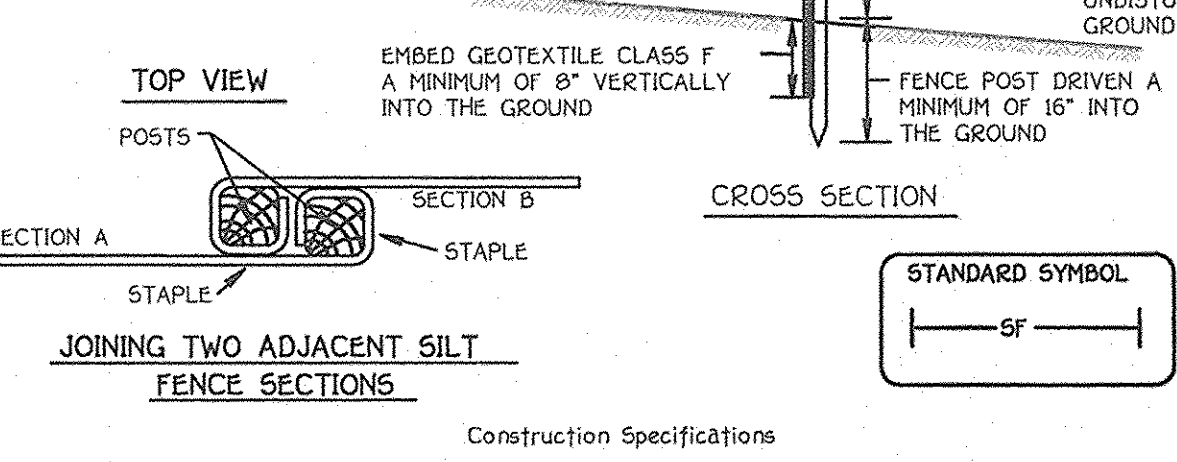
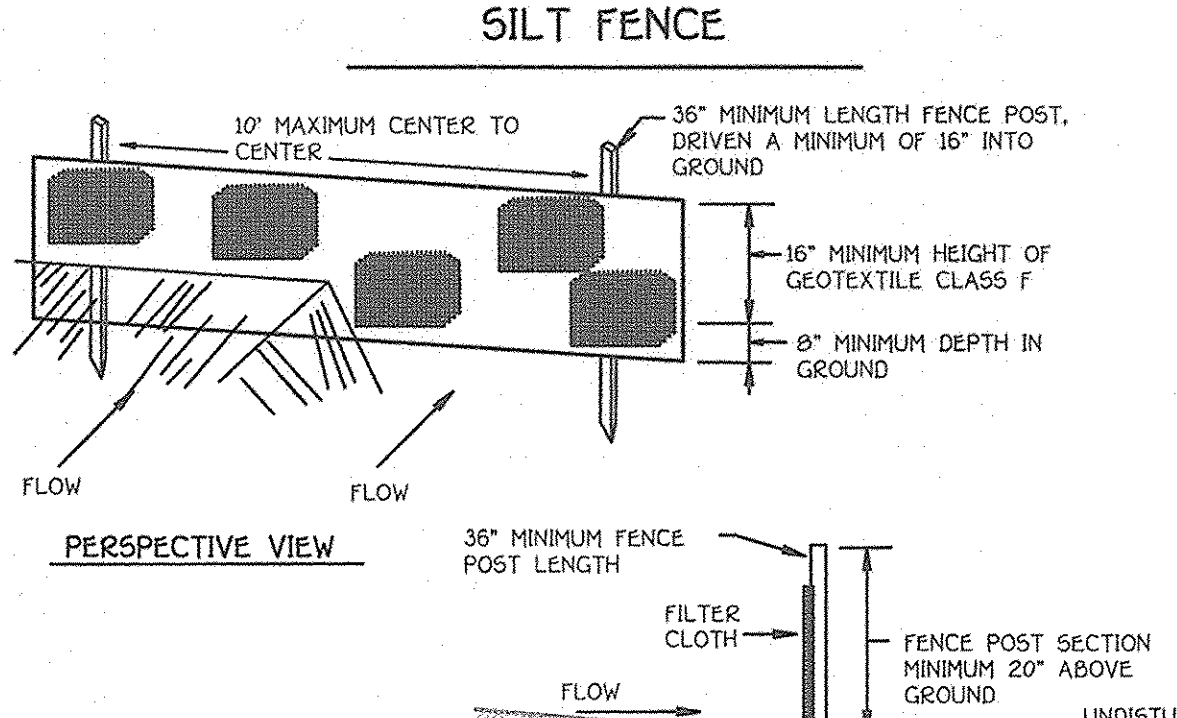
1. A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN TO THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS, SEDIMENT CONTROL DIVISION PRIOR TO THE START OF ANY CONSTRUCTION (133-1825).
2. ALL VEGETATIVE AND STRUCTURAL PRACTICES ARE TO BE INSTALLED ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PLAN AND ARE TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE MOST CURRENT MARYLAND STANDARDS AND SPECS. FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, AND REVISIONS THERE TO.
3. FOLLOWING INITIAL SOIL DISTURBANCE OR RE-DISTURBANCE, PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY STABILIZATION SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN: a) 7 CALENDAR DAYS FOR ALL PERIMETER SEDIMENT CONTROL STRUCTURES, DICES, PERIMETER SLOPES AND ALL SLOPES STEEPER 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 PERIMETER IN ACCORDANCE WITH VOL. 1, CHAPTER 12, 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 1994 MARYLAND STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL FOR PERMANENT SEEDING (ISC. 50), SOIL (ISC. 51), TEMPORARY SEEDING (ISC. 50), AND MULCHING (ISC. 52). TEMPORARY STABILIZATION WITH MULCH ALONE CAN ONLY BE DONE WHEN RECOMMENDED SEEDING DATES DO NOT ALLOW FOR PROPER GERMINATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF GRASSES.
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	0.4936 ACRES
AREA DISTURBED	0.4376 ACRES
AREA TO BE ROOFED OR PAVED	0.1932 ACRES
AREA TO BE VEGETATIVELY STABILIZED	0.2444 ACRES
TOTAL CUT	180 CU.YDS.
TOTAL FILL	250 CU.YDS.
8. OFFSITE BORROW AREA TO BE DETERMINED.
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, ON ALL SITES WITH DISTURBED AREAS IN EXCESS OF 2 ACRES.
11. 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 NOT BE AUTHORIZED UNTIL THIS INITIAL APPROVAL BY THE INSPECTION AGENCY IS MADE.
12. 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.



**STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE**

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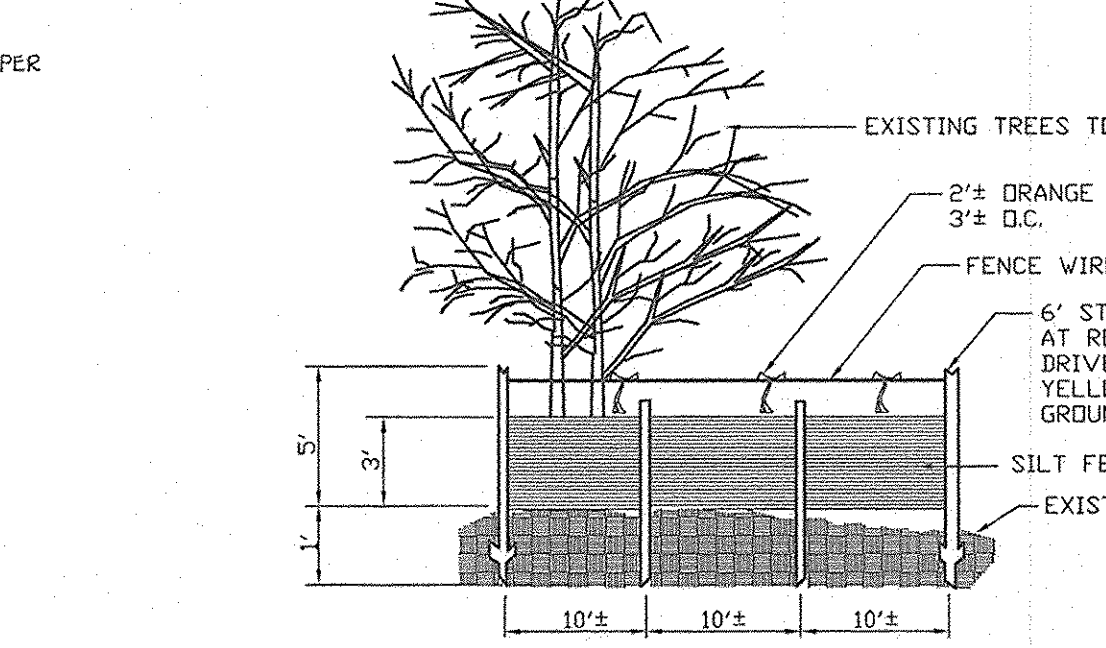
**JOINING TWO ADJACENT SILT FENCE SECTIONS**

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Tensile Strength	50 lbs/in (min)	Test: MSMT 509
Tensile Modulus	20 lbs/in (min)	Test: MSMT 509
Flow Rate	0.3 gal ft <sup>2</sup> / minute (max)	Test: MSMT 322
Filtering Efficiency	75% (min)	Test: MSMT 322

1. Fence posts shall be a minimum of 36" long driven 16" minimum into the ground. Wood posts shall be 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" square (minimum) cut, or 1 3/4" diameter (minimum) round and shall be of sound quality hardwood. Steel posts will be standard T or U section weighting not less than 100 pound per linear foot.
2. Geotextile shall be fastened securely to each fence post with wire ties or staples at top and mid-section and shall meet the following requirements for Geotextile Class F:

1. Where ends of geotextile fabric come together, they shall be overlapped, folded and stapled to prevent sediment bypass.
2. Silt Fence shall be inspected after each rainfall event and maintained when bulges occur or when sediment accumulation reached 50% of the fabric height.



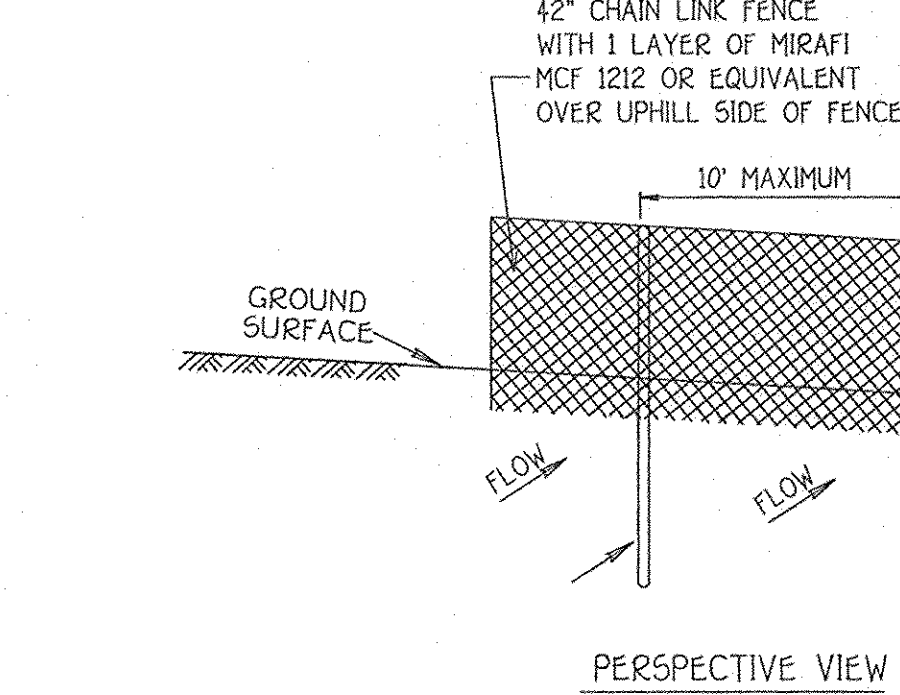
**SILT FENCE AND TREE PROTECTION**

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1. Silt Fence to be heeled into the soil.
2. Wire, snow fence, etc. for tree protection only.
3. Boundaries of Retention Area will be established as part of the forest conservation plan review process.
4. Boundaries of Retention Area should be staked and flagged prior to installing device.
5. Avoid root damage when placing anchor posts.
6. Device should be properly maintained throughout construction.
7. Protection signs are also required, see Figure C-4, 5. Locate fence outside the Critical Root Zone.

**SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION**

1. OBTAIN GRADING PERMIT	7 DAYS
2. INSTALL SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL DEVICES AS SHOWN ON PLAN	7 DAYS
3. CLEAR AND GRUB TO LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE	4 DAYS
4. INSTALL TEMPORARY SEEDING	2 DAYS
5. CONSTRUCT BUILDINGS	60 DAYS
6. FINE GRADE SITE AND INSTALL PERMANENT SEEDING AND LANDSCAPE	14 DAYS
7. REMOVE SEDIMENT CONTROL DEVICES AS UPLAND AREAS ARE STABILIZED AND PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY E/S CONTROL INSPECTOR.	7 DAYS

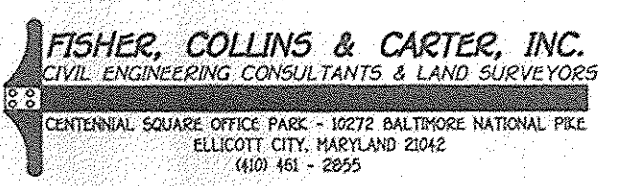


**CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS**

1. FENCING SHALL BE 42" HIGH CHAIN LINK CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION STANDARD DETAILS 690.01 AND 690.02 FOR CHAIN U FENCING. THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR A 6'-0" FENCE SHALL BE USED, SUBSTITUTING 42" FABRIC AND 8' POSTS. POSTS SHALL BE PLACED WITHOUT CONCRETE EMBEDMENT.
2. CHAIN LINK FENCE SHALL BE FASTENED SECURELY TO FENCE POSTS WITH WIRE TIES OR STAPLES. THE LOWER TENSION WIRE, BRACE AND TRUSS RODS, ANCHORS AND POST CAPS ARE NOT REQUIRED EXCEPT ON THE ENDS OF THE FENCE.
3. FILTER CLOTH TO BE FASTENED SECURELY TO CHAIN LINK FENCE WITH TIES SPACED EVERY 24" AT TOP AND MID SECTION.
4. FILTER CLOTH SHALL BE IMBEDDED A MINIMUM OF 9" INTO THE GROUND.
5. WHEN TWO SECTIONS OF DIVERSION CLOTH ADJOIN EACH OTHER THEY SHALL BE OVERLAPPED BY SIX INCHES AND FOLDED.
6. MAINTENANCE SHALL BE PERFORMED AS NEEDED.

**SUPER DIVERSION FENCE**

NOT TO SCALE



NO.	REVISION	DATE

**ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE**

"I certify that this plan for erosion and sediment 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."

Signature of Engineer: *James A. Fisher* Date: 4/1/08

**BUILDER/DEVELOPER'S CERTIFICATE**

"I/we certify that all development and construction will be done according to this plan for sediment and erosion control and that any 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."

Signature of Developer: *Chris Cable* Date: 4-1-08

This development plan is approved for soil erosion and sediment control by the HOWARD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

Signature of Inspector: *John R. Kauter* Date: 4/1/08

**OWNER/BUILDER/DEVELOPER**

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410-463-3299

APPROVED: HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Signature of Chief, Division of L&Z Development: *Carolyn D. ...* Date: 4/10/08

Signature of Chief, Development Engineering Division: *...* Date: 4/10/08

Signature of Director - Department of Planning and Zoning: *...* Date: 4/10/08

**SEDIMENT & EROSION CONTROL DETAILS**

SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED  
**HOFFMAN PROPERTY**  
LOT 2  
PLAT NO. 10014

TAX MAP NO: 10 PARCEL NO.: 50 GRID NO.: 13  
SECOND ELECTION DISTRICT HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND  
SCALE: 1" = 30' DATE: DECEMBER, 2007

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