



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT *EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL*

The Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations are administered by DPW and are contained in the Erosion and Sediment Control regulations, found in Chapter 10 of the [County Code](#). These regulations require a [Land Disturbance Permit](#) prior to the commencement of land disturbing activities on a property (including those that are the subject of site plan, subdivision, or erosion and sediment control plan review) to obtain a [Land Disturbance Permit](#) prior to commencement of land disturbing activities.

Property owners must obtain a Land Disturbance Permit if activity on the property disturbs (1) 2,500 square feet or more in a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area or (2) 10,000 square feet or more in non-Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas.

Before a property owner can obtain a Land Disturbance Permit, a qualified professional must prepare an Erosion and Sediment (E&S) Control Plan and a performance bond must be posted with DPW to cover the cost for the E&S control measures shown on the approved plan. A property owner may need to obtain a Virginia Stormwater Management Program General Permit, [VSMP Permit](#), before conducting land disturbing activities.

Agricultural and forestry management activities are exempt from these E&S regulations; however, these activities must be covered by a plan that has been approved by the [Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District](#) (for agricultural activities) or the [Virginia Department of Forestry](#) (for forestry management activities).

Illegal land disturbance activities are subject to the issuance of a Stop Work Order and other penalties contained in the County Code.

For additional information on Erosion and Sediment Control requirements, contact the Hanover County Department of Public Works at 804-365-6181.

For additional information on [Virginia's Erosion and Sediment Control Program](#), contact the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation at 804-786-1712.



Early Land Disturbance Permits

Typically a land disturbance permit for a project will not be issued until the respective site or subdivision construction plan is approved. The Early Land Disturbance (ELD) process can be used when the applicant would like to get a head start on clearing, grubbing, and rough grading of the site prior to final plan approval.

This process requires the submittal of an E&S Control plan with a detailed description of the proposed activity. The ELD plan can be submitted once the site or subdivision plan has been reviewed through the Planning process. Five copies of the ELD plan will be required for submittal as well as a completed Project Information and Tracking Sheet. Review of the plan will take 10 business days at which time either comments will be issued or the plan will be approved. The other review agencies (Planning, VDOT, Public Utilities) will be involved in the review of the ELD plan. ELD plans will only be approved once major design issues have been conceptually resolved.