



Benton County Erosion and Sediment Control Permit Requirements for Building Activities

What's this all about?

Benton County is required under the Clean Water Act and a State Water Quality Management Plan to develop, implement, and enforce a local Erosion and Sediment Control program to improve and protect water quality.

Benton County Erosion and Sediment Control Permit:

A Benton County Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) permit is required for all Benton County permitted building activities, that result in 'ground disturbing' activities of 1-acre or more or part of a 'common plan of development' that results in cumulative disturbance of 1-acre or more.

Definition of 'ground disturbing activity':

Any activity associated with a Benton County Building Permit that includes grading, grubbing, clearing or other impacts to soil and/or aboveground features.

Requirements to obtain an erosion and sediment control permit:

1. Applicants submit a Benton County ESC application.
2. Applicants provide 2 copies of an ESC site plan meeting the requirements based on site location and susceptibility to erosion.

A Benton County ESC Sample Plan and Manual will be made available to the potential applicant. Resources are also available on the county stormwater website at:

<http://www.co.benton.or.us/cd/stormwater/construction-runoff>

Are there special qualifications required to prepare this ESC Plan?

No, however applicants are strongly encouraged to employ the services of a qualified professional to perform the tasks required.

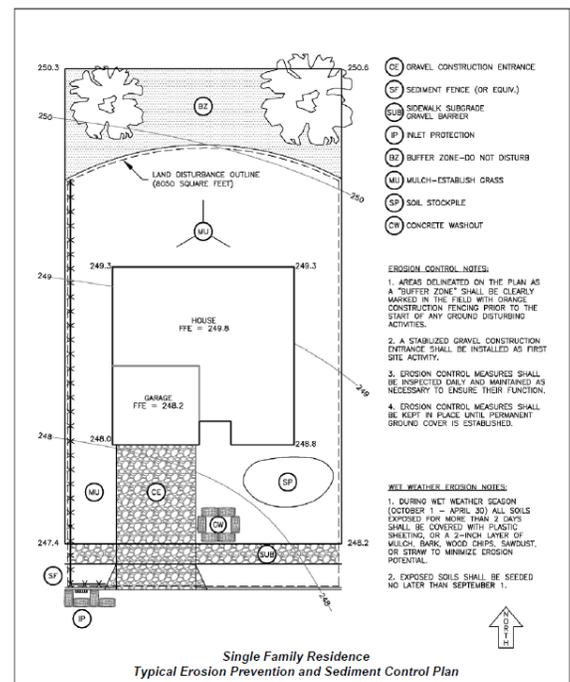
Benton County ESC Assistance:

Benton County is at your service. Building, planning and engineering staff will assist applicants with specific ESC application requirements.

Permit Fees:

Fee amounts are based on hourly rates for Public Works Staff with minor administrative charges for plan review by Community Development Staff. Final permit fee will depend on the location of the proposed ground disturbance. Sensitive, complex or other sites may require additional staff time.

* Benton County ESC Permitting Process Flow Chart on other side



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