

# **Erosion and Sediment Control Permit Application Process**

Benton County currently requires projects disturbing one acre or more of land to obtain an Erosion and Sediment Control Permit (ESC / ESCP). This permit application is ***in addition*** to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 1200-C Permit application required under the same circumstances. The County implemented this permit requirement to comply with our current DEQ Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit and the requirements of the United States' Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) requirements for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Phase II Program.

In an effort to minimize the duplication inherent in this dual permitting process Benton County currently employs the following process for permit applications:

- First, the developer must prepare and submit a 1200-C application to DEQ. The County will not issue a permit approval until such time as the DEQ permit has been issued.
- A copy of the approved DEQ permit (with conditions) and the final approved drawings and supporting documentation can then be submitted to the County with the Benton County ESC Permit form. Intake is through the front desk at the Avery Facility at 360 SW Avery Avenue in Corvallis, Oregon.
- **The applicant must provide two full sets of hard-copy drawings and supporting documentation with their application.** Fees are due at the time of submittal. Electronic submittals will not be accepted.
- After intake, the application will be routed to both Community Development and Public Works for review. Public Works is the lead Department in the application process and final approval will be issued by the Public Works Engineering Division.
- If special conditions are recognized, the County will request that additional best management practices (BMP's) or ESC measures be included in the ESC drawings, details and specifications.
- These changes may be incorporated after DEQ approval and may require documentation to comply with DEQ record keeping protocols.
- Upon permit issuance a CESCL Certified Benton County Engineering representative will inspect the site prior to ESC installation, immediately after installation, after every major storm event (every rainfall of 0.2 feet of measurable precipitation) and upon removal of the ESC measures.

## **Checklist:**

- Application to DEQ for 1200-C Permit
- Submit Approved 1200-C Permit to County for review (2 hard-copy sets)
  - Approved DEQ 1200-C permit with conditions
  - Drawings
  - Details & supporting documentation
  - Fees
- County review & approval – permit issuance
- Install ESC measures
- Call County Public Works for initial inspection