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POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN  
FOR  
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A portion of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 24 North, Range 4 East of the  
Willamette Meridian, City of Mercer Island, King County, Washington

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**ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION:**

"I hereby state that this Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for the Murray Residence has been prepared by me or under my supervision and meets the standard of care and expertise which is usual and customary in this community for professional engineers. I understand that the City of Mercer Island does not and will not assume liability for the sufficiency, suitability, or performance of the Construction Stormwater Site Plan prepared by me."

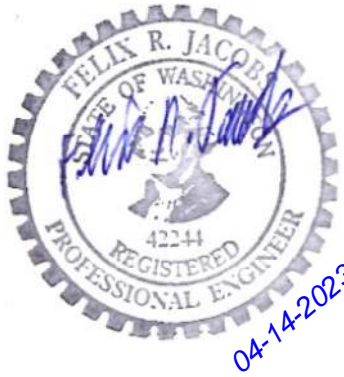


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## **SECTION 1 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This stormwater site plan report provides the technical and background information for design of the stormwater facilities for the Murray Residence project. This report is intended to meet the requirements of the City of Mercer Island and the 2014 Department of Ecology Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMWW).

The project site is in a portion of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 24 North, Range 4 East, W.M., City of Mercer Island, King County, Washington. The site parcel number is 2577300021 and address is 4803 Forest Ave SE Mercer Island, WA 98040.

The existing site is approximately 0.40-acres. Currently, there is an existing single-family home, driveway, garage, associated walkway, and small sheds on the parcel. There is an existing storm sewer line along the southern boundary that discharges to Lake Washington via a 12-inch CMP at the southwest corner of the site.

Development of the project consists of removing the existing house and associated driveway, walkway, and garage structure and constructing a new single-family structure with a new garage, walkway, driveway, loggia, and associated utility connections.

Runoff from the predeveloped site is collected and conveyed to Lake Washington. Runoff from the developed site will to be collected and conveyed to the existing conveyance system and then to Lake Washington. Existing drainage patterns are to remain, and no new drainage patterns are proposed. Bypass flows are not proposed.

The existing conveyance begins at the eastern property line, continues westerly, along the south property line and continues to Lake Washington.

## **SECTION 2 – EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS**

The existing conditions consist of:

- Single family residence home
- A garage structure
- Concrete driveway
- Landscaping
- Storm sewer line along the southern property line

The project site generally slopes moderately to steep down towards the west with an average slope of approximately 21-percent. There is a portion of steeper slope at the western portion of the site of about 32-percent.

The existing conveyance begins near the southeastern boundary and flows westerly through a series of pipes where it outlets into Lake Washington. See Section 1 for details.

The project site is situated in the City of Mercer Island's Storm Drainage Basin 25A. Refer to Section 4, Part A for details regarding the existing site hydrology.

### **SECTION 3 – ADJACENT AREAS AND DRAINAGE**

The project site is bordered to the north, east, and south by single family residential homes. Lake Washington adjacent to the western boundary of the site. The site drains to Lake Washington via sheet flow and a stormwater conveyance system along the southern boundary.

### **SECTION 4 – CRITICAL AREAS**

Per the City of Mercer Island's GIS information, the project site is located within a Wind Exposure 'C' with a Wind Speed-Up Factor of 1.0. All or portions of the site are also within potential slide, seismic, and erosion hazard areas. Steep slope hazard areas are identified off-site to the north, south and east. Per King County's GIS information, the project site is within the Tacoma Smelter Plume and has been identified as having lead and arsenic levels up to 40-ppm. No additional critical conditions, difficult site parameters or flood plains are known to exist at this time.

### **SECTION 5 – SOILS**

An NRCS Web Soil Survey was performed for the site. On-site soils consist of Kitsap silt loam, per the NRCS web soil survey (see Appendix B). Table III-2.3.1 of the 2014 SWMMWW classifies the Kitsap soil type as hydrologic soil group C.

### **SECTION 6 – POTENTIAL EROSION PROBLEMS**

All or portions of the site are also within potential slide, seismic, and erosion hazard areas. Steep slope hazard areas are identified off-site to the north, south and east.

### **SECTION 7 - CONSTRUCTION SWPPP ELEMENTS**

The project has considered the 13 Elements of Construction Stormwater Pollution outlined in the 2014 SWMMWW. Should additional measures beyond what is shown on the approved grading and TESC plans be required, additional BMP options can be found in Volume 2 of the 2014 SWMMWW. The elements are listed below with a short narrative of how each is being met.

## 1. Preserve Vegetation and Mark Clearing Limits

No sensitive areas have been identified on-site or within the adjacent areas. The work limits are intended to limit the disturbed areas during construction. BMPs C101 "Preserving Natural Vegetation," C103 "High Visibility Plastic or Metal Fence," and C233 "Silt Fence" are included in Appendix A for additional information and Maintenance Standards.

Should additional measures beyond what is shown on the approved grading and TESC plans be required, outlined below are options within Volume 2 of the 2014 SWMMWW):

- Buffer Zones (BMP C102)

## 2. Establish Construction Access

Vehicle access and exit shall be directed through the proposed ingress/egress point along Forest Ave. SE. The access point shall minimize the tracking of sediment onto public roads. If sediment is tracked off-site, construction activity shall stop and roads shall be cleaned immediately and thoroughly. Sediment shall be removed from roads by shoveling or pickup sweeping and shall be transported to a controlled sediment disposal area. Street washing is allowed only after sediment is removed in this manner. BMPs C105 "Stabilized Construction Entrance" and C107 "Construction Road/Parking Area Stabilization" are included in Appendix A for additional information and Maintenance Standards.

Should additional measures beyond what is shown on the approved grading and TESC plans be required, outlined below are options within Volume 2 of the 2014 SWMMWW):

- Wheel Wash (BMP C106)

## 3. Control Flow Rates

Properties and waterways downstream from development sites shall be protected from erosion resulting from increases in the velocity and peak volumetric flow rate of stormwater runoff from the project site. Where necessary to comply with this, stormwater retention or detention facilities shall be constructed as one of the first steps in grading. Detention facilities shall be functional prior to construction of site improvements (e.g., impervious surfaces). Permanent infiltration ponds shall not be used for flow control during construction unless specifically allowed in writing by the City. If allowed, these facilities shall be protected from siltation during the construction phase as required by the City. A liner may be required. BMP C207 "Check Dams" is included in Appendix A for additional information and Maintenance Standards.

Should additional measures beyond what is shown on the approved grading and TESC plans be required, outlined below are options within Volume 2 of the 2014 SWMMWW:

- Water Bars (C203)
- Outlet Protection (C209)
- Wattles (C235)
- Temporary Sediment Trap (BMP C240)
- Sediment Trap (C240)

#### 4. Install Sediment Controls

If sediment is accidentally transported on to the street sections, construction activity shall stop and roads shall be cleaned immediately and thoroughly. Sediment will be shoveled and/or swept and disposed of in a manner which prevents contamination with stormwater or surface water (e.g., covered soil stockpile). In addition, a street sweeper may be used to maintain clean roads on an as-needed basis. BMP C233 "Silt Fence" is included in Appendix A for additional information and Maintenance Standards.

Runoff from fully stabilized areas may be discharged without a sediment removal BMP, but must meet the flow control performance standard of Element #3, above. Should additional measures beyond what is shown on the approved grading and TESC plans be required, outlined below are options within Volume 2 of the 2014 SWMMWW:

- Brush Barrier (BMP C231)
- Gravel Filter Berm (BMP C232)
- Vegetated Strip (BMP C234)
- Wattles (BMP C235)
- Temporary Sediment Trap (BMP C240)
- Construction Stormwater Chemical Treatment (BMP C250)
- Construction Stormwater Filtration (BMP C251)

#### 5. Stabilize Soils

Exposed and unworked soils shall be stabilized by application of effective BMPs that prevent erosion. From May 1 to September 30, no soils shall remain exposed and unworked for more than seven days. From October 1 to April 30, no soils shall remain exposed and unworked for more than two days. This stabilization requirement applies to all soils, whether at final grade or not. Soils shall be stabilized at the end of the shift before a holiday or weekend if needed, based on the weather forecast. Appropriate soil stabilization measures shall be selected for the time of year, site conditions, estimated duration of use, and the potential water quality impacts that stabilization agents may have on downstream waters or groundwater. Soil stockpiles shall be stabilized from erosion, protected with sediment trapping measures, and, where possible, located away from storm drain inlets, waterways, and drainage channels. Landscaping materials shall



not be stockpiled on pervious pavement, as these materials can clog the pervious pavement section and limit the infiltration. BMPs C120 "Temporary and Permanent Seeding," C121 "Mulching" and C140 "Dust Control" are included in Appendix A for additional information and Maintenance Standards.

Should additional measures beyond what is shown on the approved grading and TESC plans be required, outlined below are options within Volume 2 of the 2014 SWMMWW:

- Nets and Blankets (BMP C122)
- Plastic Covering (BMP C123)
- Compost (BMP C125)
- Topsoiling (BMP C126)
- Surface Roughening (BMP C130)
- Gradient Terraces (BMP C131)

## 6. Protect Slopes

Cut and fill slopes shall be designed and constructed in a manner that will minimize erosion. Permanent slopes are proposed for this project and shall be stabilized per BMPs C120 "Temporary and Permanent Seeding," C121 "Mulching," and L613 "Post-Construction Soil Quality and Depth." Stormwater (run-on) or groundwater shall be diverted away from slopes and undisturbed areas with interceptor dikes, pipes, and/or swales. Off-site stormwater shall be managed separately from stormwater generated on the site. At the top of slopes, drainage shall be collected in pipe slope drains or protected channels to prevent erosion. Excavated material shall be placed on the uphill side of trenches, consistent with safety and space considerations. BMPs C120 "Temporary and Permanent Seeding," C121 "Mulching," C200 "Interceptor Dike and Swale" and C207 "Check Dams" are included in Appendix A for additional information and Maintenance Standards.

Should additional measures beyond what is shown on the approved grading and TESC plans be required, outlined below are options within Volume 2 of the 2014 SWMMWW:

- Nets and Blankets (BMP C122)
- Surface Roughening (BMP C130)
- Gradient Terraces (BMP C131)
- Grass-Lined Channels (BMP C201)
- Water Bars (C203)
- Pipe Slope Drains (BMP C204)
- Subsurface Drains (BMP C205)
- Level Spreader (BMP C206)
- Triangular Silt Dike (BMP C208)

## 7. Protect Drain Inlets

Storm drain inlets made operable during construction shall be protected so stormwater runoff does not enter the conveyance system without first being filtered or treated to remove sediment. Inlet protection devices shall be cleaned or removed and replaced when sediment has filled one-third of the available storage (unless a different standard is specified by the product manufacturer). BMP C220 "Storm Drain Inlet Protection" is included in Appendix A for additional information and Maintenance Standards.

## 8. Stabilize Channels and Outlets

The proposed storm system does not connect to any channels on-site. If required at a later date, all temporary on-site conveyance channels shall be designed, constructed and stabilized to prevent erosion from the expected peak flows. Stabilization, including armoring material, adequate to prevent erosion of outlets, adjacent streambanks, slopes and downstream reaches shall be provided at the outlets of all conveyance systems. BMP C207 "Check Dams" is included in Appendix A for additional information and Maintenance Standards.

Should additional measures beyond what is shown on the approved grading and TESC plans be required, outlined below are options within Volume 2 of the 2014 SWMMWW:

- Nets and Blankets (BMP C122)
- Channel Lining (BMP C202)
- Outlet Protection (BMP C209)

## 9. Control Pollutants

All pollutants, including waste materials and demolition debris, that occur on-site shall be handled and disposed of in a manner that does not cause contamination of stormwater. Woody debris may be chopped and spread on-site.

Cover, containment, and protection from vandalism shall be provided for all chemicals, liquid products, petroleum products, and other materials that have the potential to pose a threat to human health or the environment. On-site fueling tanks shall include secondary containment.

Maintenance and repair of heavy equipment and vehicles involving oil changes, hydraulic system drain down, solvent and de-greasing cleaning operations, fuel tank drain down and removal, and other activities which may result in discharge or spillage of pollutants to the ground or into surface water must be conducted using spill prevention measures, such as drip pans. Contaminated surfaces shall be cleaned immediately following any discharge or spill incident. Emergency repairs may be performed on-site using temporary plastic placed beneath and, if raining, over the vehicle.

Application of fertilizers and pesticides shall be conducted in a manner and at application rates that will not result in loss of chemical to stormwater runoff. Manufacturers' label requirements for application rates and procedures shall be followed.

BMPs shall be used to prevent or treat contamination of stormwater runoff by pH-modifying sources. These sources include, but are not limited to: bulk cement, cement kiln dust, fly ash, new concrete washing and curing waters, waste streams generated from concrete grinding and sawing, exposed aggregate processes, dewatering concrete vaults, concrete pumping and mixer washout waters. Stormwater discharges shall not cause or contribute to a violation of the water quality standard for pH in the receiving water.

Construction site operators are required to adjust the pH of stormwater if necessary to prevent violations of water quality standards. Construction site operators shall obtain written approval from City of Tacoma and the Department of Ecology prior to using chemical treatment other than CO<sub>2</sub> or dry ice to adjust pH.

BMPs C151 "Concrete Handling," C152 "Sawcutting and Surfacing Pollution Prevention" and C153 "Material Delivery, Storage and Containment" are included in Appendix A for additional information and Maintenance Standards.

Should additional measures beyond what is shown on the approved grading and TESC plans be required, outlined below are options within Volume 2 of the 2014 SWMMWW:

- Concrete Washout Area (BMP C154)
- Construction Stormwater Chemical Treatment (BMP C250)
- Construction Stormwater Filtration (BMP C251)
- High pH Neutralization Using CO<sub>2</sub> (BMP C252)
- pH Control for High pH Water (BMP C253)

## 10. Control De-watering

Foundation, vault, and trench dewatering water, which have similar characteristics to stormwater runoff at the site, shall be discharged into a controlled conveyance system prior to discharge to a sediment trap or sediment pond. Channels must be stabilized, as specified in Element #8, above.

Clean, non-turbid dewatering water, such as well-point ground water, can be discharged to systems tributary to or directly into surface waters of the state, as specified in Element #8, above, provided the dewatering flow does not cause erosion or flooding of receiving waters. Clean dewatering water shall not be routed through stormwater sediment ponds. All dewatering activities must be monitored prior to discharge.

Highly turbid or contaminated dewatering water from construction equipment operation, clamshell digging, concrete tremie pour, or work inside a cofferdam, shall be handled separately from stormwater.

Other dewatering disposal options may include: (i) infiltration; (ii) transport off-site in a vehicle, such as a vacuum flush truck, for legal disposal in a manner that does not pollute state waters; (iii) on-site chemical treatment or other suitable treatment technologies approved by the City; (iv) sanitary sewer discharge with local sewer district approval, if there is no other option; or (v) use of a sedimentation bag with outfall to a ditch or swale for small volumes of localized dewatering.

Should additional measures beyond what is shown on the approved grading and TESC plans be required, outlined below are options within Volume 2 of the 2014 SWMMWW:

- Water Bars (C203)
- Level Spreader (BMP C206)
- Vegetated Filtration (BMP C236)

#### 11. Maintain BMPs

All temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control BMPs shall be inspected, maintained, and repaired as needed to ensure continued performance of their intended function in accordance with BMP specifications. All temporary erosion and sediment control BMPs shall be removed within 30 days after final site stabilization is achieved or after the temporary BMPs are no longer needed. Trapped sediment shall be removed or stabilized on site. Disturbed soil resulting from removal of BMPs or vegetation shall be permanently stabilized.

BMPs C150 “Materials on Hand” and C160 “Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead” are included in Appendix A for additional information and Maintenance Standards.

#### 12. Manage the Project

##### Phasing of Construction

Development projects shall be phased where feasible in order to prevent soil erosion and, to the maximum extent practicable, the transport of sediment from the site during construction. Revegetation of exposed areas and maintenance of that vegetation shall be an integral part of the clearing activities for any phase.

Clearing and grading activities for developments shall be permitted only if conducted pursuant to an approved site development plan (e.g. subdivision approval) that

establishes permitted areas of clearing, grading, cutting, and filling. When establishing these permitted clearing and grading areas, consideration should be given to minimizing removal of existing trees and minimizing disturbance/compaction of native soils except as needed for building purposes. These permitted clearing and grading areas and any other areas required to preserve critical or sensitive areas, buffers, native growth protection easements, or tree retention areas as may be required by local jurisdictions, shall be delineated on the site plans and the development site.

#### Seasonal Work Limitations

From October 1 through April 30, clearing, grading, and other soil disturbing activities shall only be permitted if shown to the satisfaction of the City that silt-laden runoff will be prevented from leaving the site through a combination of the following:

- Site conditions including existing vegetative coverage, slope, soil type, and proximity to receiving waters
- Limitations on activities and the extent of disturbed area
- Proposed ESC measures

Based on the information provided and/or local weather conditions, the City may expand or restrict the seasonal limitation on site disturbance. The City shall take enforcement action – such as a notice of violation, administrative order, penalty, or stop-work order under the following circumstances:

- If, during the course of any construction activity or soil disturbance during the seasonal limitation period, sediment leaves the construction site causing a violation of the surface water quality standard
- If clearing and grading limits or ESC measures shown in the approved plan are not maintained.

The following activities are exempt from the seasonal clearing and grading limitations:

- Routine maintenance and necessary repair of ESC BMP's
- Routine maintenance of public facilities or existing utility structures that do not expose the soil or result in the removal of the vegetative cover to the soil
- Activities where there is 100 percent infiltration of surface water runoff within the site in approved and installed ESC facilities.

#### Coordination with Utilities and Other Contractors

The applicant/contractor shall evaluate, with input from utilities and other contractors, the stormwater management requirements for the entire project, including utilities.

#### Inspection and Monitoring

- All BMPs shall be inspected, maintained, and repaired as needed to assure continued performance of their intended function. Site inspections shall be

conducted by a person who is knowledgeable in the principles and practices of ESC. The person must have the skills to: 1) assess the site conditions and construction activities that could impact the quality of stormwater and 2) assess the effectiveness of ESC measures used to control the quality of stormwater discharges.

- Whenever inspection and/or monitoring reveals that the BMPs identified in the Construction SWPPP are inadequate due to the actual discharge of or potential to discharge a significant amount of any pollutant, appropriate BMPs or design changes shall be implemented as soon as possible.

#### Maintaining an Updated Construction SWPPP:

- The Construction SWPPP shall be retained on site or within reasonable access to the site.
- The SWPPP shall be modified whenever there is a change in the design, construction, operation, or maintenance at the construction site that has, or could have, a significant effect on the discharge of pollutants to waters of the state.
- The SWPPP shall be modified if, during inspections or investigations conducted by the owner/operator, or the applicable local or state regulatory authority, it is determined that the SWPPP is ineffective in eliminating or significantly minimizing pollutants in stormwater discharges from the site. The SWPPP shall be modified as necessary to include additional or modified BMPs designed to correct problems identified. Revisions to the SWPPP shall be completed within 7 days following the inspection.

BMPs C150 "Materials on Hand," 160 "Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead," and C162 "Scheduling," are included in Appendix A for additional information and Maintenance Standards.

#### 13. Protect BMPs

Protect all permanent stormwater BMPs from sedimentation through installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment control BMPs on portions of the site that drain into the BMPs. Restore all BMPs to their fully functioning condition if they accumulate sediment during construction. Sediment impacting Best Management Practices shall be removed before system start-up. Restoring the BMP shall include removal of all sediment. Keep all heavy equipment off native soils under infiltration BMPs that have been excavated to final grade to retain the infiltration rate of the soils. Protect lawn and landscaped areas from compaction due to construction equipment. BMPs C103 "High Visibility Plastic or Metal Fence," "C200 "Interceptor Dike and Swale," C207 "Check Dams" and C233 "Silt Fence" are included in Appendix A for additional information and Maintenance Standards.

Should additional measures beyond what is shown on the approved grading and TESC plans be required, outlined below are options within Volume 2 of the 2014 SWMMWW:

- Buffer Zones (BMP C102)
- Grass-Lined Channels (BMP C201)
- Triangular Silt Dike (BMP C208)
- Brush Barrier (BMP C231)
- Vegetated Strip (BMP C234)

## **SECTION 8 – CONSTRUCTION PHASING**

The construction of the site improvements is planned to be completed in one phase. The anticipated sequence of the operations is as follows:

1. Hold preconstruction conference with City of Mercer Island, project engineer and a contractor's representative. Provide ESC lead with ESC control report.
2. Call 811 One-Call Locate for the location of existing utilities in areas critical to construction. Existing water and gas utilities must be potholed to identify location and depth prior to any construction activity.
3. Establish and flag clearing and grading limits.
4. Install temporary erosion and sediment control measures as identified on the approved plans.
5. Demolish and remove existing structure shown on plans.
6. Cover all areas that will be unworked for more than five days during the dry season or two days during the wet season with composted mulch, wood-based mulch or equivalent.
7. Stabilize areas that reach final grade within five days.
8. Install sanitary sewer system.
9. Install storm system.
10. Install water system.
11. Install remaining dry utilities.
12. Grade foundation pad.
13. Finish grading the driveway and walkways.
14. Construct house and loggia.
15. Install remaining site improvements (landscaping, etc.).
16. Flush roof drain lines and catch basins by removing sediment and debris. Legally dispose of sediment and debris off site.
17. Clean construction site and install permanent stabilization.
18. Call City of Mercer Island for final inspection.
19. Upon final inspection approval, remove remaining erosion control facilities.

From the beginning of construction until the completion of the project and stabilization of the site, the TESC facilities will remain operational to purify stormwater impacted by construction

activities. A responsible, Certified Professional in Erosion Control is required to be on-site or on-call at all times. Refer to the requirements of BMP C160 “Contractor Erosion and Spill Control Lead” included in Appendix A.

### **SECTION 9 - CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

The work schedule has not been finalized at the time of preparation of this document. The contractor shall review the Seasonal Work Limitations described in Section 7. From Oct 1 through April 30, clearing, grading, and other soil disturbing activities shall only be permitted if shown to the satisfaction of the City that the transport of sediment from the construction site to receiving waters will be prevented through a combination of the following:

- Site conditions including existing vegetative coverage, slope, soil type, and proximity to receiving waters; and
- Limitations on activities and the extent of disturbed areas; and
- Proposed erosion and sediment control measures.

### **SECTION 10 – FINANCIAL / OWNERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

The site is owned by:  
Frank Ross Murray  
4803 Forest Avenue SE  
Mercer Island, WA 98040

The contractor is responsible for all performance, maintenance, and mitigation bonds or other financial requirements associated with the construction.

(Note: A contractor has not been selected at this time. Upon selection, the Erosion Control Specialist name and phone number will be provided to the City).

### **SECTION 11 – ENGINEERING CALCULATIONS**

See the associated Stormwater Site Plan for conveyance calculations.

### **SECTION 12 – CERTIFIED EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL LEAD**

A responsible, Certified Professional in Erosion Control (CESCL) per BMP C160 is required on-site during construction. At the current time, a CESCL has not been specified yet, the contractor shall determine a CESCL at the time of construction. BMP C160 “Contractor Erosion and Spill Control Lead” is included in Appendix A.

**Erosion Control Lead: To be determined by the contractor.**



## **APPENDIX A**

BMPs

## **BMP C101: Preserving Natural Vegetation**

### ***Purpose***

The purpose of preserving natural vegetation is to reduce erosion wherever practicable. Limiting site disturbance is the single most effective method for reducing erosion. For example, conifers can hold up to about 50 percent of all rain that falls during a storm. Up to 20-30 percent of this rain may never reach the ground but is taken up by the tree or evaporates. Another benefit is that the rain held in the tree can be released slowly to the ground after the storm.

### ***Conditions of Use***

Natural vegetation should be preserved on steep slopes, near perennial and intermittent watercourses or swales, and on building sites in wooded areas.

- As required by local governments.
- Phase construction to preserve natural vegetation on the project site for as long as possible during the construction period.

### ***Design and Installation Specifications***

Natural vegetation can be preserved in natural clumps or as individual trees, shrubs and vines.

The preservation of individual plants is more difficult because heavy equipment is generally used to remove unwanted vegetation. The points to remember when attempting to save individual plants are:

- Is the plant worth saving? Consider the location, species, size, age, vigor, and the work involved. Local governments may also have ordinances to save natural vegetation and trees.
- Fence or clearly mark areas around trees that are to be saved. It is preferable to keep ground disturbance away from the trees at least as far out as the dripline.

Plants need protection from three kinds of injuries:

- *Construction Equipment* - This injury can be above or below the ground level. Damage results from scarring, cutting of roots, and compaction of the soil. Placing a fenced buffer zone around plants to be saved prior to construction can prevent construction equipment injuries.
- *Grade Changes* - Changing the natural ground level will alter grades, which affects the plant's ability to obtain the necessary air, water, and minerals. Minor fills usually do not cause problems although sensitivity between species does vary and should be checked. Trees can typically tolerate fill of 6 inches or less. For shrubs

and other plants, the fill should be less.

When there are major changes in grade, it may become necessary to supply air to the roots of plants. This can be done by placing a layer of gravel and a tile system over the roots before the fill is made. A tile system protects a tree from a raised grade. The tile system should be laid out on the original grade leading from a dry well around the tree trunk. The system should then be covered with small stones to allow air to circulate over the root area.

Lowering the natural ground level can seriously damage trees and shrubs. The highest percentage of the plant roots are in the upper 12 inches of the soil and cuts of only 2-3 inches can cause serious injury. To protect the roots it may be necessary to terrace the immediate area around the plants to be saved. If roots are exposed, construction of retaining walls may be needed to keep the soil in place. Plants can also be preserved by leaving them on an undisturbed, gently sloping mound. To increase the chances for survival, it is best to limit grade changes and other soil disturbances to areas outside the dripline of the plant.

- *Excavations* - Protect trees and other plants when excavating for drainfields, power, water, and sewer lines. Where possible, the trenches should be routed around trees and large shrubs. When this is not possible, it is best to tunnel under them. This can be done with hand tools or with power augers. If it is not possible to route the trench around plants to be saved, then the following should be observed:
  - Cut as few roots as possible. When you have to cut, cut clean. Paint cut root ends with a wood dressing like asphalt base paint if roots will be exposed for more than 24-hours.
  - Backfill the trench as soon as possible.
  - Tunnel beneath root systems as close to the center of the main trunk to preserve most of the important feeder roots.

Some problems that can be encountered with a few specific trees are:

- Maple, Dogwood, Red alder, Western hemlock, Western red cedar, and Douglas fir do not readily adjust to changes in environment and special care should be taken to protect these trees.
- The windthrow hazard of Pacific silver fir and madrona is high, while that of Western hemlock is moderate. The danger of windthrow increases where dense stands have been thinned. Other species (unless they are on shallow, wet soils less than 20 inches deep) have a low windthrow hazard.
- Cottonwoods, maples, and willows have water-seeking roots. These can cause trouble in sewer lines and infiltration fields. On the other hand, they thrive in high moisture conditions that other trees would not.
- Thinning operations in pure or mixed stands of Grand fir, Pacific silver fir, Noble fir,

Sitka spruce, Western red cedar, Western hemlock, Pacific dogwood, and Red alder can cause serious disease problems. Disease can become established through damaged limbs, trunks, roots, and freshly cut stumps. Diseased and weakened trees are also susceptible to insect attack.

### ***Maintenance Standards***

Inspect flagged and/or fenced areas regularly to make sure flagging or fencing has not been removed or damaged. If the flagging or fencing has been damaged or visibility reduced, it shall be repaired or replaced immediately and visibility restored.

- If tree roots have been exposed or injured, “prune” cleanly with an appropriate pruning saw or loppers directly above the damaged roots and recover with native soils. Treatment of sap flowing trees (fir, hemlock, pine, soft maples) is not advised as sap forms a natural healing barrier.

## **BMP C102: Buffer Zones**

### ***Purpose***

Creation of an undisturbed area or strip of natural vegetation or an established suitable planting that will provide a living filter to reduce soil erosion and runoff velocities.

### ***Conditions of Use***

Natural buffer zones are used along streams, wetlands and other bodies of water that need protection from erosion and sedimentation. Vegetative buffer zones can be used to protect natural swales and can be incorporated into the natural landscaping of an area.

Critical-areas buffer zones should not be used as sediment treatment areas. These areas shall remain completely undisturbed. The local permitting authority may expand the buffer widths temporarily to allow the use of the expanded area for removal of sediment.

### ***Design and Installation Specifications***

- Preserving natural vegetation or plantings in clumps, blocks, or strips is generally the easiest and most successful method.
- Leave all unstable steep slopes in natural vegetation.
- Mark clearing limits and keep all equipment and construction debris out of the natural areas and buffer zones. Steel construction fencing is the most effective method in protecting sensitive areas and buffers. Alternatively, wire-backed silt fence on steel posts is marginally effective. Flagging alone is typically not effective.
- Keep all excavations outside the dripline of trees and shrubs.
- Do not push debris or extra soil into the buffer zone area because it will cause

damage from burying and smothering.

- Vegetative buffer zones for streams, lakes or other waterways shall be established by the local permitting authority or other state or federal permits or approvals.

### ***Maintenance Standards***

Inspect the area frequently to make sure flagging remains in place and the area remains undisturbed. Replace all damaged flagging immediately.

## **BMP C103: High Visibility Fence**

### ***Purpose***

Fencing is intended to:

1. Restrict clearing to approved limits.
2. Prevent disturbance of sensitive areas, their buffers, and other areas required to be left undisturbed.
3. Limit construction traffic to designated construction entrances, exits, or internal roads.
4. Protect areas where marking with survey tape may not provide adequate protection.

### ***Conditions of Use***

To establish clearing limits plastic, fabric, or metal fence may be used:

- At the boundary of sensitive areas, their buffers, and other areas required to be left uncleared.
- As necessary to control vehicle access to and on the site.

### ***Design and Installation Specifications***

High visibility plastic fence shall be composed of a high-density polyethylene material and shall be at least four feet in height. Posts for the fencing shall be steel or wood and placed every 6 feet on center (maximum) or as needed to ensure rigidity. The fencing shall be fastened to the post every six inches with a polyethylene tie. On long continuous lengths of fencing, a tension wire or rope shall be used as a top stringer to prevent sagging between posts. The fence color shall be high visibility orange. The fence tensile strength shall be 360 lbs./ft. using the ASTM D4595 testing method.

If appropriate install fabric silt fence in accordance with [BMP C233: Silt Fence \(p.367\)](#) to act as high visibility fence. Silt fence shall be at least 3 feet high and must be highly visible to meet the requirements of this BMP.

Metal fences shall be designed and installed according to the manufacturer's specifications.

Metal fences shall be at least 3 feet high and must be highly visible.

Fences shall not be wired or stapled to trees.

### ***Maintenance Standards***

If the fence has been damaged or visibility reduced, it shall be repaired or replaced immediately and visibility restored.

## **BMP C105: Stabilized Construction Entrance / Exit**

### ***Purpose***

Stabilized Construction entrances are established to reduce the amount of sediment transported onto paved roads by vehicles or equipment. This is done by constructing a stabilized pad of quarry spalls at entrances and exits for construction sites.

### ***Conditions of Use***

Construction entrances shall be stabilized wherever traffic will be entering or leaving a construction site if paved roads or other paved areas are within 1,000 feet of the site.

For residential construction provide stabilized construction entrances for each residence, rather than only at the main subdivision entrance. Stabilized surfaces shall be of sufficient length/width to provide vehicle access/parking, based on lot size/configuration.

On large commercial, highway, and road projects, the designer should include enough extra materials in the contract to allow for additional stabilized entrances not shown in the initial Construction SWPPP. It is difficult to determine exactly where access to these projects will take place; additional materials will enable the contractor to install them where needed.

### ***Design and Installation Specifications***

See [Figure II-4.1.1 Stabilized Construction Entrance \(p.273\)](#) for details. Note: the 100' minimum length of the entrance shall be reduced to the maximum practicable size when the size or configuration of the site does not allow the full length (100').

Construct stabilized construction entrances with a 12-inch thick pad of 4-inch to 8-inch quarry spalls, a 4-inch course of asphalt treated base (ATB), or use existing pavement. Do not use crushed concrete, cement, or calcium chloride for construction entrance stabilization because these products raise pH levels in stormwater and concrete discharge to surface waters of the State is prohibited.

A separation geotextile shall be placed under the spalls to prevent fine sediment from pumping up into the rock pad. The geotextile shall meet the following standards:

Grab Tensile Strength (ASTM D4751)	200 psi min.
Grab Tensile Elongation (ASTM D4632)	30% max.
Mullen Burst Strength (ASTM D3786-80a)	400 psi min.
AOS (ASTM D4751)	20-45 (U.S. standard sieve size)

- Consider early installation of the first lift of asphalt in areas that will be paved; this can be used as a stabilized entrance. Also consider the installation of excess concrete as a stabilized entrance. During large concrete pours, excess concrete is often available for this purpose.
- Fencing (see [BMP C103: High Visibility Fence \(p.269\)](#)) shall be installed as necessary to restrict traffic to the construction entrance.
- Whenever possible, the entrance shall be constructed on a firm, compacted sub-grade. This can substantially increase the effectiveness of the pad and reduce the need for maintenance.
- Construction entrances should avoid crossing existing sidewalks and back of walk drains if at all possible. If a construction entrance must cross a sidewalk or back of walk drain, the full length of the sidewalk and back of walk drain must be covered and protected from sediment leaving the site.

### **Maintenance Standards**

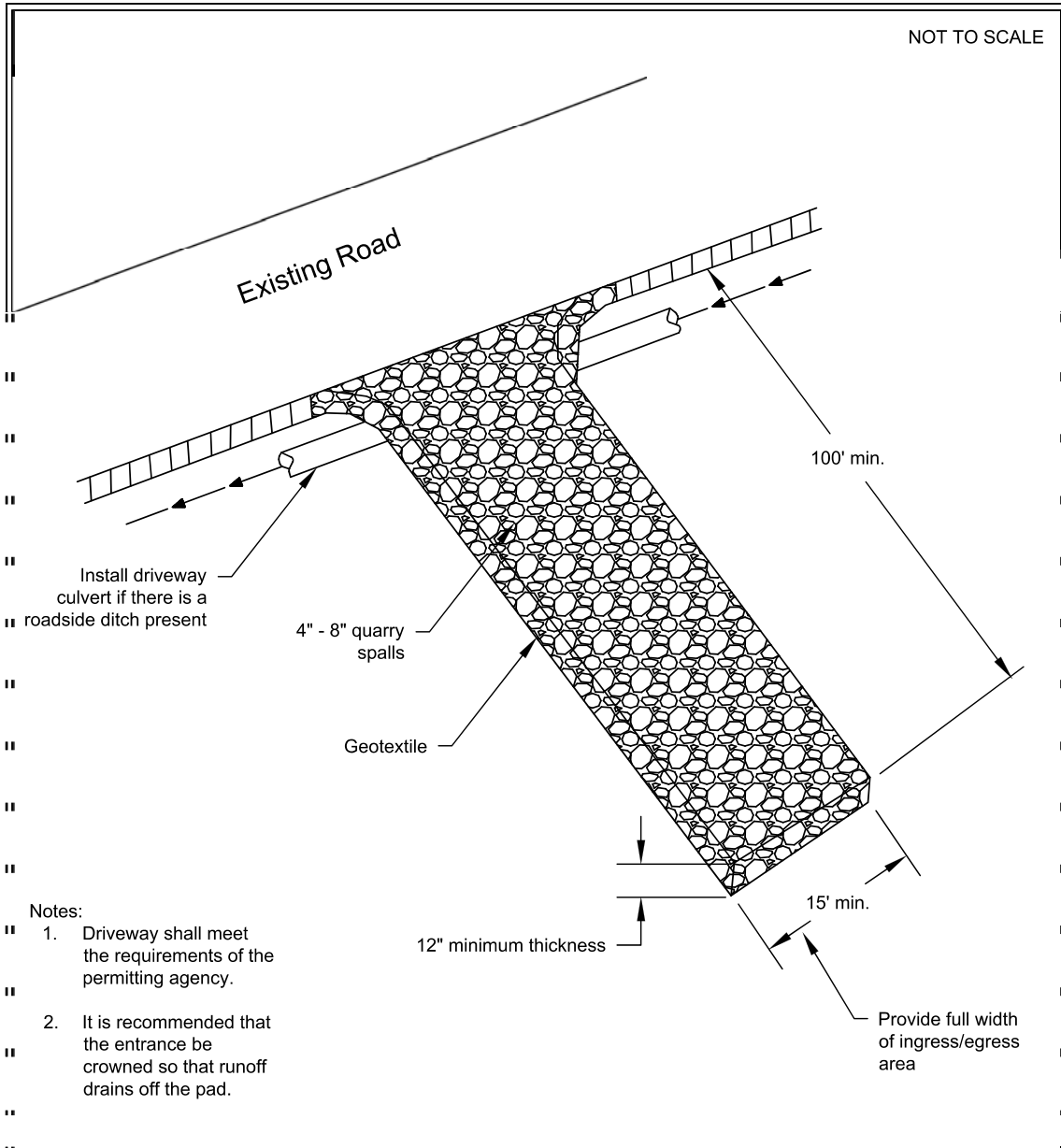
Quarry spalls shall be added if the pad is no longer in accordance with the specifications.


- If the entrance is not preventing sediment from being tracked onto pavement, then alternative measures to keep the streets free of sediment shall be used. This may include replacement/cleaning of the existing quarry spalls, street sweeping, an increase in the dimensions of the entrance, or the installation of a wheel wash.
- Any sediment that is tracked onto pavement shall be removed by shoveling or street sweeping. The sediment collected by sweeping shall be removed or stabilized on site. The pavement shall not be cleaned by washing down the street, except when high efficiency sweeping is ineffective and there is a threat to public safety. If it is necessary to wash the streets, the construction of a small sump to contain the wash water shall be considered. The sediment would then be washed into the sump where it can be controlled.
- Perform street sweeping by hand or with a high efficiency sweeper. Do not use a non-high efficiency mechanical sweeper because this creates dust and throws soils into storm systems or conveyance ditches.

- Any quarry spalls that are loosened from the pad, which end up on the roadway shall be removed immediately.
- If vehicles are entering or exiting the site at points other than the construction entrance(s), fencing (see BMP C103) shall be installed to control traffic.
- Upon project completion and site stabilization, all construction accesses intended as permanent access for maintenance shall be permanently stabilized.



**Figure II-4.1.1 Stabilized Construction Entrance**



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- Storm drain inlets shall be protected to prevent sediment-laden water entering the storm drain system (see [BMP C220: Storm Drain Inlet Protection \(p.357\)](#)).

### ***Maintenance Standards***

Inspect stabilized areas regularly, especially after large storm events.

Crushed rock, gravel base, etc., shall be added as required to maintain a stable driving surface and to stabilize any areas that have eroded.

Following construction, these areas shall be restored to pre-construction condition or better to prevent future erosion.

Perform street cleaning at the end of each day or more often if necessary.

## **BMP C120: Temporary and Permanent Seeding**

### ***Purpose***

Seeding reduces erosion by stabilizing exposed soils. A well-established vegetative cover is one of the most effective methods of reducing erosion.

### ***Conditions of Use***

Use seeding throughout the project on disturbed areas that have reached final grade or that will remain unworked for more than 30 days.

The optimum seeding windows for western Washington are April 1 through June 30 and September 1 through October 1.

Between July 1 and August 30 seeding requires irrigation until 75 percent grass cover is established.

Between October 1 and March 30 seeding requires a cover of mulch with straw or an erosion control blanket until 75 percent grass cover is established.

Review all disturbed areas in late August to early September and complete all seeding by the end of September. Otherwise, vegetation will not establish itself enough to provide more than average protection.

- Mulch is required at all times for seeding because it protects seeds from heat, moisture loss, and transport due to runoff. Mulch can be applied on top of the seed or simultaneously by hydroseeding. See [BMP C121: Mulching \(p.284\)](#) for specifications.
- Seed and mulch, all disturbed areas not otherwise vegetated at final site stabilization. Final stabilization means the completion of all soil disturbing activities at the site and the establishment of a permanent vegetative cover, or equivalent per-

manent stabilization measures (such as pavement, riprap, gabions, or geotextiles) which will prevent erosion.

### ***Design and Installation Specifications***

Seed retention/detention ponds as required.

Install channels intended for vegetation before starting major earthwork and hydroseed with a Bonded Fiber Matrix. For vegetated channels that will have high flows, install erosion control blankets over hydroseed. Before allowing water to flow in vegetated channels, establish 75 percent vegetation cover. If vegetated channels cannot be established by seed before water flow; install sod in the channel bottom—over hydromulch and erosion control blankets.

- Confirm the installation of all required surface water control measures to prevent seed from washing away.
- Hydroseed applications shall include a minimum of 1,500 pounds per acre of mulch with 3 percent tackifier. See [BMP C121: Mulching \(p.284\)](#) for specifications.
- Areas that will have seeding only and not landscaping may need compost or meal-based mulch included in the hydroseed in order to establish vegetation. Re-install native topsoil on the disturbed soil surface before application.
- When installing seed via hydroseeding operations, only about 1/3 of the seed actually ends up in contact with the soil surface. This reduces the ability to establish a good stand of grass quickly. To overcome this, consider increasing seed quantities by up to 50 percent.
- Enhance vegetation establishment by dividing the hydromulch operation into two phases:
  1. Phase 1- Install all seed and fertilizer with 25-30 percent mulch and tackifier onto soil in the first lift.
  2. Phase 2- Install the rest of the mulch and tackifier over the first lift.

Or, enhance vegetation by:

1. Installing the mulch, seed, fertilizer, and tackifier in one lift.
2. Spread or blow straw over the top of the hydromulch at a rate of 800-1000 pounds per acre.
3. Hold straw in place with a standard tackifier.

Both of these approaches will increase cost moderately but will greatly improve and enhance vegetative establishment. The increased cost may be offset by the reduced need for:

- Irrigation.
- Reapplication of mulch.
- Repair of failed slope surfaces.

This technique works with standard hydromulch (1,500 pounds per acre minimum) and BFM/MBFMs (3,000 pounds per acre minimum).

- Seed may be installed by hand if:
  - Temporary and covered by straw, mulch, or topsoil.
  - Permanent in small areas (usually less than 1 acre) and covered with mulch, topsoil, or erosion blankets.
  - The seed mixes listed in the tables below include recommended mixes for both temporary and permanent seeding.
  - Apply these mixes, with the exception of the wetland mix, at a rate of 120 pounds per acre. This rate can be reduced if soil amendments or slow-release fertilizers are used.
  - Consult the local suppliers or the local conservation district for their recommendations because the appropriate mix depends on a variety of factors, including location, exposure, soil type, slope, and expected foot traffic. Alternative seed mixes approved by the local authority may be used.
  - Other mixes may be appropriate, depending on the soil type and hydrology of the area.
- [Table II-4.1.2 Temporary Erosion Control Seed Mix \(p.280\)](#) lists the standard mix for areas requiring a temporary vegetative cover.

**Table II-4.1.2 Temporary Erosion Control Seed Mix**

	% Weight	% Purity	% Germination
Chewings or annual blue grass <i>Festuca rubra var. commutata</i> or <i>Poa anna</i>	40	98	90
Perennial rye <i>Lolium perenne</i>	50	98	90
Redtop or colonial bentgrass <i>Agrostis alba</i> or <i>Agrostis tenuis</i>	5	92	85
White dutch clover <i>Trifolium repens</i>	5	98	90

- [Table II-4.1.3 Landscaping Seed Mix \(p.281\)](#) lists a recommended mix for landscaping seed.

**Table II-4.1.3 Landscaping Seed Mix**

	% Weight	% Purity	% Germination
Perennial rye blend <i>Lolium perenne</i>	70	98	90
Chewings and red fescue blend <i>Festuca rubra</i> var. <i>commutata</i> or <i>Festuca rubra</i>	30	98	90

- [Table II-4.1.4 Low-Growing Turf Seed Mix \(p.281\)](#) lists a turf seed mix for dry situations where there is no need for watering. This mix requires very little maintenance.

**Table II-4.1.4 Low-Growing Turf Seed Mix**

	% Weight	% Purity	% Germination
Dwarf tall fescue (several varieties) <i>Festuca arundinacea</i> var.	45	98	90
Dwarf perennial rye (Barclay) <i>Lolium perenne</i> var. <i>barclay</i>	30	98	90
Red fescue <i>Festuca rubra</i>	20	98	90
Colonial bentgrass <i>Agrostis tenuis</i>	5	98	90

- [Table II-4.1.5 Bioswale Seed Mix\\* \(p.281\)](#) lists a mix for bioswales and other intermittently wet areas.

**Table II-4.1.5 Bioswale Seed Mix\***

	% Weight	% Purity	% Germination
Tall or meadow fescue <i>Festuca arundinacea</i> or <i>Festuca elatior</i>	75-80	98	90
Seaside/Creeping bentgrass <i>Agrostis palustris</i>	10-15	92	85
Redtop bentgrass <i>Agrostis alba</i> or <i>Agrostis gigantea</i>	5-10	90	80
* Modified Briargreen, Inc. Hydroseeding Guide Wetlands Seed Mix			

- [Table II-4.1.6 Wet Area Seed Mix\\* \(p.282\)](#) lists a low-growing, relatively non-invasive seed mix appropriate for very wet areas that are not regulated wetlands. Apply

this mixture at a rate of 60 pounds per acre. Consult Hydraulic Permit Authority (HPA) for seed mixes if applicable.

**Table II-4.1.6 Wet Area Seed Mix\***

	% Weight	% Purity	% Germination
Tall or meadow fescue <i>Festuca arundinacea</i> or <i>Festuca elatior</i>	60-70	98	90
Seaside/Creeping bentgrass <i>Agrostis palustris</i>	10-15	98	85
Meadow foxtail <i>Alepocurus pratensis</i>	10-15	90	80
Alsike clover <i>Trifolium hybridum</i>	1-6	98	90
Redtop bentgrass <i>Agrostis alba</i>	1-6	92	85
* Modified Briargreen, Inc. Hydroseeding Guide Wetlands Seed Mix			

- [Table II-4.1.7 Meadow Seed Mix \(p.282\)](#) lists a recommended meadow seed mix for infrequently maintained areas or non-maintained areas where colonization by native plants is desirable. Likely applications include rural road and utility right-of-way. Seeding should take place in September or very early October in order to obtain adequate establishment prior to the winter months. Consider the appropriateness of clover, a fairly invasive species, in the mix. Amending the soil can reduce the need for clover.

**Table II-4.1.7 Meadow Seed Mix**

	% Weight	% Purity	% Germination
Redtop or Oregon bentgrass <i>Agrostis alba</i> or <i>Agrostis oregonensis</i>	20	92	85
Red fescue <i>Festuca rubra</i>	70	98	90
White dutch clover <i>Trifolium repens</i>	10	98	90

• **Roughening and Rototilling:**

- The seedbed should be firm and rough. Roughen all soil no matter what the slope. Track walk slopes before seeding if engineering purposes require

compaction. Backblading or smoothing of slopes greater than 4H:1V is not allowed if they are to be seeded.

- Restoration-based landscape practices require deeper incorporation than that provided by a simple single-pass rototilling treatment. Wherever practical, initially rip the subgrade to improve long-term permeability, infiltration, and water inflow qualities. At a minimum, permanent areas shall use soil amendments to achieve organic matter and permeability performance defined in engineered soil/landscape systems. For systems that are deeper than 8 inches complete the rototilling process in multiple lifts, or prepare the engineered soil system per specifications and place to achieve the specified depth.

- **Fertilizers:**

- Conducting soil tests to determine the exact type and quantity of fertilizer is recommended. This will prevent the over-application of fertilizer.
- Organic matter is the most appropriate form of fertilizer because it provides nutrients (including nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium) in the least water-soluble form.
- In general, use 10-4-6 N-P-K (nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium) fertilizer at a rate of 90 pounds per acre. Always use slow-release fertilizers because they are more efficient and have fewer environmental impacts. Do not add fertilizer to the hydromulch machine, or agitate, more than 20 minutes before use. Too much agitation destroys the slow-release coating.
- There are numerous products available that take the place of chemical fertilizers. These include several with seaweed extracts that are beneficial to soil microbes and organisms. If 100 percent cottonseed meal is used as the mulch in hydroseed, chemical fertilizer may not be necessary. Cottonseed meal provides a good source of long-term, slow-release, available nitrogen.

- **Bonded Fiber Matrix and Mechanically Bonded Fiber Matrix:**

- On steep slopes use Bonded Fiber Matrix (BFM) or Mechanically Bonded Fiber Matrix (MBFM) products. Apply BFM/MBFM products at a minimum rate of 3,000 pounds per acre of mulch with approximately 10 percent tackifier. Achieve a minimum of 95 percent soil coverage during application. Numerous products are available commercially. Installed products per manufacturer's instructions. Most products require 24-36 hours to cure before rainfall and cannot be installed on wet or saturated soils. Generally, products come in 40-50 pound bags and include all necessary ingredients except for seed and fertilizer.

- BFM and MBFMs provide good alternatives to blankets in most areas requiring vegetation establishment. Advantages over blankets include:
  - BFM and MBFMs do not require surface preparation.
  - Helicopters can assist in installing BFM and MBFMs in remote areas.
  - On slopes steeper than 2.5H:1V, blanket installers may require ropes and harnesses for safety.
  - Installing BFM and MBFMs can save at least \$1,000 per acre compared to blankets.

### **Maintenance Standards**

Reseed any seeded areas that fail to establish at least 80 percent cover (100 percent cover for areas that receive sheet or concentrated flows). If reseeding is ineffective, use an alternate method such as sodding, mulching, or nets/blankets. If winter weather prevents adequate grass growth, this time limit may be relaxed at the discretion of the local authority when sensitive areas would otherwise be protected.

- Reseed and protect by mulch any areas that experience erosion after achieving adequate cover. Reseed and protect by mulch any eroded area.
- Supply seeded areas with adequate moisture, but do not water to the extent that it causes runoff.

### **Approved as Equivalent**

Ecology has approved products as able to meet the requirements of [BMP C120: Temporary and Permanent Seeding](#). The products did not pass through the Technology Assessment Protocol – Ecology (TAPE) process. Local jurisdictions may choose not to accept this product approved as equivalent, or may require additional testing prior to consideration for local use. The products are available for review on Ecology’s website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/newtech/equivalent.html>.

## **BMP C121: Mulching**

### **Purpose**

Mulching soils provides immediate temporary protection from erosion. Mulch also enhances plant establishment by conserving moisture, holding fertilizer, seed, and topsoil in place, and moderating soil temperatures. There is an enormous variety of mulches that can be used. This section discusses only the most common types of mulch.

### **Conditions of Use**

As a temporary cover measure, mulch should be used:



- For less than 30 days on disturbed areas that require cover.
- At all times for seeded areas, especially during the wet season and during the hot summer months.
- During the wet season on slopes steeper than 3H:1V with more than 10 feet of vertical relief.

Mulch may be applied at any time of the year and must be refreshed periodically.

- For seeded areas mulch may be made up of 100 percent: cottonseed meal; fibers made of wood, recycled cellulose, hemp, kenaf; compost; or blends of these. Tackifier shall be plant-based, such as guar or alpha plantago, or chemical-based such as polyacrylamide or polymers. Any mulch or tackifier product used shall be installed per manufacturer's instructions. Generally, mulches come in 40-50 pound bags. Seed and fertilizer are added at time of application.

### ***Design and Installation Specifications***

For mulch materials, application rates, and specifications, see [Table II-4.1.8 Mulch Standards and Guidelines \(p.286\)](#). Always use a 2-inch minimum mulch thickness; increase the thickness until the ground is 95% covered (i.e. not visible under the mulch layer). Note: Thickness may be increased for disturbed areas in or near sensitive areas or other areas highly susceptible to erosion.

Where the option of "Compost" is selected, it should be a coarse compost that meets the following size gradations when tested in accordance with the U.S. Composting Council "Test Methods for the Examination of Compost and Composting" (TMECC) Test Method 02.02-B.

#### **Coarse Compost**

Minimum Percent passing 3" sieve openings 100%

Minimum Percent passing 1" sieve openings 90%

Minimum Percent passing ¾" sieve openings 70%

Minimum Percent passing ¼" sieve openings 40%

Mulch used within the ordinary high-water mark of surface waters should be selected to minimize potential flotation of organic matter. Composted organic materials have higher specific gravities (densities) than straw, wood, or chipped material. Consult Hydraulic Permit Authority (HPA) for mulch mixes if applicable.

### ***Maintenance Standards***

- The thickness of the cover must be maintained.
- Any areas that experience erosion shall be remulched and/or protected with a net

or blanket. If the erosion problem is drainage related, then the problem shall be fixed and the eroded area remulched.

**Table II-4.1.8 Mulch Standards and Guidelines**

Mulch Material	Quality Standards	Application Rates	Remarks
Straw	Air-dried; free from undesirable seed and coarse material.	2"-3" thick; 5 bales per 1,000 sf or 2-3 tons per acre	Cost-effective protection when applied with adequate thickness. Hand-application generally requires greater thickness than blown straw. The thickness of straw may be reduced by half when used in conjunction with seeding. In windy areas straw must be held in place by crimping, using a tackifier, or covering with netting. Blown straw always has to be held in place with a tackifier as even light winds will blow it away. Straw, however, has several deficiencies that should be considered when selecting mulch materials. It often introduces and/or encourages the propagation of weed species and it has no significant long-term benefits. It should also not be used within the ordinary high-water elevation of surface waters (due to flotation).
Hydromulch	No growth inhibiting factors.	Approx. 25-30 lbs per 1,000 sf or 1,500 - 2,000 lbs per acre	Shall be applied with hydromulcher. Shall not be used without seed and tackifier unless the application rate is at least doubled. Fibers longer than about 3/4 - 1 inch clog hydromulch equipment. Fibers should be kept to less than 3/4 inch.
Compost	No visible water or dust during handling. Must be produced per WAC 173-350, Solid Waste Handling Standards, but may have up to 35%	2" thick min.; approx. 100 tons per acre (approx. 800 lbs per yard)	More effective control can be obtained by increasing thickness to 3". Excellent mulch for protecting final grades until landscaping because it can be directly seeded or tilled into soil as an amendment. Compost used for mulch has a coarser size gradation than compost used for <a href="#">BMP C125: Topsoiling / Composting (p.297)</a> or <a href="#">BMP T5.13: Post-Construction Soil Quality and Depth (p.911)</a> . It is more stable and practical to use in wet areas and during rainy weather conditions. Do not use near wetlands or near phosphorous impaired water bodies.

**Table II-4.1.8 Mulch Standards and Guidelines (continued)**

Mulch Material	Quality Standards	Application Rates	Remarks
	biosolids.		
Chipped Site Vegetation	Average size shall be several inches. Gradations from fines to 6 inches in length for texture, variation, and interlocking properties.	2" thick min.;	This is a cost-effective way to dispose of debris from clearing and grubbing, and it eliminates the problems associated with burning. Generally, it should not be used on slopes above approx. 10% because of its tendency to be transported by runoff. It is not recommended within 200 feet of surface waters. If seeding is expected shortly after mulch, the decomposition of the chipped vegetation may tie up nutrients important to grass establishment.
Wood-based Mulch or Wood Straw	No visible water or dust during handling. Must be purchased from a supplier with a Solid Waste Handling Permit or one exempt from solid waste regulations.	2" thick min.; approx. 100 tons per acre (approx. 800 lbs. per cubic yard)	This material is often called "hog or hogged fuel". The use of mulch ultimately improves the organic matter in the soil. Special caution is advised regarding the source and composition of wood-based mulches. Its preparation typically does not provide any weed seed control, so evidence of residual vegetation in its composition or known inclusion of weed plants or seeds should be monitored and prevented (or minimized).
Wood Strand Mulch	A blend of loose, long, thin wood pieces derived from native conifer or deciduous trees with	2" thick min.	Cost-effective protection when applied with adequate thickness. A minimum of 95-percent of the wood strand shall have lengths between 2 and 10-inches, with a width and thickness between 1/16 and 3/8-inches. The mulch shall not contain resin, tannin, or other compounds in quantities that would be detrimental to plant life. Sawdust or wood shavings shall not be used as mulch. (WSDOT specification (9-14.4(4)))

**Table II-4.1.8 Mulch Standards and Guidelines (continued)**

Mulch Material	Quality Standards	Application Rates	Remarks
	high length-to-width ratio.		

## **BMP C140: Dust Control**

### ***Purpose***

Dust control prevents wind transport of dust from disturbed soil surfaces onto roadways, drainage ways, and surface waters.

### ***Conditions of Use***

- In areas (including roadways) subject to surface and air movement of dust where on-site and off-site impacts to roadways, drainage ways, or surface waters are likely.

### ***Design and Installation Specifications***

- Vegetate or mulch areas that will not receive vehicle traffic. In areas where planting, mulching, or paving is impractical, apply gravel or landscaping rock.
- Limit dust generation by clearing only those areas where immediate activity will take place, leaving the remaining area(s) in the original condition. Maintain the original ground cover as long as practical.
- Construct natural or artificial windbreaks or windscreens. These may be designed as enclosures for small dust sources.
- Sprinkle the site with water until surface is wet. Repeat as needed. To prevent carryout of mud onto street, refer to [BMP C105: Stabilized Construction Entrance / Exit \(p.270\)](#).
- Irrigation water can be used for dust control. Irrigation systems should be installed as a first step on sites where dust control is a concern.
- Spray exposed soil areas with a dust palliative, following the manufacturer's instructions and cautions regarding handling and application. Used oil is prohibited from use as a dust suppressant. Local governments may approve other dust palliatives such as calcium chloride or PAM.
- PAM ([BMP C126: Polyacrylamide \(PAM\) for Soil Erosion Protection \(p.300\)](#)) added to water at a rate of 0.5 lbs. per 1,000 gallons of water per acre and applied from a water truck is more effective than water alone. This is due to increased infiltration of water into the soil and reduced evaporation. In addition, small soil particles are bonded together and are not as easily transported by wind. Adding PAM may actually reduce the quantity of water needed for dust control. Use of PAM could be a cost-effective dust control method.

Techniques that can be used for unpaved roads and lots include:

- Lower speed limits. High vehicle speed increases the amount of dust stirred up from unpaved roads and lots.
- Upgrade the road surface strength by improving particle size, shape, and mineral types that make up the surface and base materials.
- Add surface gravel to reduce the source of dust emission. Limit the amount of fine particles (those smaller than .075 mm) to 10 to 20 percent.
- Use geotextile fabrics to increase the strength of new roads or roads undergoing reconstruction.
- Encourage the use of alternate, paved routes, if available.
- Restrict use of paved roadways by tracked vehicles and heavy trucks to prevent damage to road surface and base.
- Apply chemical dust suppressants using the admix method, blending the product with the top few inches of surface material. Suppressants may also be applied as surface treatments.
- Pave unpaved permanent roads and other trafficked areas.
- Use vacuum street sweepers.
- Remove mud and other dirt promptly so it does not dry and then turn into dust.
- Limit dust-causing work on windy days.
- Contact your local Air Pollution Control Authority for guidance and training on other dust control measures. Compliance with the local Air Pollution Control Authority constitutes compliance with this BMP.

### ***Maintenance Standards***

Respray area as necessary to keep dust to a minimum.

## **BMP C150: Materials on Hand**

### ***Purpose***

Keep quantities of erosion prevention and sediment control materials on the project site at all times to be used for regular maintenance and emergency situations such as unexpected heavy summer rains. Having these materials on-site reduces the time needed to implement BMPs when inspections indicate that existing BMPs are not meeting the Construction SWPPP requirements. In addition, contractors can save money by buying some materials in bulk and storing them at their office or yard.

**Conditions of Use**

- Construction projects of any size or type can benefit from having materials on hand. A small commercial development project could have a roll of plastic and some gravel available for immediate protection of bare soil and temporary berm construction. A large earthwork project, such as highway construction, might have several tons of straw, several rolls of plastic, flexible pipe, sandbags, geotextile fabric and steel “T” posts.
- Materials are stockpiled and readily available before any site clearing, grubbing, or earthwork begins. A large contractor or developer could keep a stockpile of materials that are available for use on several projects.
- If storage space at the project site is at a premium, the contractor could maintain the materials at their office or yard. The office or yard must be less than an hour from the project site.

**Design and Installation Specifications**

Depending on project type, size, complexity, and length, materials and quantities will vary. A good minimum list of items that will cover numerous situations includes:

Material
Clear Plastic, 6 mil
Drainpipe, 6 or 8 inch diameter
Sandbags, filled
Straw Bales for mulching,
Quarry Spalls
Washed Gravel
Geotextile Fabric
Catch Basin Inserts
Steel "T" Posts
Silt fence material
Straw Wattles

**Maintenance Standards**

- All materials with the exception of the quarry spalls, steel “T” posts, and gravel should be kept covered and out of both sun and rain.
- Re-stock materials used as needed.

## **BMP C151: Concrete Handling**

### ***Purpose***

Concrete work can generate process water and slurry that contain fine particles and high pH, both of which can violate water quality standards in the receiving water. Concrete spillage or concrete discharge to surface waters of the State is prohibited. Use this BMP to minimize and eliminate concrete, concrete process water, and concrete slurry from entering waters of the state.

### ***Conditions of Use***

Any time concrete is used, utilize these management practices. Concrete construction projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Curbs
- Sidewalks
- Roads
- Bridges
- Foundations
- Floors
- Runways

### ***Design and Installation Specifications***

- Assure that washout of concrete trucks, chutes, pumps, and internals is performed at an approved off-site location or in designated concrete washout areas. Do not wash out concrete trucks onto the ground, or into storm drains, open ditches, streets, or streams. Refer to [BMP C154: Concrete Washout Area \(p.317\)](#) for information on concrete washout areas.
- Return unused concrete remaining in the truck and pump to the originating batch plant for recycling. Do not dump excess concrete on site, except in designated concrete washout areas.
- Wash off hand tools including, but not limited to, screeds, shovels, rakes, floats, and trowels into formed areas only.
- Wash equipment difficult to move, such as concrete pavers in areas that do not directly drain to natural or constructed stormwater conveyances.
- Do not allow washdown from areas, such as concrete aggregate driveways, to drain directly to natural or constructed stormwater conveyances.
- Contain washwater and leftover product in a lined container when no formed areas



are available. Dispose of contained concrete in a manner that does not violate ground water or surface water quality standards.

- Always use forms or solid barriers for concrete pours, such as pilings, within 15-feet of surface waters.
- Refer to [BMP C252: High pH Neutralization Using CO2 \(p.409\)](#) and [BMP C253: pH Control for High pH Water \(p.412\)](#) for pH adjustment requirements.
- Refer to the Construction Stormwater General Permit for pH monitoring requirements if the project involves one of the following activities:
  - Significant concrete work (greater than 1,000 cubic yards poured concrete or recycled concrete used over the life of a project).
  - The use of engineered soils amended with (but not limited to) Portland cement-treated base, cement kiln dust or fly ash.
  - Discharging stormwater to segments of water bodies on the 303(d) list (Category 5) for high pH.

### ***Maintenance Standards***

Check containers for holes in the liner daily during concrete pours and repair the same day.

## **BMP C154: Concrete Washout Area**

### ***Purpose***

Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from concrete waste by conducting washout off-site, or performing on-site washout in a designated area to prevent pollutants from entering surface waters or ground water.

### ***Conditions of Use***

Concrete washout area best management practices are implemented on construction projects where:

- Concrete is used as a construction material
- It is not possible to dispose of all concrete wastewater and washout off-site (ready mix plant, etc.).
- Concrete trucks, pumpers, or other concrete coated equipment are washed on-site.
- Note: If less than 10 concrete trucks or pumpers need to be washed out on-site, the washwater may be disposed of in a formed area awaiting concrete or an upland disposal site where it will not contaminate surface or ground water. The upland disposal site shall be at least 50 feet from sensitive areas such as storm drains, open ditches, or water bodies, including wetlands.

## ***Design and Installation Specifications***

### **Implementation**

The following steps will help reduce stormwater pollution from concrete wastes:

- Perform washout of concrete trucks at an approved off-site location or in designated concrete washout areas only.
- Do not wash out concrete trucks onto the ground, or into storm drains, open ditches, streets, or streams.
- Do not allow excess concrete to be dumped on-site, except in designated concrete washout areas.
- Concrete washout areas may be prefabricated concrete washout containers, or self-installed structures (above-grade or below-grade).
- Prefabricated containers are most resistant to damage and protect against spills and leaks. Companies may offer delivery service and provide regular maintenance and disposal of solid and liquid waste.
- If self-installed concrete washout areas are used, below-grade structures are preferred over above-grade structures because they are less prone to spills and leaks.
- Self-installed above-grade structures should only be used if excavation is not practical.

### **Education**

- Discuss the concrete management techniques described in this BMP with the ready-mix concrete supplier before any deliveries are made.
- Educate employees and subcontractors on the concrete waste management techniques described in this BMP.
- Arrange for contractor's superintendent or Certified Erosion and Sediment Control

Lead (CESCL) to oversee and enforce concrete waste management procedures.

- A sign should be installed adjacent to each temporary concrete washout facility to inform concrete equipment operators to utilize the proper facilities.

## Contracts

Incorporate requirements for concrete waste management into concrete supplier and sub-contractor agreements.

## Location and Placement

- Locate washout area at least 50 feet from sensitive areas such as storm drains, open ditches, or water bodies, including wetlands.
- Allow convenient access for concrete trucks, preferably near the area where the concrete is being poured.
- If trucks need to leave a paved area to access washout, prevent track-out with a pad of rock or quarry spalls (see [BMP C105: Stabilized Construction Entrance / Exit \(p.270\)](#)). These areas should be far enough away from other construction traffic to reduce the likelihood of accidental damage and spills.
- The number of facilities you install should depend on the expected demand for storage capacity.
- On large sites with extensive concrete work, washouts should be placed in multiple locations for ease of use by concrete truck drivers.

## On-site Temporary Concrete Washout Facility, Transit Truck Washout Procedures:

- Temporary concrete washout facilities shall be located a minimum of 50 ft from sensitive areas including storm drain inlets, open drainage facilities, and water-courses. See [Figure II-4.1.7a Concrete Washout Area \(p.322\)](#), [Figure II-4.1.7b Concrete Washout Area \(p.323\)](#), and [Figure II-4.1.8 Prefabricated Concrete Washout Container w/Ramp \(p.324\)](#).
- Concrete washout facilities shall be constructed and maintained in sufficient quantity and size to contain all liquid and concrete waste generated by washout operations.
- Washout of concrete trucks shall be performed in designated areas only.
- Concrete washout from concrete pumper bins can be washed into concrete pumper trucks and discharged into designated washout area or properly disposed of off-site.
- Once concrete wastes are washed into the designated area and allowed to

harden, the concrete should be broken up, removed, and disposed of per applicable solid waste regulations. Dispose of hardened concrete on a regular basis.

- Temporary Above-Grade Concrete Washout Facility
  - Temporary concrete washout facility (type above grade) should be constructed as shown on the details below, with a recommended minimum length and minimum width of 10 ft, but with sufficient quantity and volume to contain all liquid and concrete waste generated by washout operations.
  - Plastic lining material should be a minimum of 10 mil polyethylene sheeting and should be free of holes, tears, or other defects that compromise the impermeability of the material.
- Temporary Below-Grade Concrete Washout Facility
  - Temporary concrete washout facilities (type below grade) should be constructed as shown on the details below, with a recommended minimum length and minimum width of 10 ft. The quantity and volume should be sufficient to contain all liquid and concrete waste generated by washout operations.
  - Lath and flagging should be commercial type.
  - Plastic lining material shall be a minimum of 10 mil polyethylene sheeting and should be free of holes, tears, or other defects that compromise the impermeability of the material.
  - Liner seams shall be installed in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations.
  - Soil base shall be prepared free of rocks or other debris that may cause tears or holes in the plastic lining material.

## ***Maintenance Standards***

### **Inspection and Maintenance**

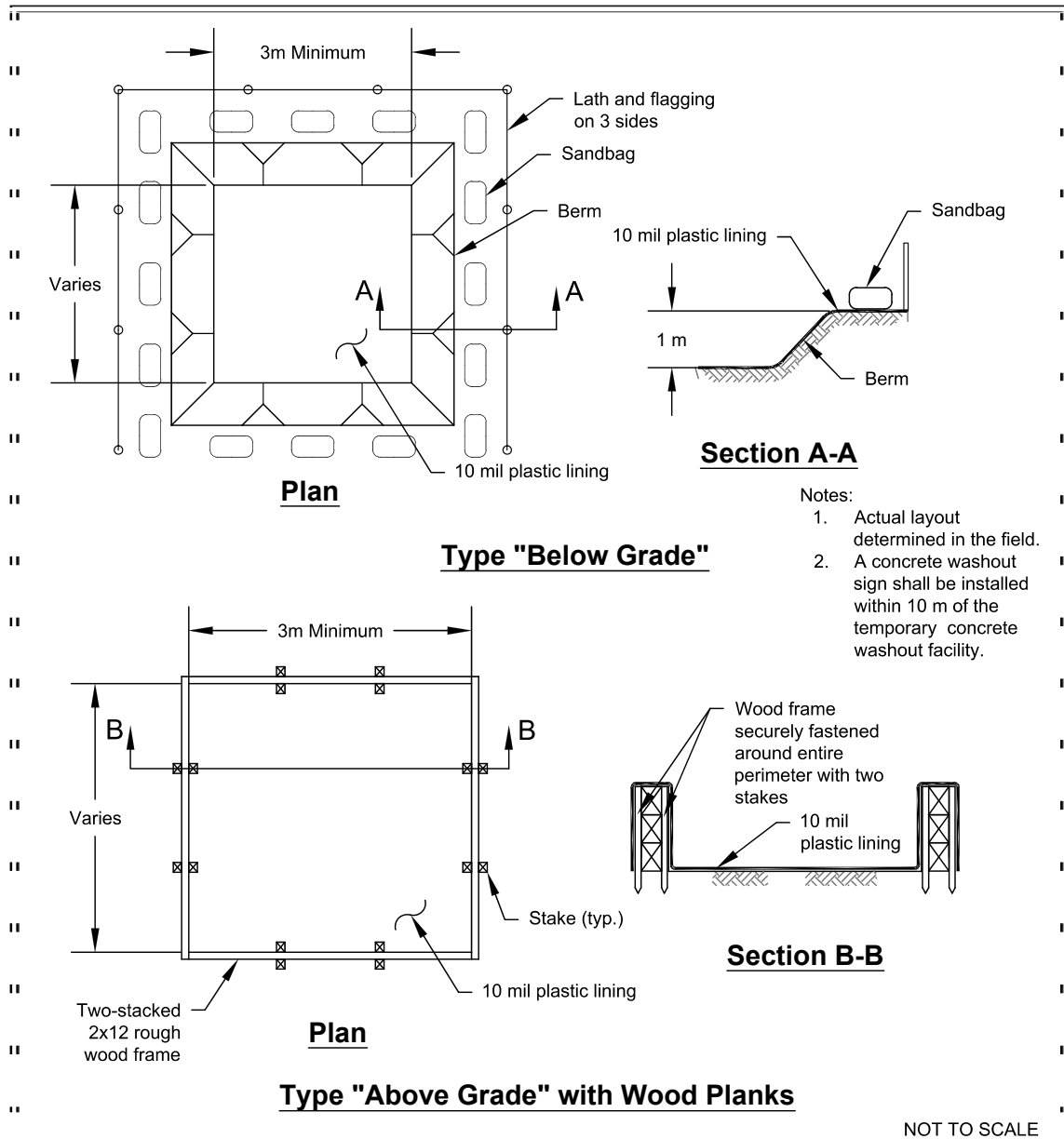
- Inspect and verify that concrete washout BMPs are in place prior to the commencement of concrete work.
- During periods of concrete work, inspect daily to verify continued performance.
  - Check overall condition and performance.
  - Check remaining capacity (% full).
  - If using self-installed washout facilities, verify plastic liners are intact and side-walls are not damaged.
  - If using prefabricated containers, check for leaks.

- Washout facilities shall be maintained to provide adequate holding capacity with a minimum freeboard of 12 inches.
- Washout facilities must be cleaned, or new facilities must be constructed and ready for use once the washout is 75% full.
- If the washout is nearing capacity, vacuum and dispose of the waste material in an approved manner.
  - Do not discharge liquid or slurry to waterways, storm drains or directly onto ground.
  - Do not use sanitary sewer without local approval.
  - Place a secure, non-collapsing, non-water collecting cover over the concrete washout facility prior to predicted wet weather to prevent accumulation and overflow of precipitation.
  - Remove and dispose of hardened concrete and return the structure to a functional condition. Concrete may be reused on-site or hauled away for disposal or recycling.
- When you remove materials from the self-installed concrete washout, build a new structure; or, if the previous structure is still intact, inspect for signs of weakening or damage, and make any necessary repairs. Re-line the structure with new plastic after each cleaning.

### **Removal of Temporary Concrete Washout Facilities**

- When temporary concrete washout facilities are no longer required for the work, the hardened concrete, slurries and liquids shall be removed and properly disposed of.
- Materials used to construct temporary concrete washout facilities shall be removed from the site of the work and disposed of or recycled.
- Holes, depressions or other ground disturbance caused by the removal of the temporary concrete washout facilities shall be backfilled, repaired, and stabilized to prevent erosion.

**Figure II-4.1.7a Concrete Washout Area**



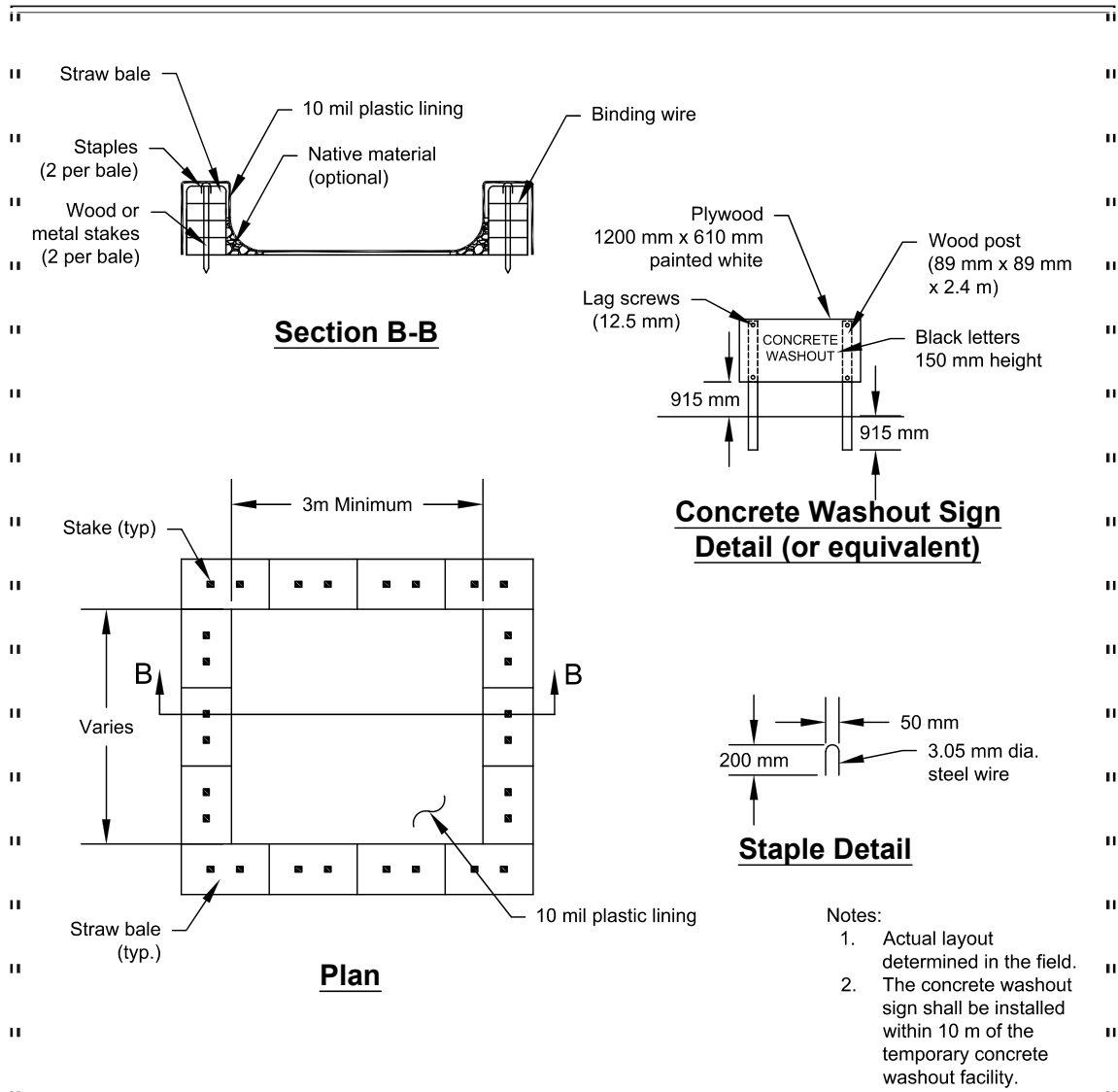
**Figure II-4.1.7a  
Concrete Washout Area**

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**Figure II-4.1.7b Concrete Washout Area**



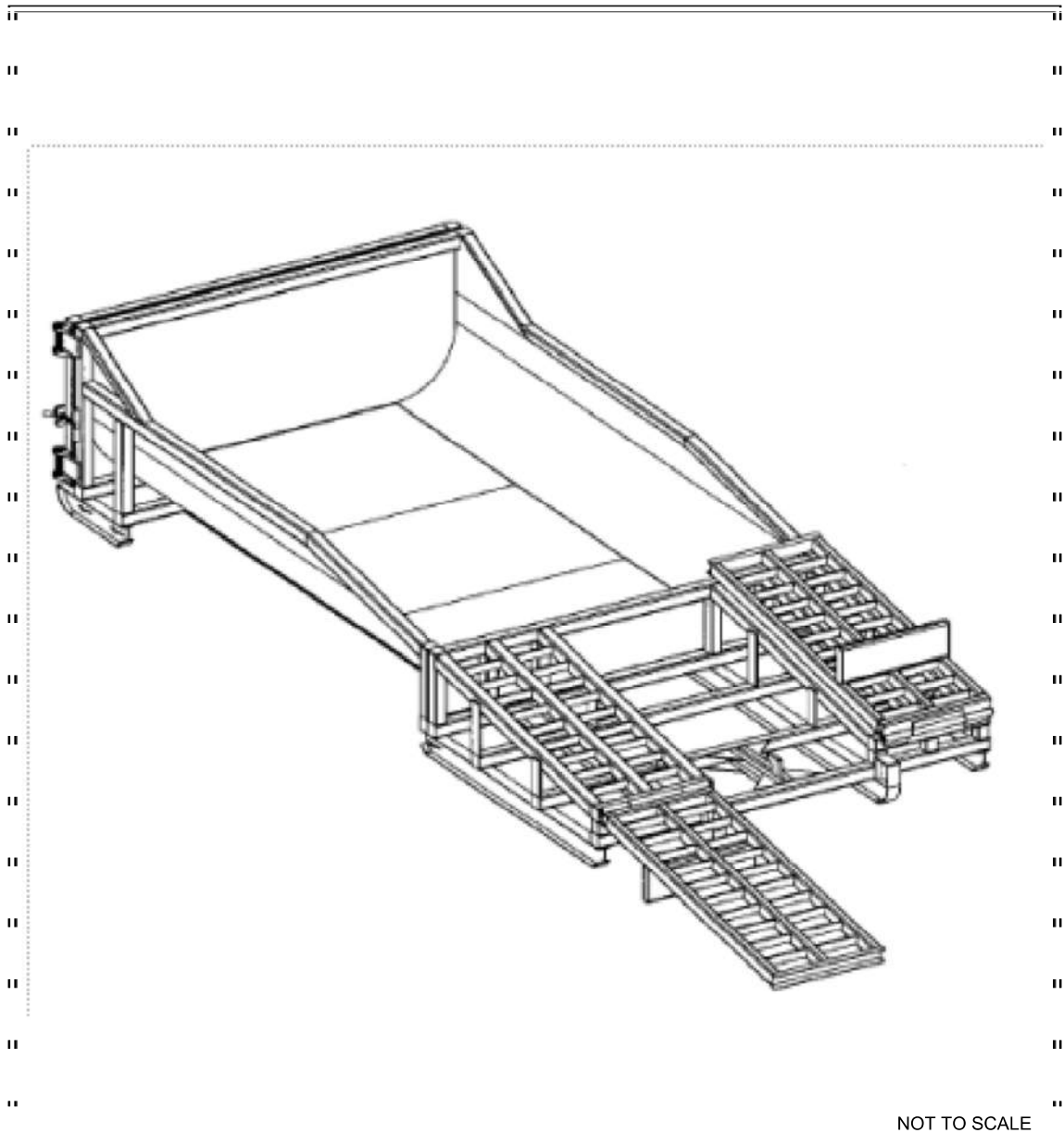
**Type "Above Grade" with Straw Bales**


NOT TO SCALE

 <p>DEPARTMENT OF <b>ECOLOGY</b> State of Washington</p>	<p>Figure II-4.1.7b Concrete Washout Area</p>	<p>Revised June 2015</p>
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**Figure II-4.1.8 Prefabricated Concrete Washout Container w/Ramp**



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## **BMP C160: Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead**

### ***Purpose***

The project proponent designates at least one person as the responsible representative in charge of erosion and sediment control (ESC), and water quality protection. The designated person shall be the Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead (CESCL) who is responsible for ensuring compliance with all local, state, and federal erosion and sediment control and water quality requirements.

### ***Conditions of Use***

A CESCL shall be made available on projects one acre or larger that discharge stormwater to surface waters of the state. Sites less than one acre may have a person without CESCL certification conduct inspections; sampling is not required on sites that disturb less than an acre.

- The CESCL shall:
  - Have a current certificate proving attendance in an erosion and sediment control training course that meets the minimum ESC training and certification requirements established by Ecology (see details below).

Ecology will maintain a list of ESC training and certification providers at:  
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/cescl.html>

**OR**

- Be a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC); for additional information go to: <http://www.envirocertintl.org/cpesc/>

### ***Specifications***

- Certification shall remain valid for three years.
- The CESCL shall have authority to act on behalf of the contractor or developer and shall be available, or on-call, 24 hours per day throughout the period of construction.
- The Construction SWPPP shall include the name, telephone number, fax number, and address of the designated CESCL.
- A CESCL may provide inspection and compliance services for multiple construction projects in the same geographic region.

Duties and responsibilities of the CESCL shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- Maintaining permit file on site at all times which includes the Construction SWPPP and any associated permits and plans.
- Directing BMP installation, inspection, maintenance, modification, and removal.
- Updating all project drawings and the Construction SWPPP with changes made.
- Completing any sampling requirements including reporting results using WebDMR.
- Keeping daily logs, and inspection reports. Inspection reports should include:
  - Inspection date/time.
  - Weather information; general conditions during inspection and approximate amount of precipitation since the last inspection.
  - A summary or list of all BMPs implemented, including observations of all erosion/sediment control structures or practices. The following shall be noted:
    1. Locations of BMPs inspected.
    2. Locations of BMPs that need maintenance.
    3. Locations of BMPs that failed to operate as designed or intended.
    4. Locations of where additional or different BMPs are required.
  - Visual monitoring results, including a description of discharged stormwater. The presence of suspended sediment, turbid water, discoloration, and oil sheen shall be noted, as applicable.
  - Any water quality monitoring performed during inspection.
  - General comments and notes, including a brief description of any BMP repairs, maintenance or installations made as a result of the inspection.
- Facilitate, participate in, and take corrective actions resulting from inspections performed by outside agencies or the owner.

## **BMP C162: Scheduling**

### ***Purpose***

Sequencing a construction project reduces the amount and duration of soil exposed to erosion by wind, rain, runoff, and vehicle tracking.

### ***Conditions of Use***

The construction sequence schedule is an orderly listing of all major land-disturbing activities together with the necessary erosion and sedimentation control measures

planned for the project. This type of schedule guides the contractor on work to be done before other work is started so that serious erosion and sedimentation problems can be avoided.

Following a specified work schedule that coordinates the timing of land-disturbing activities and the installation of control measures is perhaps the most cost-effective way of controlling erosion during construction. The removal of surface ground cover leaves a site vulnerable to accelerated erosion. Construction procedures that limit land clearing provide timely installation of erosion and sedimentation controls, and restore protective cover quickly can significantly reduce the erosion potential of a site.

### **Design Considerations**

- Minimize construction during rainy periods.
- Schedule projects to disturb only small portions of the site at any one time. Complete grading as soon as possible. Immediately stabilize the disturbed portion before grading the next portion. Practice staged seeding in order to revegetate cut and fill slopes as the work progresses.

## **II-4.2 Runoff Conveyance and Treatment BMPs**

This section contains the standards and specifications for Runoff Conveyance and Treatment BMPs. [Table II-4.2.1 Runoff Conveyance and Treatment BMPs by SWPPP Element \(p.327\)](#), below, shows the relationship of the BMPs in [II-4.2 Runoff Conveyance and Treatment BMPs](#) to the Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Elements described in [II-3.3.3 Step 3 - Construction SWPPP Development and Implementation \(p.236\)](#).

**Table II-4.2.1 Runoff Conveyance and Treatment BMPs by SWPPP Element**

BMP or Element Name	Element #3 Control Flow Rates	Element #4 Install Sediment Controls	Element #6 Protect Slopes	Element #7 Protect Drain Inlets	Element #8 Stabilize Channels and Outlets	Element #9 Control Pollutants	Element #10 Control De-Watering	Element #13 Protect Low Impact Development
<a href="#">BMP C200: Interceptor Dike and Swale (p.331)</a>			✓					✓

**Table II-4.2.1 Runoff Conveyance and Treatment BMPs by SWPPP  
Element (continued)**

BMP or Element Name	Element #3 Control Flow Rates	Element #4 Install Sediment Controls	Element #6 Protect Slopes	Element #7 Protect Drain Inlets	Element #8 Stabilize Channels and Outlets	Element #9 Control Pollutants	Element #10 Control De-Watering	Element #13 Protect Low Impact Development
<a href="#">BMP C201: Grass-Lined Channels (p.333)</a>			✓					✓
<a href="#">BMP C202: Channel Lining (p.338)</a>					✓			
<a href="#">BMP C203: Water Bars (p.339)</a>	✓		✓				✓	
<a href="#">BMP C204: Pipe Slope Drains (p.342)</a>			✓					
<a href="#">BMP C205: Subsurface Drains (p.346)</a>			✓					
<a href="#">BMP C206: Level Spreader (p.348)</a>			✓				✓	
<a href="#">BMP C207: Check Dams (p.352)</a>	✓		✓		✓			✓
<a href="#">BMP C208: Triangular Silt Dike (TSD) (Geo-</a>			✓					✓

**Table II-4.2.1 Runoff Conveyance and Treatment BMPs by SWPPP  
Element (continued)**

BMP or Element Name	Element #3 Control Flow Rates	Element #4 Install Sediment Controls	Element #6 Protect Slopes	Element #7 Protect Drain Inlets	Element #8 Stabilize Channels and Outlets	Element #9 Control Pollutants	Element #10 Control De-Watering	Element #13 Protect Low Impact Development
<a href="#">textile-Encased Check Dam</a> (p.355)								
<a href="#">BMP C209: Outlet Protection</a> (p.356)	✓				✓			
<a href="#">BMP C220: Storm Drain Inlet Protection</a> (p.357)				✓				
<a href="#">BMP C231: Brush Barrier</a> (p.365)		✓						✓
<a href="#">BMP C232: Gravel Filter Berm</a> (p.367)		✓						
<a href="#">BMP C233: Silt Fence</a> (p.367)		✓						✓
<a href="#">BMP C234: Vegetated Strip</a> (p.375)		✓						✓
<a href="#">BMP C235: Wattles</a> (p.376)	✓	✓						
<a href="#">BMP C236:</a>							✓	

**Table II-4.2.1 Runoff Conveyance and Treatment BMPs by SWPPP  
Element (continued)**

BMP or Element Name	Element #3 Control Flow Rates	Element #4 Install Sediment Controls	Element #6 Protect Slopes	Element #7 Protect Drain Inlets	Element #8 Stabilize Channels and Outlets	Element #9 Control Pollutants	Element #10 Control De-Watering	Element #13 Protect Low Impact Development
<a href="#">Vegetative Filtration (p.379)</a>								
<a href="#">BMP C240: Sediment Trap (p.383)</a>	✓	✓						
<a href="#">BMP C241: Temporary Sediment Pond (p.388)</a>	✓	✓						
<a href="#">BMP C250: Construction Stormwater Chemical Treatment (p.396)</a>		✓				✓		
<a href="#">BMP C251: Construction Stormwater Filtration (p.404)</a>		✓				✓		
<a href="#">BMP C252: High pH Neutralization Using CO2 (p.409)</a>						✓		
<a href="#">BMP C253: pH Control</a>						✓		

**Table II-4.2.1 Runoff Conveyance and Treatment BMPs by SWPPP  
Element (continued)**

BMP or Element Name	Element #3 Control Flow Rates	Element #4 Install Sediment Controls	Element #6 Protect Slopes	Element #7 Protect Drain Inlets	Element #8 Stabilize Channels and Outlets	Element #9 Control Pollutants	Element #10 Control De-Watering	Element #13 Protect Low Impact Development
<a href="#">for High pH Water (p.412)</a>								

### **BMP C200: Interceptor Dike and Swale**

#### ***Purpose***

Provide a ridge of compacted soil, or a ridge with an upslope swale, at the top or base of a disturbed slope or along the perimeter of a disturbed construction area to convey stormwater. Use the dike and/or swale to intercept the runoff from unprotected areas and direct it to areas where erosion can be controlled. This can prevent storm runoff from entering the work area or sediment-laden runoff from leaving the construction site.

#### ***Conditions of Use***

Where the runoff from an exposed site or disturbed slope must be conveyed to an erosion control facility which can safely convey the stormwater.

- Locate upslope of a construction site to prevent runoff from entering disturbed area.
- When placed horizontally across a disturbed slope, it reduces the amount and velocity of runoff flowing down the slope.
- Locate downslope to collect runoff from a disturbed area and direct water to a sediment basin.

#### ***Design and Installation Specifications***

- Dike and/or swale and channel must be stabilized with temporary or permanent vegetation or other channel protection during construction.
- Channel requires a positive grade for drainage; steeper grades require channel protection and check dams.
- Review construction for areas where overtopping may occur.
- Can be used at top of new fill before vegetation is established.



1. If the discharge velocity at the outlet is less than 5 fps (pipe slope less than 1 percent), use 2-inch to 8-inch riprap. Minimum thickness is 1-foot.
  2. For 5 to 10 fps discharge velocity at the outlet (pipe slope less than 3 percent), use 24-inch to 48-inch riprap. Minimum thickness is 2 feet.
  3. For outlets at the base of steep slope pipes (pipe slope greater than 10 percent), an engineered energy dissipater shall be used.
- Filter fabric or erosion control blankets should always be used under riprap to prevent scour and channel erosion.
  - New pipe outfalls can provide an opportunity for low-cost fish habitat improvements. For example, an alcove of low-velocity water can be created by constructing the pipe outfall and associated energy dissipater back from the stream edge and digging a channel, over-widened to the upstream side, from the outfall. Overwintering juvenile and migrating adult salmonids may use the alcove as shelter during high flows. Bank stabilization, bioengineering, and habitat features may be required for disturbed areas. This work may require a HPA. See [Volume V \(p.765\)](#) for more information on outfall system design.

### ***Maintenance Standards***

- Inspect and repair as needed.
- Add rock as needed to maintain the intended function.
- Clean energy dissipater if sediment builds up.

## **BMP C220: Storm Drain Inlet Protection**

### ***Purpose***

Storm drain inlet protection prevents coarse sediment from entering drainage systems prior to permanent stabilization of the disturbed area.

### ***Conditions of Use***

Use storm drain inlet protection at inlets that are operational before permanent stabilization of the disturbed drainage area. Provide protection for all storm drain inlets downslope and within 500 feet of a disturbed or construction area, unless conveying runoff entering catch basins to a sediment pond or trap.

Also consider inlet protection for lawn and yard drains on new home construction. These small and numerous drains coupled with lack of gutters in new home construction can add significant amounts of sediment into the roof drain system. If possible delay installing lawn and yard drains until just before landscaping or cap these drains to pre-

vent sediment from entering the system until completion of landscaping. Provide 18-inches of sod around each finished lawn and yard drain.

[Table II-4.2.2 Storm Drain Inlet Protection \(p.358\)](#) lists several options for inlet protection. All of the methods for storm drain inlet protection tend to plug and require a high frequency of maintenance. Limit drainage areas to one acre or less. Possibly provide emergency overflows with additional end-of-pipe treatment where stormwater ponding would cause a hazard.

**Table II-4.2.2 Storm Drain Inlet Protection**

Type of Inlet Protection	Emergency Overflow	Applicable for Paved/ Earthen Surfaces	Conditions of Use
<b>Drop Inlet Protection</b>			
Excavated drop inlet protection	Yes, temporary flooding will occur	Earthen	Applicable for heavy flows. Easy to maintain. Large area Requirement: 30'x30'/acre
Block and gravel drop inlet protection	Yes	Paved or Earthen	Applicable for heavy concentrated flows. Will not pond.
Gravel and wire drop inlet protection	No		Applicable for heavy concentrated flows. Will pond. Can withstand traffic.
Catch basin filters	Yes	Paved or Earthen	Frequent Maintenance required.
<b>Curb Inlet Protection</b>			
Curb inlet protection with wooden weir	Small capacity overflow	Paved	Used for sturdy, more compact installation.
Block and gravel curb inlet protection	Yes	Paved	Sturdy, but limited filtration.
<b>Culvert Inlet Protection</b>			
Culvert inlet Sediment trap			18 month expected life.

### **Design and Installation Specifications**

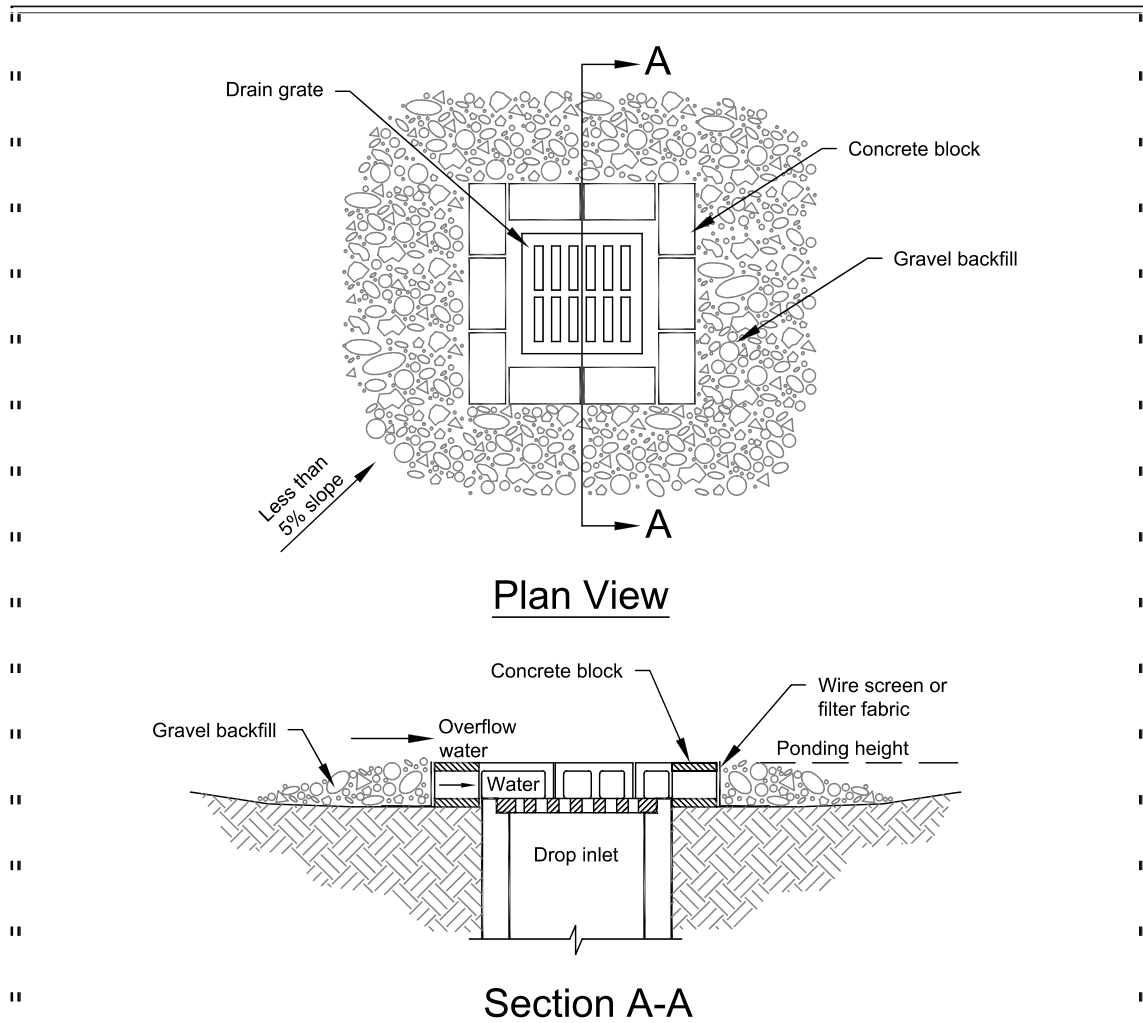
*Excavated Drop Inlet Protection* - An excavated impoundment around the storm drain. Sediment settles out of the stormwater prior to entering the storm drain.

- Provide a depth of 1-2 ft as measured from the crest of the inlet structure.
- Slope sides of excavation no steeper than 2H:1V.
- Minimum volume of excavation 35 cubic yards.
- Shape basin to fit site with longest dimension oriented toward the longest inflow area.
- Install provisions for draining to prevent standing water problems.
- Clear the area of all debris.
- Grade the approach to the inlet uniformly.
- Drill weep holes into the side of the inlet.
- Protect weep holes with screen wire and washed aggregate.
- Seal weep holes when removing structure and stabilizing area.
- Build a temporary dike, if necessary, to the down slope side of the structure to prevent bypass flow.

*Block and Gravel Filter* - A barrier formed around the storm drain inlet with standard concrete blocks and gravel. See [Figure II-4.2.8 Block and Gravel Filter \(p.360\)](#).

- Provide a height of 1 to 2 feet above inlet.
- Recess the first row 2-inches into the ground for stability.
- Support subsequent courses by placing a 2x4 through the block opening.
- Do not use mortar.
- Lay some blocks in the bottom row on their side for dewatering the pool.
- Place hardware cloth or comparable wire mesh with ½-inch openings over all block openings.
- Place gravel just below the top of blocks on slopes of 2H:1V or flatter.
- An alternative design is a gravel donut.
- Provide an inlet slope of 3H:1V.
- Provide an outlet slope of 2H:1V.
- Provide a 1-foot wide level stone area between the structure and the inlet.
- Use inlet slope stones 3 inches in diameter or larger.
- Use gravel ½- to ¾-inch at a minimum thickness of 1-foot for the outlet slope.


**Figure II-4.2.8 Block and Gravel Filter**



**Notes:**

1. Drop inlet sediment barriers are to be used for small, nearly level drainage areas. (less than 5%)
2. Excavate a basin of sufficient size adjacent to the drop inlet.
3. The top of the structure (ponding height) must be well below the ground elevation downslope to prevent runoff from bypassing the inlet. A temporary dike may be necessary on the downslope side of the structure.

NOT TO SCALE

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*Gravel and Wire Mesh Filter* - A gravel barrier placed over the top of the inlet. This structure does not provide an overflow.

- Use a hardware cloth or comparable wire mesh with ½-inch openings.
- Use coarse aggregate.
- Provide a height 1-foot or more, 18-inches wider than inlet on all sides.
- Place wire mesh over the drop inlet so that the wire extends a minimum of 1-foot beyond each side of the inlet structure.
- Overlap the strips if more than one strip of mesh is necessary.
- Place coarse aggregate over the wire mesh.
- Provide at least a 12-inch depth of gravel over the entire inlet opening and extend at least 18-inches on all sides.

*Catchbasin Filters* – Use inserts designed by manufacturers for construction sites. The limited sediment storage capacity increases the amount of inspection and maintenance required, which may be daily for heavy sediment loads. To reduce maintenance requirements combine a catchbasin filter with another type of inlet protection. This type of inlet protection provides flow bypass without overflow and therefore may be a better method for inlets located along active rights-of-way.

- Provides 5 cubic feet of storage.
- Requires dewatering provisions.
- Provides a high-flow bypass that will not clog under normal use at a construction site.
- Insert the catchbasin filter in the catchbasin just below the grating.

*Curb Inlet Protection with Wooden Weir* – Barrier formed around a curb inlet with a wooden frame and gravel.

- Use wire mesh with ½-inch openings.
- Use extra strength filter cloth.
- Construct a frame.
- Attach the wire and filter fabric to the frame.
- Pile coarse washed aggregate against wire/fabric.
- Place weight on frame anchors.

*Block and Gravel Curb Inlet Protection* – Barrier formed around a curb inlet with concrete blocks and gravel. See [Figure II-4.2.9 Block and Gravel Curb Inlet Protection \(p.363\)](#).

- Use wire mesh with ½-inch openings.
- Place two concrete blocks on their sides abutting the curb at either side of the inlet opening. These are spacer blocks.
- Place a 2x4 stud through the outer holes of each spacer block to align the front blocks.
- Place blocks on their sides across the front of the inlet and abutting the spacer blocks.
- Place wire mesh over the outside vertical face.
- Pile coarse aggregate against the wire to the top of the barrier.

*Curb and Gutter Sediment Barrier* – Sandbag or rock berm (riprap and aggregate) 3 feet high and 3 feet wide in a horseshoe shape. See [Figure II-4.2.10 Curb and Gutter Barrier \(p.364\)](#).

- Construct a horseshoe shaped berm, faced with coarse aggregate if using riprap, 3 feet high and 3 feet wide, at least 2 feet from the inlet.
- Construct a horseshoe shaped sedimentation trap on the outside of the berm sized to sediment trap standards for protecting a culvert inlet.

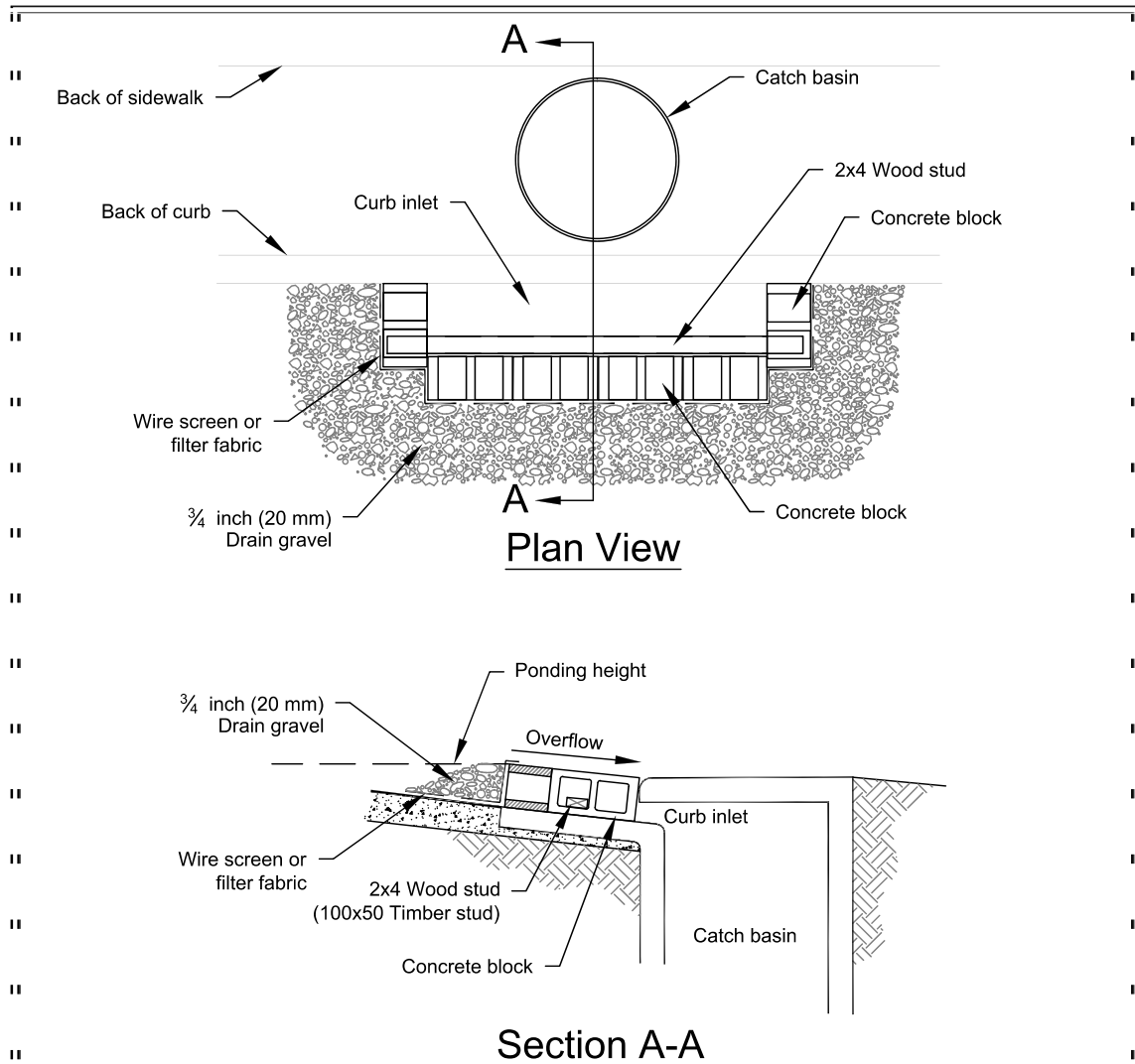
### ***Maintenance Standards***

- Inspect catch basin filters frequently, especially after storm events. Clean and replace clogged inserts. For systems with clogged stone filters: pull away the stones from the inlet and clean or replace. An alternative approach would be to use the clogged stone as fill and put fresh stone around the inlet.
- Do not wash sediment into storm drains while cleaning. Spread all excavated material evenly over the surrounding land area or stockpile and stabilize as appropriate.

### ***Approved as Equivalent***

Ecology has approved products as able to meet the requirements of [BMP C220: Storm Drain Inlet Protection](#). The products did not pass through the Technology Assessment Protocol – Ecology (TAPE) process. Local jurisdictions may choose not to accept this product approved as equivalent, or may require additional testing prior to consideration for local use. The products are available for review on Ecology’s website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/newtech/equivalent.html>


**Figure II-4.2.9 Block and Gravel Curb Inlet Protection**



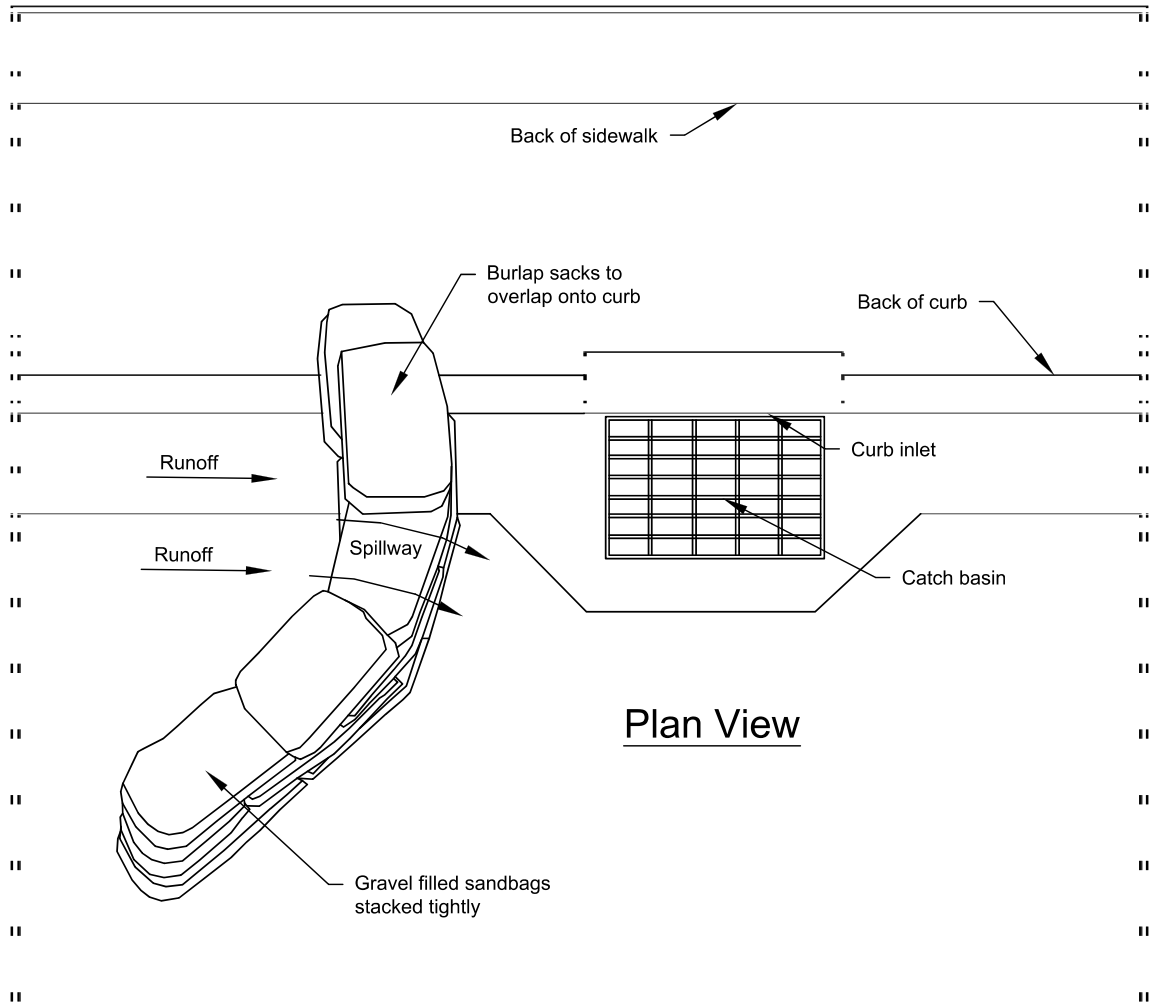
Notes:

1. Use block and gravel type sediment barrier when curb inlet is located in gently sloping street segment, where water can pond and allow sediment to separate from runoff.
2. Barrier shall allow for overflow from severe storm event.
3. Inspect barriers and remove sediment after each storm event. Sediment and gravel must be removed from the traveled way immediately.

NOT TO SCALE

 <p>DEPARTMENT OF <b>ECOLOGY</b> State of Washington</p>	<p><b>Figure II-4.2.9</b> <b>Block and Gravel Curb Inlet Protection</b></p> <p>Revised August 2015</p>
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**Figure II-4.2.10 Curb and Gutter Barrier**




Plan View

Notes:

1. Place curb type sediment barriers on gently sloping street segments, where water can pond and allow sediment to separate from runoff.
2. Sandbags of either burlap or woven 'geotextile' fabric, are filled with gravel, layered and packed tightly.
3. Leave a one sandbag gap in the top row to provide a spillway for overflow.
4. Inspect barriers and remove sediment after each storm event. Sediment and gravel must be removed from the traveled way immediately.

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## **BMP C232: Gravel Filter Berm**

### ***Purpose***

A gravel filter berm is constructed on rights-of-way or traffic areas within a construction site to retain sediment by using a filter berm of gravel or crushed rock.

### ***Conditions of Use***

Where a temporary measure is needed to retain sediment from rights-of-way or in traffic areas on construction sites.

### ***Design and Installation Specifications***

- Berm material shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 3 inches in size, washed well-graded gravel or crushed rock with less than 5 percent fines.
- Spacing of berms:
  - Every 300 feet on slopes less than 5 percent
  - Every 200 feet on slopes between 5 percent and 10 percent
  - Every 100 feet on slopes greater than 10 percent
- Berm dimensions:
  - 1 foot high with 3H:1V side slopes
  - 8 linear feet per 1 cfs runoff based on the 10-year, 24-hour design storm

### ***Maintenance Standards***

- Regular inspection is required. Sediment shall be removed and filter material replaced as needed.

## **BMP C233: Silt Fence**

### ***Purpose***

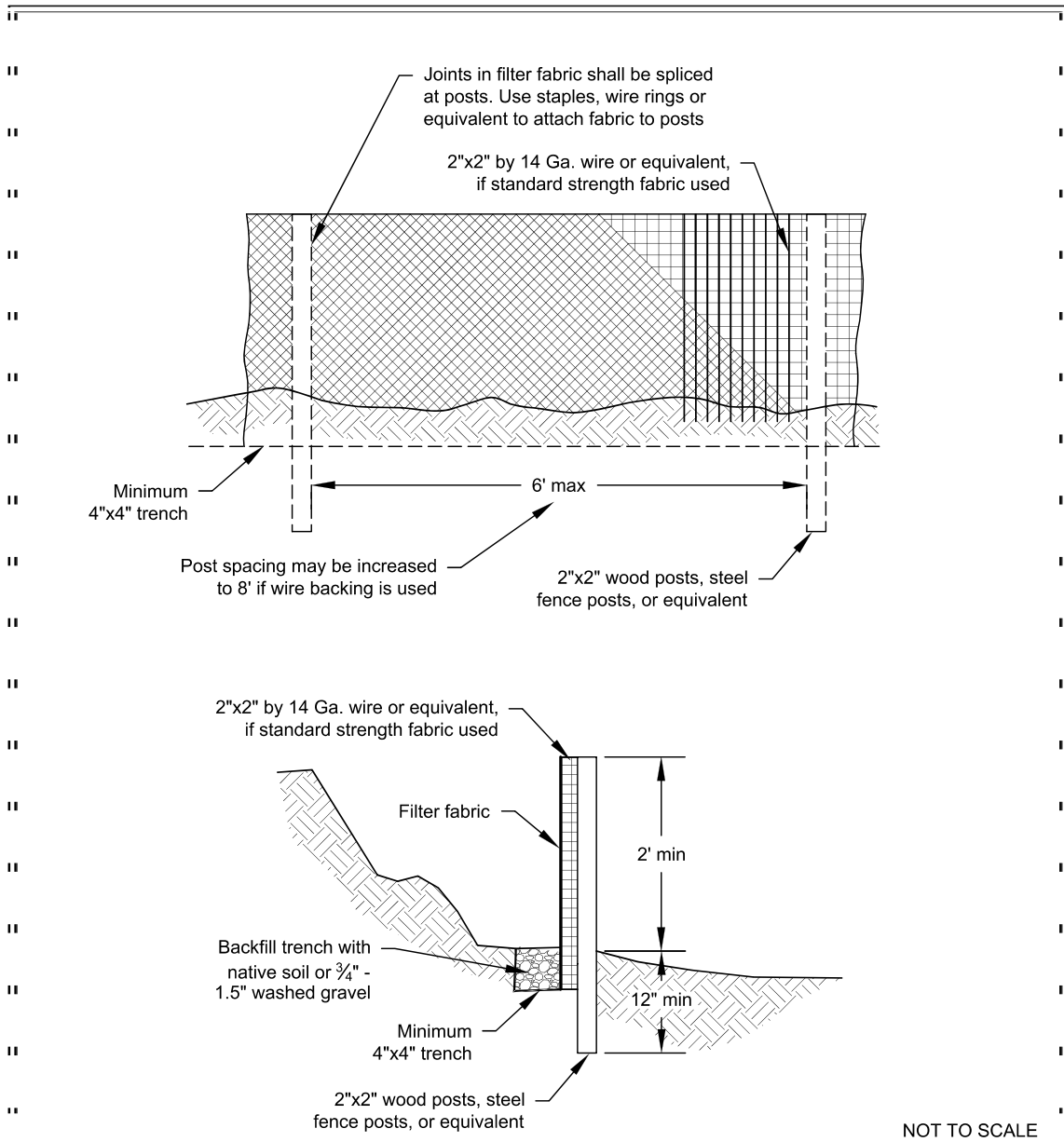
Use of a silt fence reduces the transport of coarse sediment from a construction site by providing a temporary physical barrier to sediment and reducing the runoff velocities of overland flow. See [Figure II-4.2.12 Silt Fence \(p.369\)](#) for details on silt fence construction.


### ***Conditions of Use***

Silt fence may be used downslope of all disturbed areas.

- Silt fence shall prevent soil carried by runoff water from going beneath, through, or over the top of the silt fence, but shall allow the water to pass through the fence.
- Silt fence is not intended to treat concentrated flows, nor is it intended to treat substantial amounts of overland flow. Convey any concentrated flows through the drainage system to a sediment pond.
- Do not construct silt fences in streams or use in V-shaped ditches. Silt fences do not provide an adequate method of silt control for anything deeper than sheet or overland flow.

**Figure II-4.2.12 Silt Fence**



 <p>DEPARTMENT OF <b>ECOLOGY</b> State of Washington</p>	<p><b>Figure II-4.2.12</b> <b>Silt Fence</b></p> <p>Revised October 2014</p> <p>Please see <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/copyright.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/copyright.html</a> for copyright notice including permissions, limitation of liability, and disclaimer.</p>
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## Design and Installation Specifications

- Use in combination with sediment basins or other BMPs.
- Maximum slope steepness (normal (perpendicular) to fence line) 1H:1V.
- Maximum sheet or overland flow path length to the fence of 100 feet.
- Do not allow flows greater than 0.5 cfs.
- The geotextile used shall meet the following standards. All geotextile properties listed below are minimum average roll values (i.e., the test result for any sampled roll in a lot shall meet or exceed the values shown in [Table II-4.2.3 Geotextile Standards \(p.370\)](#)):

**Table II-4.2.3 Geotextile Standards**

Polymeric Mesh AOS (ASTM D4751)	0.60 mm maximum for slit film woven (#30 sieve). 0.30 mm maximum for all other geotextile types (#50 sieve). 0.15 mm minimum for all fabric types (#100 sieve).
Water Permittivity (ASTM D4491)	0.02 sec <sup>-1</sup> minimum
Grab Tensile Strength (ASTM D4632)	180 lbs. Minimum for extra strength fabric. 100 lbs minimum for standard strength fabric.
Grab Tensile Strength (ASTM D4632)	30% maximum
Ultraviolet Resistance (ASTM D4355)	70% minimum

- Support standard strength fabrics with wire mesh, chicken wire, 2-inch x 2-inch wire, safety fence, or jute mesh to increase the strength of the fabric. Silt fence materials are available that have synthetic mesh backing attached.
- Filter fabric material shall contain ultraviolet ray inhibitors and stabilizers to provide a minimum of six months of expected usable construction life at a temperature range of 0°F. to 120°F.
- One-hundred percent biodegradable silt fence is available that is strong, long lasting, and can be left in place after the project is completed, if permitted by local regulations.
- Refer to [Figure II-4.2.12 Silt Fence \(p.369\)](#) for standard silt fence details. Include the following standard Notes for silt fence on construction plans and specifications:

1. The contractor shall install and maintain temporary silt fences at the locations shown in the Plans.
2. Construct silt fences in areas of clearing, grading, or drainage prior to starting those activities.
3. The silt fence shall have a 2-foot min. and a 2½-foot max. height above the original ground surface.
4. The filter fabric shall be sewn together at the point of manufacture to form filter fabric lengths as required. Locate all sewn seams at support posts. Alternatively, two sections of silt fence can be overlapped, provided the Contractor can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Engineer, that the overlap is long enough and that the adjacent fence sections are close enough together to prevent silt laden water from escaping through the fence at the overlap.
5. Attach the filter fabric on the up-slope side of the posts and secure with staples, wire, or in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Attach the filter fabric to the posts in a manner that reduces the potential for tearing.
6. Support the filter fabric with wire or plastic mesh, dependent on the properties of the geotextile selected for use. If wire or plastic mesh is used, fasten the mesh securely to the up-slope side of the posts with the filter fabric up-slope of the mesh.
7. Mesh support, if used, shall consist of steel wire with a maximum mesh spacing of 2-inches, or a prefabricated polymeric mesh. The strength of the wire or polymeric mesh shall be equivalent to or greater than 180 lbs. grab tensile strength. The polymeric mesh must be as resistant to the same level of ultra-violet radiation as the filter fabric it supports.
8. Bury the bottom of the filter fabric 4-inches min. below the ground surface. Backfill and tamp soil in place over the buried portion of the filter fabric, so that no flow can pass beneath the fence and scouring cannot occur. When wire or polymeric back-up support mesh is used, the wire or polymeric mesh shall extend into the ground 3-inches min.
9. Drive or place the fence posts into the ground 18-inches min. A 12-inch min. depth is allowed if topsoil or other soft subgrade soil is not present and 18-inches cannot be reached. Increase fence post min. depths by 6 inches if the fence is located on slopes of 3H:1V or steeper and the slope is perpendicular to the fence. If required post depths cannot be obtained, the posts shall be adequately secured by bracing or guying to prevent overturning of the fence due to sediment loading.
10. Use wood, steel or equivalent posts. The spacing of the support posts shall

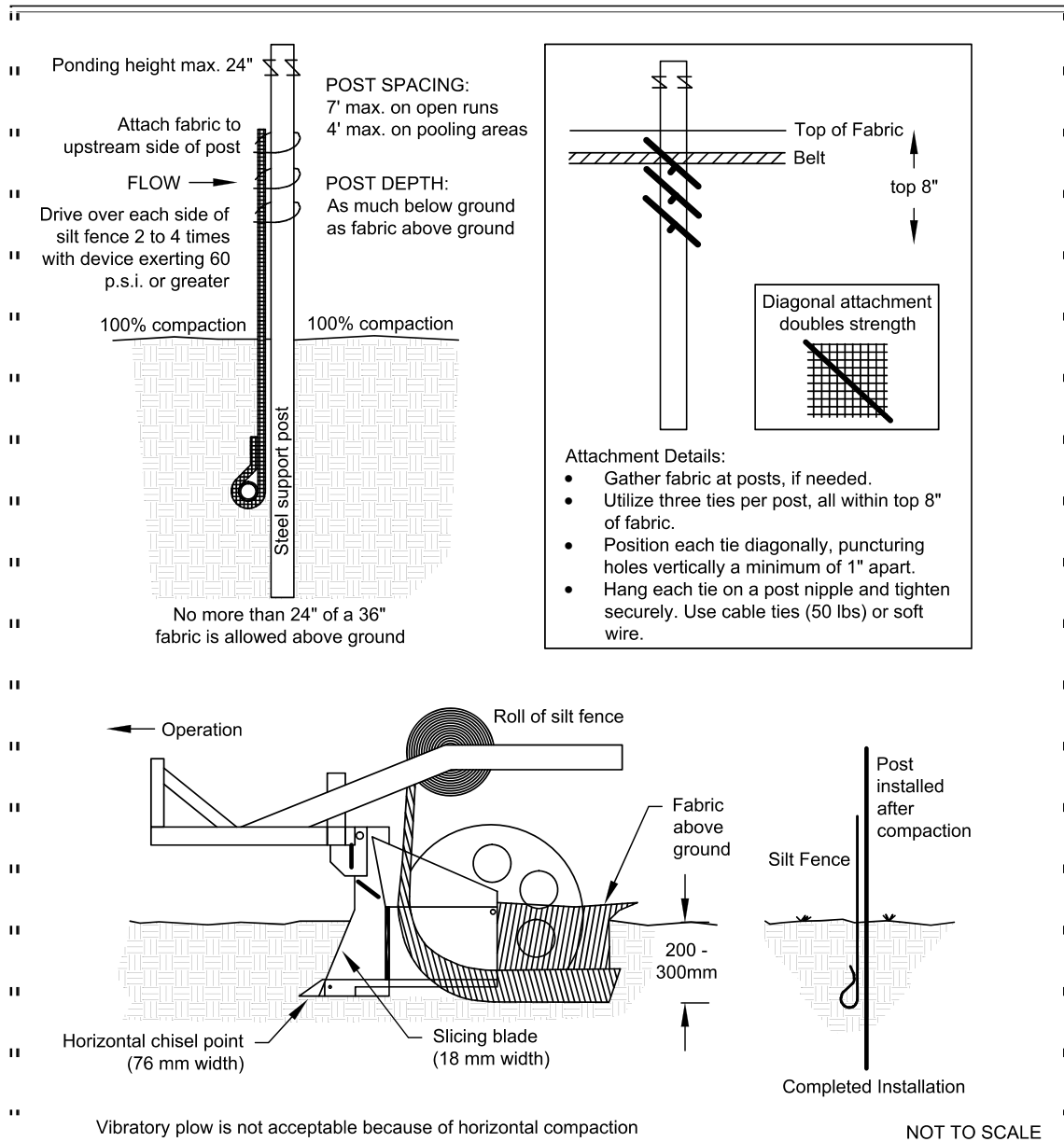
be a maximum of 6-feet. Posts shall consist of either:

- Wood with dimensions of 2-inches by 2-inches wide min. and a 3-foot min. length. Wood posts shall be free of defects such as knots, splits, or gouges.
  - No. 6 steel rebar or larger.
  - ASTM A 120 steel pipe with a minimum diameter of 1-inch.
  - U, T, L, or C shape steel posts with a minimum weight of 1.35 lbs./ft.
  - Other steel posts having equivalent strength and bending resistance to the post sizes listed above.
11. Locate silt fences on contour as much as possible, except at the ends of the fence, where the fence shall be turned uphill such that the silt fence captures the runoff water and prevents water from flowing around the end of the fence.
  12. If the fence must cross contours, with the exception of the ends of the fence, place gravel check dams perpendicular to the back of the fence to minimize concentrated flow and erosion. The slope of the fence line where contours must be crossed shall not be steeper than 3H:1V.
    - Gravel check dams shall be approximately 1-foot deep at the back of the fence. Gravel check dams shall be continued perpendicular to the fence at the same elevation until the top of the check dam intercepts the ground surface behind the fence.
    - Gravel check dams shall consist of crushed surfacing base course, gravel backfill for walls, or shoulder ballast. Gravel check dams shall be located every 10 feet along the fence where the fence must cross contours.
- Refer to [Figure II-4.2.13 Silt Fence Installation by Slicing Method \(p.374\)](#) for slicing method details. Silt fence installation using the slicing method specifications:
    1. The base of both end posts must be at least 2- to 4-inches above the top of the filter fabric on the middle posts for ditch checks to drain properly. Use a hand level or string level, if necessary, to mark base points before installation.
    2. Install posts 3- to 4-feet apart in critical retention areas and 6- to 7-feet apart in standard applications.
    3. Install posts 24-inches deep on the downstream side of the silt fence, and as close as possible to the filter fabric, enabling posts to support the filter fabric from upstream water pressure.
    4. Install posts with the nipples facing away from the filter fabric.

5. Attach the filter fabric to each post with three ties, all spaced within the top 8-inches of the filter fabric. Attach each tie diagonally 45 degrees through the filter fabric, with each puncture at least 1-inch vertically apart. Each tie should be positioned to hang on a post nipple when tightening to prevent sagging.
6. Wrap approximately 6-inches of fabric around the end posts and secure with 3 ties.
7. No more than 24-inches of a 36-inch filter fabric is allowed above ground level.

Compact the soil immediately next to the filter fabric with the front wheel of the tractor, skid steer, or roller exerting at least 60 pounds per square inch. Compact the upstream side first and then each side twice for a total of four trips. Check and correct the silt fence installation for any deviation before compaction. Use a flat-bladed shovel to tuck fabric deeper into the ground if necessary.

**Figure II-4.2.13 Silt Fence Installation by Slicing Method**



**Figure II-4.2.13  
Silt Fence Installation by Slicing Method**

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## Maintenance Standards

- Repair any damage immediately.
- Intercept and convey all evident concentrated flows uphill of the silt fence to a sediment pond.
- Check the uphill side of the fence for signs of the fence clogging and acting as a barrier to flow and then causing channelization of flows parallel to the fence. If this occurs, replace the fence or remove the trapped sediment.
- Remove sediment deposits when the deposit reaches approximately one-third the height of the silt fence, or install a second silt fence.
- Replace filter fabric that has deteriorated due to ultraviolet breakdown.

## BMP C234: Vegetated Strip

### Purpose

Vegetated strips reduce the transport of coarse sediment from a construction site by providing a temporary physical barrier to sediment and reducing the runoff velocities of overland flow.

### Conditions of Use

- Vegetated strips may be used downslope of all disturbed areas.
- Vegetated strips are not intended to treat concentrated flows, nor are they intended to treat substantial amounts of overland flow. Any concentrated flows must be conveyed through the drainage system to a sediment pond. The only circumstance in which overland flow can be treated solely by a strip, rather than by a sediment pond, is when the following criteria are met (see [Table II-4.2.4 Contributing Drainage Area for Vegetated Strips \(p.375\)](#)):

**Table II-4.2.4 Contributing Drainage Area for Vegetated Strips**

Average Contributing Area Slope	Average Contributing Area Percent Slope	Max Contributing area Flowpath Length
1.5H : 1V or flatter	67% or flatter	100 feet
2H : 1V or flatter	50% or flatter	115 feet
4H : 1V or flatter	25% or flatter	150 feet
6H : 1V or flatter	16.7% or flatter	200 feet
10H : 1V or flatter	10% or flatter	250 feet

## ***Design and Installation Specifications***

- The vegetated strip shall consist of a minimum of a 25-foot flowpath length continuous strip of dense vegetation with topsoil. Grass-covered, landscaped areas are generally not adequate because the volume of sediment overwhelms the grass. Ideally, vegetated strips shall consist of undisturbed native growth with a well-developed soil that allows for infiltration of runoff.
- The slope within the strip shall not exceed 4H:1V.
- The uphill boundary of the vegetated strip shall be delineated with clearing limits.

## ***Maintenance Standards***

- Any areas damaged by erosion or construction activity shall be seeded immediately and protected by mulch.
- If more than 5 feet of the original vegetated strip width has had vegetation removed or is being eroded, sod must be installed.
- If there are indications that concentrated flows are traveling across the buffer, surface water controls must be installed to reduce the flows entering the buffer, or additional perimeter protection must be installed.

## **BMP C235: Wattles**

### ***Purpose***

Wattles are temporary erosion and sediment control barriers consisting of straw, compost, or other material that is wrapped in biodegradable tubular plastic or similar encasing material. They reduce the velocity and can spread the flow of rill and sheet runoff, and can capture and retain sediment. Wattles are typically 8 to 10 inches in diameter and 25 to 30 feet in length. Wattles are placed in shallow trenches and staked along the contour of disturbed or newly constructed slopes. See [Figure II-4.2.14 Wattles \(p.378\)](#) for typical construction details. WSDOT Standard Plan I-30.30-00 also provides information on Wattles (<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Design/Standards/Plans.htm#SectionI>)

### ***Conditions of Use***

- Use wattles:
  - In disturbed areas that require immediate erosion protection.
  - On exposed soils during the period of short construction delays, or over winter months.
  - On slopes requiring stabilization until permanent vegetation can be established.

- The material used dictates the effectiveness period of the wattle. Generally, Wattles are typically effective for one to two seasons.
- Prevent rilling beneath wattles by properly entrenching and abutting wattles together to prevent water from passing between them.

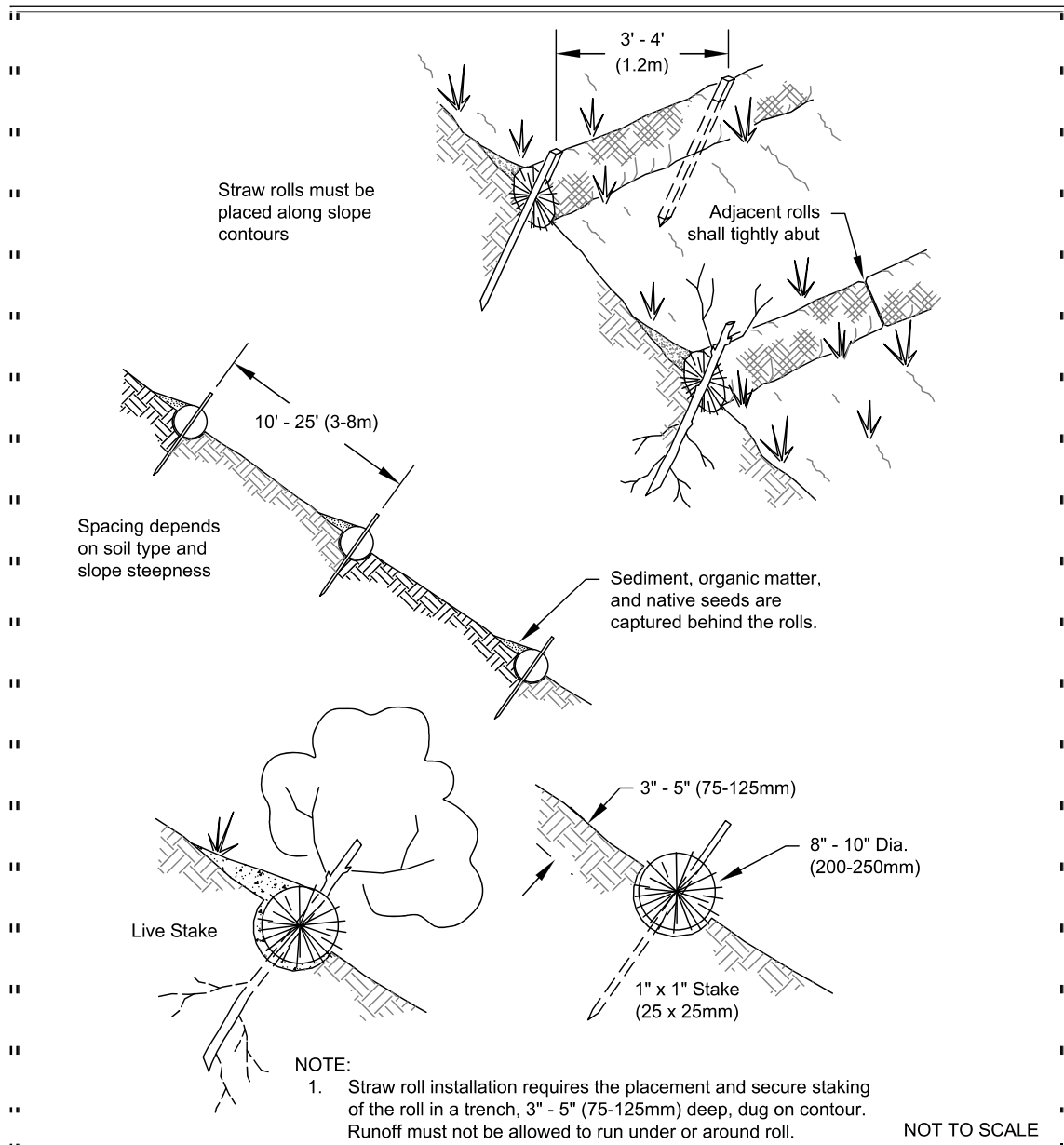
### ***Design Criteria***

- Install wattles perpendicular to the flow direction and parallel to the slope contour.
- Narrow trenches should be dug across the slope on contour to a depth of 3- to 5- inches on clay soils and soils with gradual slopes. On loose soils, steep slopes, and areas with high rainfall, the trenches should be dug to a depth of 5- to 7- inches, or 1/2 to 2/3 of the thickness of the wattle.
- Start building trenches and installing wattles from the base of the slope and work up. Spread excavated material evenly along the uphill slope and compacted using hand tamping or other methods.
- Construct trenches at intervals of 10- to 25-feet depending on the steepness of the slope, soil type, and rainfall. The steeper the slope the closer together the trenches.
- Install the wattles snugly into the trenches and abut tightly end to end. Do not overlap the ends.
- Install stakes at each end of the wattle, and at 4-foot centers along entire length of wattle.
- If required, install pilot holes for the stakes using a straight bar to drive holes through the wattle and into the soil.
- Wooden stakes should be approximately 3/4 x 3/4 x 24 inches min. Willow cuttings or 3/8-inch rebar can also be used for stakes.
- Stakes should be driven through the middle of the wattle, leaving 2 to 3 inches of the stake protruding above the wattle.

### ***Maintenance Standards***

- Wattles may require maintenance to ensure they are in contact with soil and thoroughly entrenched, especially after significant rainfall on steep sandy soils.

**Figure II-4.2.14 Wattles**



<p>DEPARTMENT OF <b>ECOLOGY</b> State of Washington</p>	<p><b>Figure II-4.2.14 Wattles</b></p> <p>Revised November 2015</p> <p>Please see <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/copyright.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/copyright.html</a> for copyright notice including permissions, limitation of liability, and disclaimer.</p>
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- Inspect the slope after significant storms and repair any areas where wattles are not tightly abutted or water has scoured beneath the wattles.

### ***Approved as Equivalent***

Ecology has approved products as able to meet the requirements of [BMP C235: Wattles](#). The products did not pass through the Technology Assessment Protocol – Ecology (TAPE) process. Local jurisdictions may choose not to accept this product approved as equivalent, or may require additional testing prior to consideration for local use. The products are available for review on Ecology’s website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/newtech/equivalent.html>

## **BMP C236: Vegetative Filtration**

### ***Purpose***

Vegetative Filtration may be used in conjunction with [BMP C241: Temporary Sediment Pond \(p.388\)](#), [BMP C206: Level Spreader \(p.348\)](#) and a pumping system with surface intake to improve turbidity levels of stormwater discharges by filtering through existing ~~vegetation where undisturbed forest floor/litter layer or established lawn with thatch layer~~ are present. Vegetative Filtration can also be used to infiltrate dewatering waste from foundations, vaults, and trenches as long as runoff does not occur.

### ***Conditions of Use***

- For every five acre of disturbed soil use one acre of grass field, farm pasture, or wooded area. Reduce or increase this area depending on project size, ground water table height, and other site conditions.
- Wetlands shall not be used for filtration.
- Do not use this BMP in areas with a high ground water table, or in areas that will have a high seasonal ground water table during the use of this BMP.
- This BMP may be less effective on soils that prevent the infiltration of the water, such as hard till.
- Using other effective source control measures throughout a construction site will prevent the generation of additional highly turbid water and may reduce the time period or area need for this BMP.
- Stop distributing water into the vegetated area if standing water or erosion results.

### ***Design Criteria***

- Find land adjacent to the project that has a vegetated field, preferably a farm field, or wooded area.
- If the project site does not contain enough vegetated field area consider obtaining

## **Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Checklist**

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Review Date: \_\_\_\_\_

On-site Inspection Review Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction SWPPP Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section I – Construction SWPPP Narrative**

#### **Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Elements**

1. \_\_\_ Describe how each of the Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Elements has been addressed through the Construction SWPPP.
2. \_\_\_ Identify the type and location of BMPs used to satisfy the required element.
3. \_\_\_ Provide written justification identifying the reason an element is not applicable to the proposal.

#### **Thirteen Required Elements - Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan**

1. \_\_\_ Mark Clearing Limits
2. \_\_\_ Establish Construction Access
3. \_\_\_ Control Flow Rates
4. \_\_\_ Install Sediment Controls
5. \_\_\_ Stabilize Soils
6. \_\_\_ Protect Slopes
7. \_\_\_ Protect Drain Inlets
8. \_\_\_ Stabilize Channels and Outlets
9. \_\_\_ Control Pollutants
10. \_\_\_ Control De-Watering
11. \_\_\_ Maintain BMPs

12. \_\_\_ Manage the Project
13. \_\_\_ Protect Low Impact Development BMPs

### **Project Description**

1. \_\_\_ Total project area
2. \_\_\_ Total proposed impervious area
3. \_\_\_ Total proposed area to be disturbed, including off-site borrow and fill areas
4. \_\_\_ Total volumes of proposed cut and fill

### **Existing Site Conditions**

1. \_\_\_ Description of the existing topography
2. \_\_\_ Description of the existing vegetation
3. \_\_\_ Description of the existing drainage

### **Adjacent Areas**

1. Description of adjacent areas which may be affected by site disturbance or drain to project site.
  - a. \_\_\_ Streams
  - b. \_\_\_ Lakes
  - c. \_\_\_ Wetlands
  - d. \_\_\_ Residential Areas
  - e. \_\_\_ Roads
  - f. \_\_\_ Other
2. \_\_\_ Description of the downstream drainage path leading from the site to the receiving body of water. (Minimum distance of 400 yards.)

### **Critical Areas**

1. \_\_\_ Description of critical areas that are on or adjacent to the site.
2. \_\_\_ Description of special requirements for working in or near critical areas.

## Soils

1. Description of on site soils.
  - a. \_\_\_ Soil name(s)
  - b. \_\_\_ Soil mapping unit
  - c. \_\_\_ Erodibility
  - d. \_\_\_ Settleability
  - e. \_\_\_ Permeability
  - f. \_\_\_ Depth
  - g. \_\_\_ Texture
  - h. \_\_\_ Soil Structure

## Erosion Problem Areas

1. \_\_\_ Description of potential erosion problems on site.

## Construction Phasing

1. \_\_\_ Construction sequence
2. \_\_\_ Construction phasing (if proposed)

## Construction Schedule

1. \_\_\_ Provide a proposed construction schedule.
2. \_\_\_ Wet Season Construction Activities
  - a. \_\_\_ Proposed wet season construction activities.
  - b. \_\_\_ Proposed wet season construction restraints for environmentally sensitive/critical areas.

## Financial/Ownership Responsibilities

1. \_\_\_ Identify the property owner responsible for the initiation of bonds and/or other financial securities.
2. \_\_\_ Describe bonds and/or other evidence of financial responsibility for liability associated with erosion and sedimentation impacts.



## Engineering Calculations

1. \_\_\_ Provide Design Calculations.
  - a. \_\_\_ Sediment Ponds/Traps
  - b. \_\_\_ Diversions
  - c. \_\_\_ Waterways
  - d. \_\_\_ Runoff/Stormwater Detention Calculations

## Section II Erosion and Sediment Control Plans

### General

1. \_\_\_ Vicinity Map
2. \_\_\_ City/County of \_\_\_\_\_ Clearing and Grading Approval Block
3. \_\_\_ Erosion and Sediment Control Notes

### Site Plan

1. \_\_\_ Note legal description of subject property.
2. \_\_\_ Show North Arrow.
3. \_\_\_ Indicate boundaries of existing vegetation, e.g. tree lines, pasture areas, etc.
4. \_\_\_ Identify and label areas of potential erosion problems.
5. \_\_\_ Identify on site or adjacent surface waters, critical areas and associated buffers.
6. \_\_\_ Identify FEMA base flood boundaries and Shoreline Management boundaries (if applicable).
7. \_\_\_ Show existing and proposed contours.
8. \_\_\_ Indicate drainage basins and direction of flow for individual drainage areas.
9. \_\_\_ Label final grade contours and identify developed condition drainage basins.
10. \_\_\_ Delineate areas that are to be cleared and graded.
11. \_\_\_ Show all cut and fill slopes indicating top and bottom of slope catch lines.

### Conveyance Systems

1. \_\_\_ Designate locations for swales, interceptor trenches, or ditches.
2. \_\_\_ Show all temporary and permanent drainage pipes, ditches, or cut off trenches

required for erosion and sediment control.

3. \_\_\_ Provide minimum slope and cover for all temporary pipes or call out pipe inverts.
4. \_\_\_ Show grades, dimensions, and direction of flow in all ditches, swales, culverts and pipes.
5. \_\_\_ Provide details for bypassing off site runoff around disturbed areas.
6. \_\_\_ Indicate locations and outlets of any dewatering systems.

### **Location of Detention BMPs**

1. \_\_\_ Identify location of detention BMPs.

### **Erosion and Sediment Control Facilities**

1. \_\_\_ Show the locations of sediment trap(s), pond(s), pipes and structures.
2. \_\_\_ Dimension pond berm widths and inside and outside pond slopes.
3. \_\_\_ Indicate the trap/pond storage required and the depth, length, and width dimensions.
4. \_\_\_ Provide typical section views through pond and outlet structure.
5. \_\_\_ Provide typical details of gravel cone and standpipe, and/or other filtering devices.
6. \_\_\_ Detail stabilization techniques for outlet/inlet.
7. \_\_\_ Detail control/restrictor device location and details.
8. \_\_\_ Specify mulch and/or recommended cover of berms and slopes.
9. \_\_\_ Provide rock specifications and detail for rock check dam(s), if applicable.
10. \_\_\_ Specify spacing for rock check dams as required.
11. \_\_\_ Provide front and side sections of typical rock check dams.
12. \_\_\_ Indicate the locations and provide details and specifications for silt fabric.
13. \_\_\_ Locate the construction entrance and provide a detail.

### **Detailed Drawings**

1. \_\_\_ Any structural practices used that are not referenced in the Ecology Manual should be explained and illustrated with detailed drawings.

## **Other Pollutant BMPs**

1. \_\_\_ Indicate on the site plan the location of BMPs to be used for the control of pollutants other than sediment, e.g., concrete wash water.

## **Monitoring Locations**

1. \_\_\_ Indicate on the site plan the water quality sampling locations to be used for monitoring water quality on the construction site, if applicable.

**APPENDIX B**

SOIL REPORT



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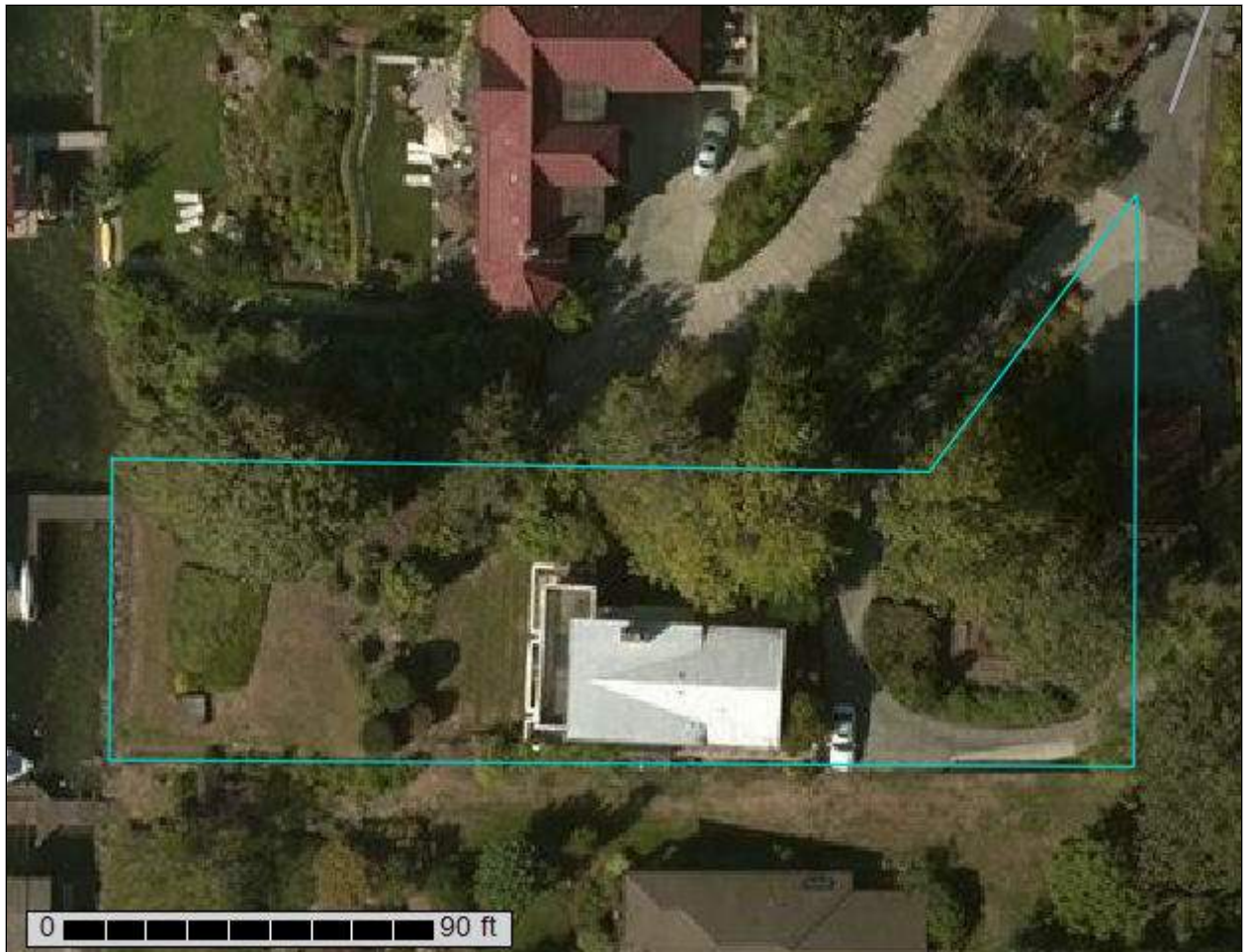
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## Murray Residence



# Preface

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Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/>) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (<https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs>) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2\\_053951](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2_053951)).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Web Soil Survey, the site for official soil survey information.

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# How Soil Surveys Are Made

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Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil

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scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and

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identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

# Soil Map

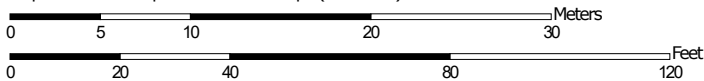
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The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.

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









Map Scale: 1:419 if printed on A landscape (11" x 8.5") sheet.



Map projection: Web Mercator Corner coordinates: WGS84 Edge tics: UTM Zone 10N WGS84

### MAP LEGEND

- Area of Interest (AOI)**
  -  Area of Interest (AOI)
- Soils**
  -  Soil Map Unit Polygons
  -  Soil Map Unit Lines
  -  Soil Map Unit Points
- Special Point Features**
  -  Blowout
  -  Borrow Pit
  -  Clay Spot
  -  Closed Depression
  -  Gravel Pit
  -  Gravelly Spot
  -  Landfill
  -  Lava Flow
  -  Marsh or swamp
  -  Mine or Quarry
  -  Miscellaneous Water
  -  Perennial Water
  -  Rock Outcrop
  -  Saline Spot
  -  Sandy Spot
  -  Severely Eroded Spot
  -  Sinkhole
  -  Slide or Slip
  -  Sodic Spot
- Water Features**
  -  Streams and Canals
- Transportation**
  -  Rails
  -  Interstate Highways
  -  US Routes
  -  Major Roads
  -  Local Roads
- Background**
  -  Aerial Photography
- Other**
  -  Spoil Area
  -  Stony Spot
  -  Very Stony Spot
  -  Wet Spot
  -  Other
  -  Special Line Features

### MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
 Web Soil Survey URL:  
 Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: King County Area, Washington  
 Survey Area Data: Version 14, Sep 10, 2018

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Aug 31, 2013—Oct 6, 2013

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Map Unit Legend (Murray Residence)

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
KpB	Kitsap silt loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes	0.4	97.9%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>		<b>0.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Map Unit Descriptions (Murray Residence)

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

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An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.



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### KpB—Kitsap silt loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* 1hmt9  
*Elevation:* 0 to 590 feet  
*Mean annual precipitation:* 37 inches  
*Mean annual air temperature:* 50 degrees F  
*Frost-free period:* 160 to 200 days  
*Farmland classification:* All areas are prime farmland

#### Map Unit Composition

*Kitsap and similar soils:* 85 percent  
*Minor components:* 15 percent  
*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

#### Description of Kitsap

##### Setting

*Landform:* Terraces  
*Parent material:* Lacustrine deposits with a minor amount of volcanic ash

##### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 5 inches:* silt loam  
*H2 - 5 to 24 inches:* silt loam  
*H3 - 24 to 60 inches:* stratified silt to silty clay loam

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 2 to 8 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches  
*Natural drainage class:* Moderately well drained  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* About 18 to 36 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Available water storage in profile:* High (about 11.4 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 3w  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* C  
*Forage suitability group:* Soils with Few Limitations (G002XN502WA)  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### Minor Components

##### Alderwood

*Percent of map unit:* 10 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

##### Bellingham

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent  
*Landform:* Depressions  
*Hydric soil rating:* Yes

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### **Seattle**

*Percent of map unit:* 1 percent

*Landform:* Depressions

*Hydric soil rating:* Yes

### **Tukwila**

*Percent of map unit:* 1 percent

*Landform:* Depressions

*Hydric soil rating:* Yes

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