

Are Erosion and Sediment Control Materials Required for a Project?

If any one of the following questions are a “yes” the owner or his designee are required to submit erosion control materials that meet the requirements listed in “Fort Collins Stormwater Criteria Manual” under the Amendments of Volume 3 Chapter 7 Section 1.3.3. These materials will be reviewed by City of Fort Collins staff to verify this project meets design criteria to prevent construction pollutant discharge to the drainages facilities.

Are there any steep slopes on or within 50ft of this project?

Steep slopes are any areas that are greater than; a ratio of 3H: 1V, a slope percent of 33.3%, or an 18.43 degree slope.

Are there any sensitive areas on or within 50ft of this project?

Sensitive areas are Floodplains, riparian corridors, lakes, irrigation ditches, or other features subject to natural areas buffer requirements in [LUC 3.4.1 – Natural Habitats and Features](#)

Is the total area of disturbance greater than 10,000 ft²?

The area of disturbance is the total area at the site where any construction activity is expected to result in disturbance of the ground surface. This includes any activity that could increase the rate of erosion, including but not limited to, clearing, grading, excavation, and demolition activities, installation of new or improved haul roads and access roads, staging areas, heavy vehicle traffic areas, stockpiling of fill materials, and borrow areas. Construction does not include routine maintenance to maintain original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the facility.

Is the total area of disturbance greater than 43,560 ft²?

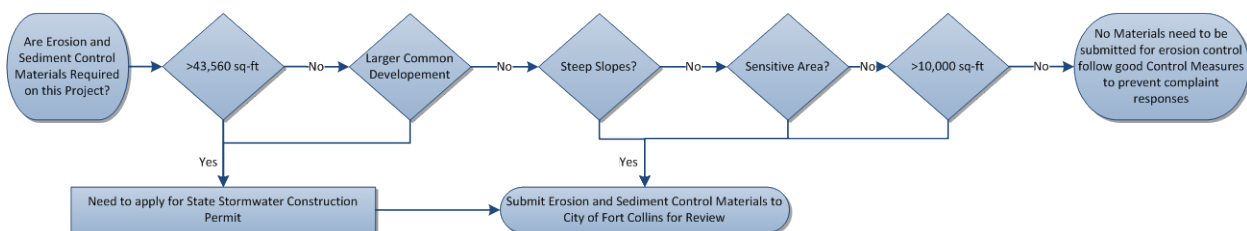
If yes, [Colorado Stormwater Construction Permit](#) is required. This should be submitted 10 working days before construction begins to ensure proper timing for CDPHE processing permit applications.

Is this site part of a larger common plan of development or sale?

This is to mean a facility where multiple separate and distinct but related construction activities may be taking place at different times on different schedules, are located, are in a contiguous area, and are subject to a consistent plan for long-term development. Consistent with EPA guidance, “Contiguous” is interpreted to mean construction activities located in close proximity to each other (within ¼ mile). Construction activities are considered to be “related” if they share the same development plan, builder or contractor, equipment, storage areas, etc.

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If all of the above questions result in a “no”, then erosion control materials are not required to be submitted, this however this does not relieve the owner of their legal obligation to prevent pollutant discharges per [Municipal Code §26-498](#). The site still must be swept and maintained to prevent dirt, saw cuttings, concrete wash, trash & debris, landscape materials and other pollutants from entering the storm sewer at all times or control measures will be required of the site.



Remember... Water runs downhill. Water picks up everything. Water flows to the Poudre River.