

Walworth County Permit Application Information

Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control

Many land disturbing construction and vegetation removal activities within the **un-incorporated areas** of Walworth County require a permit. Land disturbing construction and vegetation removal activities that commence without a Walworth County Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Permit are subject to enforcement action and penalties, including an ordinance violation citation reviewed by the Walworth County Circuit Court.

Shoreland Zone: Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control Permits are required when a project is located within the Shoreland Zone and includes:

- Disturbing land, of any size, by grading, filling, excavation, removal of vegetation or other ground cover on land located within the Walworth County Shoreland Zone or those areas situated within 1000 feet of a Walworth County Lake or 300 feet from any navigable stream, channel, ditch or other watercourse.
- The construction of any structure, including but not limited to, one and two-family dwellings and additions, garages, storage buildings, boathouses, paths, pools, patios, driveways, decks, retaining walls, gazebos, fences, car ports, or decorations.

Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control Permits are required for any project that is located outside of the Shoreland Zone, * and results in:

- Grading, filling, excavation, removal of vegetation or other ground cover covering an area **more than 4,000 square feet.**
- Excavation or filling or a combination of excavation or filling more than **400 cubic yards** of soil or other material.
- Any construction, reconstruction relocation, enlargement of **any public or private streets, highways, airstrips, driveways, roads or bridge construction.**
- Laying, repairing, replacement or enlarging of an underground, pipe, utility or facility for a distance of **300 linear feet or more** including but not limited to sewer, water, electric, or
- **The construction of any structure or building,** including but not limited to communication towers, masts, poles, signs, decoration, carports, storage buildings, decks, and barns.
- **The construction of a pond.**
- **The construction of any one-and two-family dwellings** in the following listed Walworth County townships that have authorized Walworth County to enforce the Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control provisions of the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Construction Code.

Lafayette	Sharon	Spring Prairie	Walworth
East Troy	LaGrange	Troy	Whitewater
- **Construction of any commercial, industrial and institutional building and additions to existing commercial, institutional and industrial buildings.**
- Those activities required to have Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control Permit coverage by a decision of the County Zoning Agency, the County Board of Adjustment, the County Board or decision of a Court with jurisdiction.

*For projects located within the Town of Sugar Creek, contact the Town Hall at 262.742-4476

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Storm Water Management

Storm water management permits are required to provide for the long-term management of runoff from a developed site. The County storm water management performance standards and County storm water management permit requirements applicable for new development sites within the un-incorporated areas of Walworth County. A storm water management plan, complying with County storm water performance standards, must be prepared and implemented for the following types of land disturbing or development activities:

- Residential developments or additions to existing residential developments, (subdivision plat).
- A certified survey map or other land development activity that may result in the addition of 0.5 acres of impervious surfaces.
- Construction of a new public or private road serving more than 5 lots.
- All commercial, industrial or institutional developments or additions to existing commercial industrial or institutional sites.
- Construction, other than for commercial or residential developments, that results in more than 1 acre of land disturbing construction or vegetation removal activities, including but not limited to, golf courses, playgrounds, athletic fields, landfills, spoil spreading sites, etc.
- Those developments which, in the opinion of the county, are likely to result in storm water runoff which exceeds the safe capacity of the existing drainage facilities or receiving body of water, cause channel erosion, endangers downstream properties, or increases water pollution.
- Those activities required to have a Walworth County Storm Water Management Permit by a decision made by the County Zoning Agency, the County Board, the County Board of Adjustment or a decision by a Court with jurisdiction.

All determinations of whether an activity, development or construction project is required to meet County storm water management performance standards must be made in consultation with the Walworth County Land Conservation Division.

Project Engineer. For sites that require a County-approved storm water management plan and permit coverage, a professional engineer, licensed in the State of Wisconsin, must be retained to prepare the plan, the plan documentation, supervise the construction of the storm water management practices and certify implementation and compliance with approved plan.

Financial Assurance. Financial assurance, in a form acceptable to Walworth County, is required as a condition for obtaining County storm water management permit coverage. The amount of the financial assurance is based on the project engineer's cost estimate to construct storm water management practices and complete the stabilization planned for the development site.

Operation and Maintenance Plan. An operation and long-term maintenance plan for the permanent storm water management practices must be prepared and include detailed instructions on the operational level, inspection tasks and frequency and potential maintenance tasks required. The operation and maintenance plan must identify the location of the vehicle access to allow for maintenance work, when needed.

Maintenance Agreements. The storm water management practice long-term maintenance agreement shall be prepared, approved by Walworth County Land Conservation Division and recorded with the Walworth County Register of Deeds.