

short & sweet



FULTON COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS

the what & why

What is regulated? State regulations require anyone doing earth moving activities to install and maintain Best Management Practices to reduce erosion and the chance for waters to become polluted with sediment.

What is an earth moving activity? A construction or other human activity that disturbs the surface of the land. This includes land clearing and grubbing, grading, excavations, embankments, land development, agricultural plowing or tilling, operation of animal heavy use areas, timber harvesting activities, road maintenance activities, oil and gas activities, well drilling, mineral extraction and the moving, depositing, stockpiling, or storing of soil, rock or earth materials.

What are Best Management Practices? Best Management Practices (BMPs) are controls that are installed to reduce erosion and the chance for waters to become polluted with sediment.

Why are earth moving activities regulated? To keep our waters clean.

the requirements

Minimum requirements: Erosion and sediment control BMPs must be installed and maintained for all earth moving activities, even activities disturbing less than 5,000 square feet. BMPs must be installed before earth moving starts.

If the earth moving activity will disturb 5,000 square feet or more: Erosion and sediment control BMPs must be installed and maintained **AND** a written Erosion & Sediment Control (E&S) Plan must be prepared. The written plan does not have to be reviewed and approved by the Conservation District, unless the township requires it. If approval is required by the township, the plan must be approved before earth moving starts.

If the earth moving activity is located in a High Quality (HQ) or Exceptional Value (EV) watershed: Erosion and sediment control BMPs must be installed and maintained **AND** a written Erosion and Sediment Control (E&S) Plan must be prepared if the activity has the potential to discharge to these waters. Please contact the Conservation District to determine if a written plan is needed for the earth moving activity.

If the earth moving activity will disturb 1 acre or more: Erosion and sediment control BMPs must be installed and maintained, a written Erosion and Sediment Control (E&S) Plan must be prepared **AND** the project will require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. The NPDES permit application package must be submitted to the Conservation District for review and approval before earth moving starts. Please contact the Conservation District if the earth moving activity will disturb 1 acre or more.

Working together to keep our waters clean!

about us

The Fulton County Conservation District is dedicated to helping our residents conserve, protect and restore the natural resources of Fulton County, promoting the sustainable use of these resources through education, as well as technical and financial resources.

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HQ & EV waters of fulton county

HIGH QUALITY (HQ) WATERS

1. **Brush Creek**, *Brush Creek Township*

Barton Run

Little Brush Creek:

Laurel Run

Roaring Run:

East Fork

West Fork

2. **Roaring Run**, *Ayr Township*

3. **North Branch, Little Aughwick Creek**, *Dublin Township*

** From the source to the confluence with the South Branch of the Little Aughwick Creek.*

Potts Run

4. **Sideling Hill Creek**, *Taylor and Wells Townships*

Laurel Fork:

Meredith Run

Oregon Creek

Roaring Run

Wooden Bridge Creek:

Elders Branch

Lamberson Branch

Lick Branch

5. **South Branch, Little Aughwick Creek**, *Dublin and Todd Townships*

** From the inlet of Cowans Gap Lake to the confluence with the North Branch of the Little Aughwick Creek.*

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE (EV) WATERS

1. **Sideling Hill Creek**, *Union Township*

Bear Creek:

Stahle Run

Trough Creek

2. **South Branch, Little Aughwick Creek**, *Todd Township*

** From the source to the inlet of Cowans Gap Lake.*

NOTE: These water quality designations also include ALL named and unnamed tributaries that flow into the HQ and EV streams listed above.