

Is there training?

Yes. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), offers training and certification courses for those involved in the various aspects of erosion and sediment control (E&SC) compliance or regulation.

Training and certification is available for Plan Reviewers, Inspectors, Program Administrators, and Combined Administrators.

Additionally, the agency offers course work and certification to become a Responsible Land Disturber (RLD).

The courses are based on the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control law and regulations and the "Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook".

To obtain more information or to purchase / download a handbook please go to the link below;

www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/StormwaterManagement/Publications/ESCHandbook.aspx

Compliance!



City of Bristol, Virginia

Public Works Department

Engineering Division

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Bristol, Virginia 24201

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Land Disturbance

Am I missing something?



What more do I need to know?

Construction Sites and Stormwater Runoff

Construction sites are common sources of storm water runoff pollution. Soil and wastes blown, tracked or washed into a street, gutter or storm drain flow directly to our local streams or ground water. Sediment is the most common pollutant washed from construction sites, creating multiple problems once it enters the storm system. As a builder, contractor, owner or operator of a site, you are responsible for impacts to the storm system, right-of-way and damage caused by pollutants from your work site.

What is a land disturbance

A land-disturbing activity is “any land change on private or public land that may result in soil erosion from water or wind and the movement of sediments into state waters or onto lands in the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to, clearing, grading, excavating, transporting and filling of land.”

What type of land disturbances require a permit?

Land-disturbing activities equal to or exceeding 10,000 square feet in area require a land disturbance permit approved by the Bristol, Virginia City Engineer.

If you are unclear whether your project requires a land disturbance permit, please consult the Bristol Virginia Engineering Division at 276-645-7360 prior to the commencement of work.

What must I provide to obtain a land disturbance permit?

The following information should be submitted for a land disturbance permit;

- A completed Land Disturbance Application signed and dated by the applicant and the owner.
- An erosion sediment control plan
- The application fee in accordance with Bristol Virginia’s fee schedule.
- The bond amount for the project , if required, as established by the Engineering Division.

What is an agreement in lieu of a plan?

When a land disturbance results in the construction of a single-family residence, the property owner may obtain an “agreement in lieu of a plan” instead of a land disturbance permit. The agreement is a contract between the City of Bristol, Virginia and the property owner that specifies that certain erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented in the construction of a single-family residence. This contract is an expedited process that establishes that a formal erosion and sediment control plan will not be submitted by the property owner.

Who is a “Responsible Land Disturber” and what does he/she do?

The Responsible Land Disturber (RLD) can be anyone holding a valid Responsible Land Disturber Certificate who will be in charge of and responsible for carrying out the land disturbing activity for the project.

Must permit applicants name a Responsible Land Disturber?

Yes. The applicant must provide to City of Bristol, Virginia the name of an individual holding a valid Responsible Land Disturber Certificate who will be responsible for the land disturbing activity as a condition of approval for all erosion and sediment control plans, agreements in lieu of a plan or land disturbing permits. Please note that although a RLD must be designated for the project, the property owner is still ultimately responsible for all land disturbing activities on a project.



Application for Land Disturbing Permit

City of Bristol, Virginia

300 Lee Street, Bristol,
Virginia 24201

Permit Number:

Disturbed Area (sq ft)

Review and Inspection Fee:

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to undertake land disturbing activities at the location listed below:

Project Location: Application Date:

VSMP Required: VSMP Submittal Date: VSMP Number:

Project Description:

Reference Plans:

Landowner:
Address
Phone

Designer:
Address
Phone

Contractor:
Address
Phone
License No

R.L.D.:
Address
Phone
Cert. No.

Contact:
Address
Phone

Bonding Company:
Address
Phone

The following general requirements shall apply to all Permits:

1. This permit must be kept on the project site and shown on request.
2. The City must be notified when work commences and when the project is complete.
3. Other work (grading, excavating, constructing) on the project site shall not commence until appropriate erosion and sediment controls are in place as specified on the plan.
4. Applicant agrees to be responsible for any and all damages to other in-place conservation measures, whether on-site or off-site, as a result of work covered by this permit.
5. Applicant agrees to maintain the conservation measures in satisfactory condition until final, permanent stabilization is achieved.
6. This permit may be revoked should the City determine that the project is not in compliance with the approved plan.

As a condition to approval of this permit, the applicant shall post a performance guarantee in the amount determined by the City Engineer. Such performance guarantee shall be conditioned to conform the work to standards and specifications as specified by the approved plan. The amount of such performance guarantee is hereby set at:

Amount of Bond:

I hereby certify that I have read and examined this application and understand the requirements of this application and that I will comply with all provisions of the Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance of the City of Bristol, Virginia whether specified herein or not. I also accept responsibility for carrying out the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for the above referenced project as approved. Further, I understand that the granting of a permit does not presume to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of any other state or local law regulating construction or the performance of construction.

I further grant the right-of-entry to the City of Bristol, Virginia for the purpose of inspecting and monitoring for compliance with the aforesaid Ordinance.

Applicant _____ Date _____

Permission is hereby given for the work described in the above application. This permit shall expressly reserve all rights set forth in the Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance of the City of Bristol, Virginia. Violation of any condition or regulation set forth in this permit, the application for this permit, or the Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance of the City of Bristol, Virginia, shall constitute a misdemeanor and those parties found to be in violation shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by law.

Permit Date: Expiration Date:

City Engineer or Agent _____ Date _____

Final inspection of the project has been performed and disturbed areas are deemed stabilized. Release of bond is approved.

Completion Date:

City Engineer or Agent _____ Date _____