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(HEARING IMPAIRED)

**BAY COUNTY SOIL EROSION AND  
SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITS**

Attached, please find an application for a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permit. You must complete the entire form. If the application is not complete with all of the questions answered, a complete site plan filled in, and contain a landowners signature, it will not be considered. If you are signing on behalf of the landowner, a written statement from the landowner must be attached. A "Designated Agent" form is included for your use. If you are uncertain of something, please contact the office at (989) 895-4290.

If your proposed work will disturb 5 acres or more, you must contact the EGLE at (989) 355-3927 to obtain a Notice of Coverage Permit.

The fees are set by the Bay County Board of Commissioners. Please contact our office for a fee quote for your project. Also, please be advised that this office has the authority to require bonding at our discretion.

Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. & Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please be advised that according to Michigan Law, the issuance of this permit can take up to thirty (30) days. The application must be returned to:

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**Bay County Drain Office  
Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Division  
515 Center Avenue, Suite 601  
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<b>PERMIT APPLICATION for Part 91 SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL</b>	OFFICE USE ONLY
	Permit Number
	Date Issued
	Expiration Date

**1. LANDOWNER INFORMATION**

Name		Telephone (    )	
Address	City	State	Zip Code

**PERSON MAKING APPLICATION (if not landowner)**

Name			Company Name	
Address	City	State	Zip Code	Phone (    )

Are you the landowner? Y or N

Are you a designated agent for the landowner? Y or N  
(If yes include a completed Designated Agent form)

**2. PROJECT LOCATION**

Address		City/Village	
Township	Section	Town & Range	Tax ID #:
Approx. distance to closest intersection:			

**3. PROPOSED EARTH CHANGE AND SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN**  
(Refer to Rule 323.1703)

Project Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Land Balancing <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Size of Earth Change (acres or square feet)
Brief description:	
Name of and Distance to Nearest Lake, Stream, or Drain	Start Date                      Completion Date

**4. "ON-SITE" CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name of Individual "On Site" responsible for earth change		Company Name		Telephone No (    )
Address	City	State	Zip Code	Cell Phone (    )

I (We) affirm that the above information is accurate and that I (We) will conduct the above described earth change in accordance with Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, applicable local ordinances, and the documents accompanying this application.		
Landowner's signature	Print Name	Date
Designated Agent's Signature*	Print Name	Date

\* Designated agent must have a written statement from landowner authorizing him/her to secure a permit in the landowner's name.

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## PERMIT APPLICATION SITE PLAN

Please attach a site plan drawing and include the items listed below: A sample drawing is included in this packet.

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Scaled Map               | 7. Soils Information                      |
| 2. Site Location Sketch     | 8. Drainage Facilities                    |
| 3. Proximity of Lake/Stream | 9. Timing & Sequence                      |
| 4. Limits of Earth Change   | 10. Temporary SESC Measures               |
| 5. Predominant Land Feature | 11. Permanent SESC Measures               |
| 6. Slope Information        | 12. Maintenance Program for SESC Measures |

\*\* All maps/drawings must be included with application and must show size of earth change along with any soil erosion control methods to keep soil on-site (for example; location of silt fencing, sedimentation basin or grass/vegetation filter).

### Construction Sequence Schedule Please complete this schedule

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Soil Erosion Control Measures Install												
Stone access drive in place												
Land clearing												
Fill & site balance												
Excavation of building site												
Completion of earth changes												
Seed & mulch as required												
Area stabilized												
Temporary measures removed												

**WATERS EDGE (LAKE OR STREAM):**

Permanent vegetative cover: May 1 - September 20, October 25-Freeze Up

Temporary vegetative cover: Oats, to germinate in spring. Dormant seedlings must be mulched and should not be seeded on frozen/snow covered ground. Do not use on waterways. For more information please call this office at (989) 895-4290.

## Designated Agent Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ authorize \_\_\_\_\_ of  
(print landowner name) (print contractor name)

\_\_\_\_\_ to act as my designated agent for  
(print contractor company name)

purposes of applying for a Soil Erosion Permit for the proposed work on my property.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner signature & Phone number

Date

**Bay County Drain Commissioner  
Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Division**

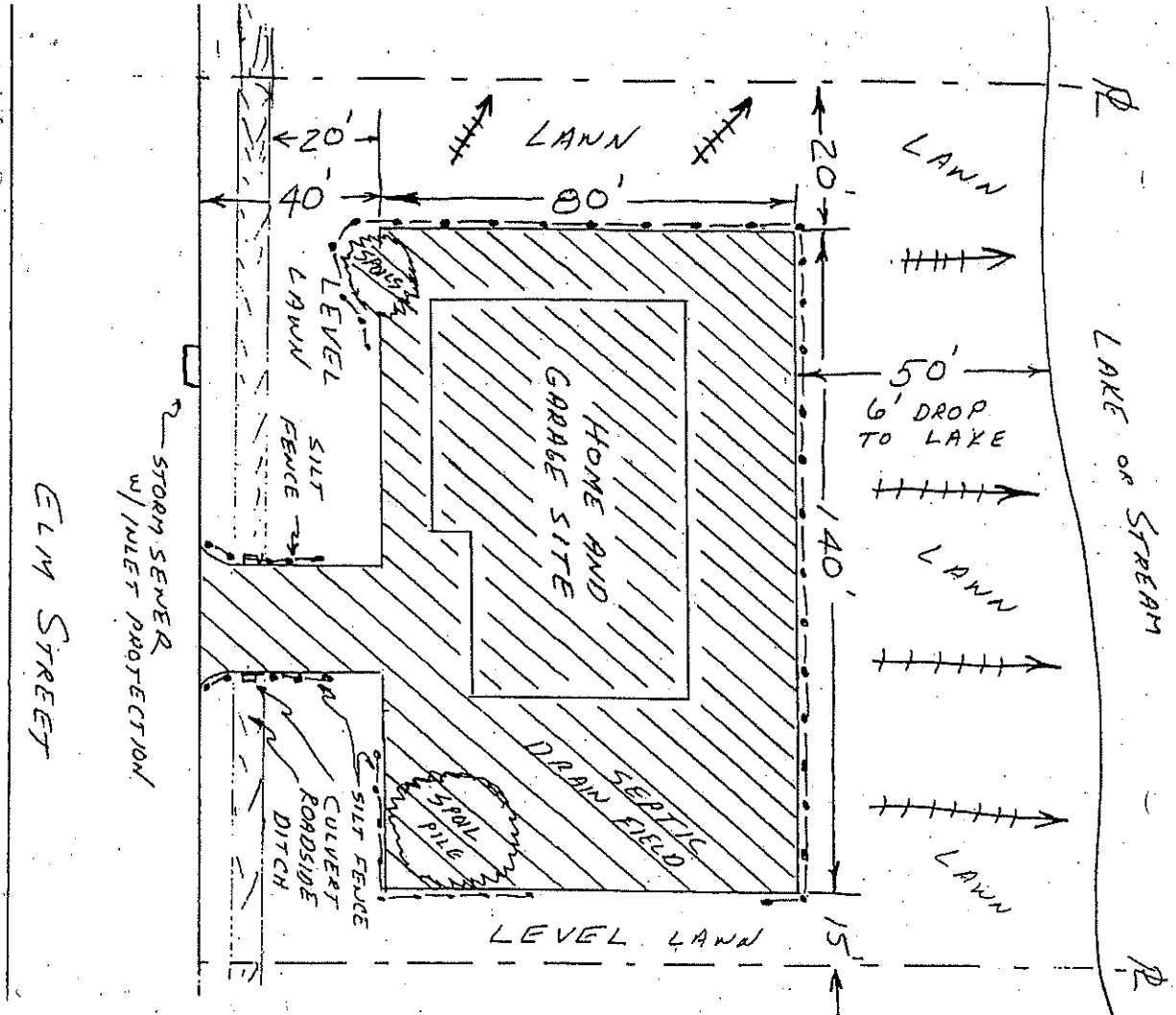
**Information Needed**

*The following is required for all permit applications.*

- A. **Map**: Area shown of actual site
- B. **Site Location Sketch**: Included on map showing crossroads and township location.
- C. **Proximity To Lake or Stream**: Distance to this area shown on map.
- D. **Limits of Earth Change**: Area actually disturbed shown on map.
- E. **Predominant Land Feature**: Include all ponds, large trees, long slopes, and access roads on map.
- F. **Slope Information**: Storm water run off direction must be shown on map.
- G. **Soils Information**: A listing of what type of soils will be disturbed (clay, sand, top-soil).
- H. **Drainage Facilities**: Where storm water runoff will go must be shown on map.
- I. **Timing and Sequence**: When erosion control measures will be installed, when construction will start and finish. When permanent measures are to be complete. Dates will need to be inserted.
- J. **Temporary Measures**: These measures will need to be on map and closely adhered to. This will include silt fence where required, all seeding, street sweeping and any other erosion measure needed on site.
- K. **Permanent Measures**: These measures will need to be on map and closely adhered to. This will include silt fence where required, all seeding, street sweeping and any other erosion measure needed on site.
- L. **Maintenance Program**: A Maintenance Program shall be listed as to when all measures will be checked, and repaired if needed.

**NOTE:**

Items **A** thru **L** must be provided to this office when applying for a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Permit. If *any* item in **A** thru **L** is not included with the application, the application will be rejected and returned for completion.



ELM STREET

STORM SEWER  
W/ INLET PROTECTION

LAKE or STREAM

LEVEL LAWN

HOME AND  
GARAGE SITE

SEPTIC  
DRAIN FIELD

SPRINKLERS

LEVEL LAWN

SILT FENCE  
CULVERT  
ROADSIDE  
DITCH

50'  
6' DROP  
TO LAKE

20'

80'

40'

140'

15'

SOIL - SANDY LOAM

INDICATES  
DIRECTION OF SLOPE

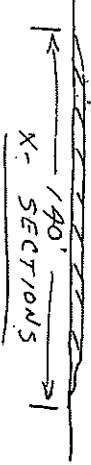
INDICATES  
AREA OF  
EARTH CHANGE

SILT FENCE

SILT FENCE

UNDISTURBED  
VEGETATION

- FILL 2' ABOVE GRADE  
SIDE SLOPES 3H:1V  
OR FLATTER



SCHEDULE

- 6/15 - INSTALL PERIMETER SEDIMENT CONTROLS
- 6/17 - GRADE SITE
- 6/17 - 9/10 - CONSTRUCTION OF HOME
- 9/15 - PAVE DRIVEWAY
- 9/15 - 9/20 - FINAL GRADE, SEED AND MULCH
- REMOVE PERIMETER CONTROLS. PERIMETER CONTROLS ESTABLISHED

Sample Sketch

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### *Regarding Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as Amended*

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality - Land Water Management Division  
Jennifer Granholm, Governor - Steven Chester, Director  
DEQ Internet Home Page: [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq)

#### **Why is erosion and sediment control important?**

Sediment is the greatest pollutant by volume entering our lakes and streams. Sediment is the product of uncontrolled erosion. Everyone in Michigan is affected by erosion and off-site sedimentation. Erosion and sedimentation result in: loss of fertile topsoil, filling of lakes and streams, increased flooding, damage to plant and animal life, and structural damage to buildings and roads.

Construction is one of the major causes of erosion in Michigan. Without proper planning and management, over 100 tons of sediment per acre per year can be generated on some construction sites.

#### **Why was Part 91 passed?**

The primary intent of Part 91 is to protect the waters of the state by minimizing erosion and controlling sediment.

#### **What activities require a permit?**

A permit is required for any earth change that disturbs one or more acres, or is within 500 feet of a lake or stream. Exempted activities include plowing and tilling for crop production, logging and mining. However, access roads to the logging and mining operations are not exempt.

#### **Where do I obtain a permit?**

Counties have the primary responsibility for issuing permits. In some cases, cities, villages, and townships have assumed permitting responsibility within their jurisdictions. Permit applications can be obtained from the respective county or local agencies.

#### **What information is required on the permit application?**

The applicant must provide specific information such as the name of the responsible individual, location and size of the earth change, description of the earth change, and project starting and ending dates. Additionally, a soil erosion and sedimentation control plan must be developed that will effectively reduce soil erosion and off-site sedimentation. The plan must include:

1. A map showing the site location, physical limits of each earth change activity, predominant land features including lakes, streams and wetlands, and contour intervals or slope information.
2. Soils information.
3. Location of existing and proposed drainage patterns.
4. Timing and sequence of each proposed earth change.
5. Description of all temporary and permanent erosion and sedimentation control measures.
6. A schedule for maintaining all control measures.
7. Any other further information required by the permitting agency.

**What principles should be considered when developing a soil erosion and sedimentation control plan?**

- A. Integrate the overall construction design and activities to fit the physical and vegetative features of the site.
- B. Stage construction and stabilization activities to minimize the area and duration of disturbance.
- C. Identify controls that will minimize erosion.
- D. Identify controls that will prevent off-site sedimentation. Sediment control should not be used as a substitution for erosion control, but rather in conjunction with erosion control.
- E. Establish an inspection and maintenance schedule.

**Is there a construction sequence which will help me comply with Part 91?**

- 1. Obtain a permit from the appropriate county or local agency.
- 2. Install all temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control measures in accordance with the approved plan and special permit conditions.
- 3. Inspect all projects at least weekly and after every rainfall event to evaluate the effectiveness of the control measures.
- 4. Maintain all temporary and permanent control measures per plan or as needed based on the site inspections.
- 5. Notify the permitting agency for a final inspection when project is completed.

**Are there penalties for not complying with permit conditions or Part 91?**

Yes, there are several

- 1. A person who owns land that is not in conformance with Part 91 is subject to a civil fine of up to \$25,000 per day.
- 2. A stop work order may be issued until compliance is obtained.
- 3. Permitting agency can install or maintain control measures to bring a nonconforming site into compliance with Part 91 and bill the landowner for the costs incurred.

**Who do I call if I have more questions?**

Questions should be directed to the appropriate county or local agency at:

Bay County Drain Office  
515 Center Avenue, Suite 601  
Bay City, MI 48708  
Phone: 989-895-4290

For more information and assistance, contact the following Department of Environmental Quality employee in Water Bureau:

Saginaw Bay District Office  
Michael Kraut, Environmental Quality Analyst  
989-355-3927

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