



# Rock County Land Conservation Department

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Janesville, WI 53546-9708

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*Town Clerks and Town Board Chairs: Please distribute this letter to Town Board members, building inspectors, zoning officers or other appropriate local officials for informational purposes. Thank you.*

December 8, 2022

RE: Rock County Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Ordinance Administration

Dear Town Official,

The Land Conservation Department **administers the Rock County Construction Site Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Ordinances** in the unincorporated areas of the County, with one exception for the Town of Beloit, which administers their own ordinance.

The **purpose of the Erosion Control Ordinance** is to minimize the amount of sediment and other pollutants carried by runoff or discharged from land disturbing activities to waters of the state or adjacent property **during construction**.

The **purpose of the Storm Water Management Ordinance** is to minimize the **post-construction**, long-term, adverse impacts of land development on stream flows, groundwater recharge capability, existing drainage system capacity and water quality in general. The intent is to establish cost effective long-term practices that are designed to meet standards for peak discharge rates (detention and retention), discharge quality (total suspended solid reduction) and infiltration (discharge quantity).

**We are requesting your assistance in our public education efforts for the County Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Ordinance requirements as adopted by the County Board in 2004.**

If a citizen or contractor requests approval from your Town for a project, **please inform them their project will require a Rock County Erosion Control and/or Storm Water Management Permit if:**

1. **Land filling or excavation of four thousand square feet or more (or one thousand square feet or more near a navigable body of water). Examples include:**
  - Site preparation for buildings (shops, sheds, office space, etc...) not associated with one and two-family dwelling construction if a building permit has been issued;
  - Construction of parking lots/areas;
  - Construction of ponds.
2. **Construction of a new access road or driveway exceeding 100 feet in length.**
3. **Post construction sites that have land disturbance 1 acre or more, needs a Storm Water Management Permit.**

To get further information, please inform the citizen or contractor to contact me **(608) 289-0877**

Thank you for your assistance in our education and administration process.

Sincerely,

Chris Murphy  
Conservation Specialist