



# Rock County Land Conservation Department

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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).

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

- 1. Land filling or excavation of 4,000 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;
  - Construction of parking lots/areas;
  - Construction of ponds.
- 2. Construction of a new access road or driveway exceeding 100 feet in length.**
- 3. Disturbing 100 feet or more of road ditch or drainage ways.**
- 4. Post construction sites that have land disturbance 1 acre or more, needs a Storm Water Management Permit.**

To get further information, please contact the Rock County Land Conservation Department at **608-754-6617** or **608-289-0877** or **<https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/land-conservation>**