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Property owners: know your responsibilities! **Stormwater runoff and your construction project**

The Village of Nyack has a strong law governing runoff from construction sites. We are required to have this law by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as part of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The law has several goals. It keeps soil, debris and chemicals from washing into our streams, wetlands and the Hudson River through the use of erosion and sediment control (ESC) practices. It protects properties that adjoin construction sites from muddy flooding. It also protects our stormwater sewers and catch basins from clogging caused by sediment runoff. Clogged stormwater sewers cannot do their jobs to prevent flooding.

If a construction project disturbs $\frac{1}{4}$ acre or more, you will be required to submit a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) as part of your site plan. Some municipalities have a minimum disturbance area of 1 acre, but in Nyack it is $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. This is due to the number of steeply sloped areas in the village.

The SWPPP will show how you are going to control erosion and sedimentation on your construction site. It will show the temporary measures, like silt fences, that will keep soil from running off your property during construction., it may also include permanent measures, like a retaining wall or detention pond, that will control stormwater runoff, erosion and sedimentation after construction is completed.

When you get site approval, you will be required to certify, under penalty of law, that the SWPPP will be followed. As the property owner, you are responsible for the actions of the people you hire to do your construction. If there is a violation, it will be served to you, the property owner.

Every week, a qualified person on your construction team must complete an inspection form certifying that your project is in compliance. The reports must be signed by you. A report must also be completed whenever there is more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " of rain. These reports, and your SWPPP, must be kept on site at all times and be available to the building inspector or village engineer. Failure to do this could result in a stop-work order which would halt progress on your project.

Compliance with your SWPPP is the law.
Following your SWPPP will speed your project.
“Doing it right” will make you a better neighbor.

Questions can be addressed to the Building Inspector or Village Engineer or by visiting http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/localall.pdf