

Requirement for Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Plan and Permit in the DRC Process

1. Some DRC construction plan sets submitted to the Design Review Committee (DRC) will require an approved Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) plan prior to approval.
2. The Stormwater Quality Engineer will review all projects to determine if an approved ESC plan is required prior to the plan set being approved. If a plan is required, the Stormwater Quality Engineer will notify the DRC chair of the requirement.
3. An ESC Plan will be required if the project meets the requirements listed below:
 - a. The project disturbs one acre or greater or is less than one acre, but is directly connected to the Rio Grande. Disturbance includes the area of the private site added to the disturbance in the DRC construction plans.
 - b. Disturbed area in the DRC plans is significant. Examples of non-significant disturbance areas are: transverse water and sewer lines in the street, drive entrance(s), street improvements along frontage less than 150 feet, adding an inlet, sidewalk culvert, small area of disturbance in the ROW etc...
 - c. If the disturbance is internal to a subdivision which meets number one above, then it is considered significant.
 - d. The plans are for a project, wherein, the owner is not an MS4 permittee.
4. In addition to an approved ESC plan, an approved Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Permit may be required prior to approval of the DRC construction plans.
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5. It is common for a project to require an ESC Permit for approval, but NOT to require an ESC Plan for approval.