

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 plan prior to approval.
2. The Stormwater Quality Engineer will review all projects to determine if an ESC plan is required to be in the DRC construction plan set. 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 more than an acre. Disturbance includes the area of the private site added to the disturbance in the DRC construction plans.
 - b. Disturbance 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. If the disturbed area is adjacent to a waterway (e.g. arroyo, channel, MRGCD facility, or the Rio Grande)
 - e. The plans are for a project, wherein, the owner is not an MS4 permittee.
4. If an ESC plan is required in the DRC construction plans, it shall show BMPs for all disturbed areas shown in the DRC construction plans. It may be the same ESC plan that was approved for the private site work.
5. 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.
 - a. An ESC permit is required if the project disturbs more than one acre. Disturbance includes the area of the private site added to the disturbance in the DRC construction plans.
 - b. The plans are for a project, wherein, the owner is not an MS4 permittee.
6. It is common for a project to require an ESC Permit for approval, but NOT to require an ESC Plan for approval.

