

New Jersey's Blueprint for Soil Erosion Control

Since 1976, New Jersey requires construction projects disturbing over 5,000 sq. ft. to have a certified plan, managed by local Soil Conservation Districts using 32 official state-approved standards.



STEP 1: IDENTIFY & DESIGN

A certified erosion control plan is designed using official state standards before work begins.



STEP 2: CONSTRUCT

Erosion control measures are installed before construction and disturbed areas are stabilized.



STEP 3: INSPECT

Local district staff inspect sites to ensure compliance with the certified plan.



STEP 4: FINALIZE

A third party must approve protections after construction and controls are removed.



10 VEGETATIVE STANDARDS

These standards use vegetation to stabilize soil after construction is complete.

EXAMPLE MEASURES

- Topsoiling**
(soil mound with leaves)
- Tree Protection**
(tree trunk with barrier)
- Permanent Vegetative Cover**
(grass and wildflowers)
- Mulching**
(shredded wood and leaf icon)



22 ENGINEERING STANDARDS

These standards provide temporary or permanent designs to manage runoff.

EXAMPLE MEASURES

- Silt Fence**
(fabric fence on posts)
- Stabilized Construction Access**
(stone path)
- Sediment Basin**
(pond with sediment layer)
- Riprap**
(rock slope protection)