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Subject: Compliance with Requirements of the Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Act
Reference: N.J.S.A. 4:24-39 et seq.; N.J.A.C. 5:23-1.4, Prior Approvals

Effective implementation of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act of 1975, as amended, depends upon cooperation between municipalities and the local soil conservation districts. A developer frequently becomes aware of the requirements of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act only when he or she approaches a municipality for development approval. Without cooperation between municipalities and soil conservation districts, securing compliance with the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act becomes very difficult.

For a project covered by the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act, a construction permit should not be issued unless a soil erosion and sediment control plan has been certified by the local soil conservation district. In addition, no certificate of occupancy should be issued upon completion of the project without a report of compliance from the soil conservation district. In municipalities that have a soil erosion and sediment control ordinance approved by the State Soil Conservation Committee, the required prior plan certifications and reports of compliance must be issued by the responsible municipal official. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy may be issued if a Report of Compliance or Report of Compliance with Conditions has been issued.

The help of local construction officials in implementing this procedure is essential. Contact your local soil conservation district (see listing provided) if you need to determine whether a project is covered by the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act, and for additional information. Further information may be obtained from:

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
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POST OFFICE BOX 330
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Soil Conservation District Information:

<https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/anr/nrc/conservdistricts.html>

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN NEW JERSEY

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<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CONTACT INFORMATION</u>	<u>FAX</u>
BERGEN	700 Kinderkamack Road, Ste. 106 Oradell 07649	Phone: 201-261-4407 E-mail: acaruso@bergenscd.org	201-261-7573
BURLINGTON	1971 Jacksonville-Jobstown Road Columbus 08022	Phone: 609-267-7410 E-mail: rreitmeyer@bscd.org	609-267-3347
CAMDEN	423 Commerce Lane, Suite 1 W. Berlin 08091	Phone: 856-767-6299 E-mail: craig.mcgee@camdenscd.org	856-767-1676
CAPE-ATLANTIC	Atlantic County Office Building 6260 Old Harding Highway Mays Landing 08330	Phone: 609-625-3144 E-mail: capeatlanticscd@capeatlantic.org	609-625-7360
CUMBERLAND SALEM	PO Box 68, 1516 Route 77 Deerfield 08313	Phone: 856-451-2422 E-mail: cumbsoil@aol.com	856-451-1358
FREEHOLD (Monmouth & Middlesex)	4000 Kozloski Road, PO Box 5033 Freehold 07728-5033	Phone: 732-683-8500 E-mail: izimmerman@freeholdscd.org	732-683-9140
GLOUCESTER	14 Parke Place, Suite C Sewell 08080	Phone: 856-589-5250 E-mail: gloucester@gloucesterscd.org	856-256-0488
HUDSON-ESSEX & PASSAIC	80 Orchard Street Bloomfield 07003	Phone: 862-333-4505 E-mail: glen@hepscd.org	862-333-4505
HUNTERDON	687 Pittstown Road, Suite 1 Frenchtown 08825	Phone: 908-788-9466 E-mail: hcsd687@embarqmail.com	908-788-0795
MERCER	590 Hughes Drive Hamilton Square 08690	Phone: 609-586-9603 E-mail: pauls1mercer@aol.com	609-586-1117
MORRIS	Court House, P.O. Box 900 Morristown 07960 (Location - 30 Schuyler Place, 4 th floor, Morristown)	Phone: 973-285-2953 E-mail: morris@mcsd.org	973-285-8345
OCEAN	714 Lacey Road Forked River 08731	Phone: 609-971-7002 E-mail: info@soildistrict.org	609-971-3391
SOMERSET-UNION	Somerset County 4-H Center 308 Milltown Road Bridgewater 08807	Phone: 908-526-2701 E-mail: soilconsrv@co.somerset.nj.us	908-526-7017
UPPER DELAWARE (Warren & Sussex)	P.O. Box 198 51 Main Street, Suite B Blairstown 07825	Phone: 908-852-2579 E-mail: smyers@upperdelawarescd-nj.com	908-852-2284

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