

Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control (SESC): Reporting Issues in Your Neighborhood

Soil erosion is a major contributor to pollution in our waterways. Sediment can move off site through ditches, pipes, or across a property and be deposited into a creek, river, or wetland. This sediment can destroy natural areas, wetlands, rivers, and harm the habitats for insects and fish.

The State of Michigan requires Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (SESC) permits to be issued for all construction activity disturbing 1 acre or more of land and/or within 500 feet of a waterbody.



The City of Rochester relies on Oakland County to administer and enforce our SESC Permitting Program. However, our City Staff coordinate and communicate any known SESC issues to the proper County officials.

If YOU identify construction sites and activity with limited or no soil erosion measures in place, or soil leaving the construction site, please call the City Public Works Department (during normal business hours) at: (248) 651-5165. You can also call the Oakland County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Division at: (248) 858-5389.

For more information, visit the County website at:

https://www.oakgov.com/water/Pages/services/soil_erosion.aspx.

