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Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Program

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The Dust Bowl





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DUST STORM APPROACHING SPEARMAN, TEXAS.
APRIL 14, 1935

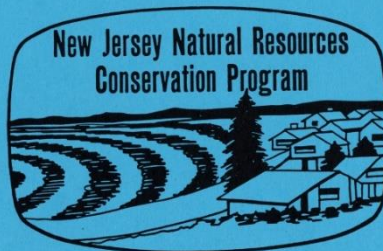
Conservation Program in NJ

- 1937 1st legislation passed in response to Federal Soil Conservation Law
 - State Soil Conservation Committee formed
 - Primary emphasis on controlling soil erosion on farmland
- 1976 expansion to include Soil Erosion and Sediment Control program (aka Chapter 251)
 - Primary emphasis on controlling soil erosion on construction activities

SOIL CONSERVATION ACT

State of New Jersey

Laws of
1937, 1953, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1966,
1975, 1977, 1979, and 1989



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SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

CHAPTER 251, P.L. 1975*

4:24-39 SHORT TITLE

This act may be cited and referred to as the "Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act."
L. 1975 C. 251, § 1 eff. Jan. 1, 1976

4:24-40 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

The Legislature finds that sediment is a source of pollution and that soil erosion continues to be a serious problem throughout the State, and that rapid shifts in land use from agricultural and rural to nonagricultural and urbanizing uses, construction of housing, industrial and commercial developments, and other land disturbing activities have accelerated the process of soil erosion and sediment deposition resulting in pollution of the waters of the State and damage to domestic, agricultural, industrial, recreational, fish and wildlife, and other resource uses. It is, therefore, declared to be the policy of the State to strengthen and extend the present erosion and sediment control activities and programs of this State for both rural and urban lands, and to establish and implement, through the State Soil Conservation Committee and the Soil Conservation Districts, in cooperation with the counties, the municipalities and the Department of Environmental Protection, a Statewide comprehensive and coordinated erosion and sediment control program to reduce the danger from storm water runoff, to retard nonpoint pollution from sediment and to conserve and protect the land, water, air and other environmental resources of the State.
L. 1975, C. 251, § 2, eff. Jan. 1, 1976

4:24-41 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this act, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

a. "Application for Development" means a proposed subdivision of land, site plan, conditional use, zoning variance, planned development or construction permit.

b. "Certification" means (1) a written endorsement of a plan for soil erosion and sediment control by the local Soil Conservation District which indicates that the plan meets the standards promulgated by the State Soil Conservation Committee pursuant to this act, (2) that the time allotted in section 7 of this act has expired without action by the district or (3) a written endorsement of a plan filed by the State Department of Transportation with the district.

c. "District" means a Soil Conservation District organized pursuant to chapter 24 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes.²

d. "Disturbance" means any activity involving the clearing, excavating, storing, grading, filling or transporting of soil or any other activity which causes soil to be exposed to the danger of erosion.

e. "Erosion" means the detachment and movement of soil or rock fragments by water, wind, ice and gravity.

* as amended by C. 264, P.L. 77 and C. 459, P.L. 79

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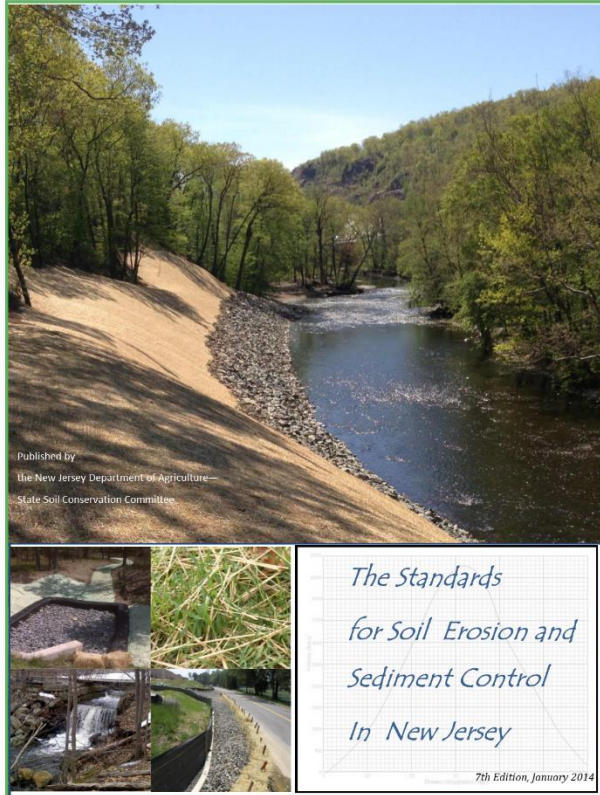
Definitions

- **Disturbance**
 - Any activity involving the clearing, excavating, storing, grading, filling or transporting of soil or any other activity which causes soil to be exposed to the danger of erosion.
- **Project**
 - Any disturbance 5,000 square feet or greater of the surface area of land for construction, demolition, mining, quarrying, clearing or grading other than for agricultural/horticultural purposes.

2021 fiscal year

- 5,900 new applications for construction on 11,800 acres.
- SCD staff conducted 52,000 site inspections and issued 6,800 compliance certificates for new buildings.
- Districts assist in administering the DEP stormwater construction general 5G3 permit

Standards for SESC



10 Vegetative Standards
25 Engineering Standards
11 Technical Appendices
6 Engineering Bulletins

- 2 Vegetative Standards
- Mulch Only
 - Temporary Vegetation

- 5 Engineering Standards
- Dust Control
 - Sediment Barrier
 - Stabilized Construction Access
 - Storm Sewer Inlet Protection
 - Traffic Control







Issues

- No authority to limit disturbance areas
- NJDOT maintains independent authorities
- DEP concerns on the use of PAM products