



### **DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN 02-2023**

**Subject:** Application Updates for Projects Exempt from Erosion and Sediment Control  
**Resource:** Urban Development and Conservation Program  
**Date:** April 7, 2023

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Pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.17.01.05, and the Prince George's Soil Conservation District (District) Soil Erosion and Sediment Control – Pond Safety Manual (2013 ed, and as revised), certain activities, including those noted below, are exempt from the requirement of obtaining approval of erosion and sediment control plans from the Prince George's Soil Conservation District, namely:

- i. The construction of single-family residences or their accessory building on lots of two acres or more where ½ acre or less is disturbed.
- ii. Grading activities that disturb less than 5,000 square feet of land area and/or disturb less than 100 cubic yards of earth.

An application demonstrating conformance with the exemption requirements stated above must be submitted to the District for review and approval, as applicable.

Note, state/federal projects undertaken by state/federal entities must be submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for determinations.

Exemption applications to the District may be made electronically or in-person.

#### **Electronic Applications:**

Exemption applications may be made electronically to the District through [pgscd@co.pg.md.us](mailto:pgscd@co.pg.md.us) . There is no fee requirement for an exemption request.

The area of impact defined for the proposed work/disturbance must include site access from a public thoroughfare, and a 10' offset from the building footprint, if applicable. The Exemption Approval Letter will be returned to the email address from which the application was made within two business days of submission.

An access agreement, or right of entry agreement, is required when site access is through adjacent properties not owned by the applicant, or the limits of proposed impacts/work extends onto adjacent properties.

Existing site drainage characteristics must also be maintained.

**In-person Applications:**

Alternatively, an applicant may apply in-person at either District office below:

**Headquarters**

5301 Marlboro Race Track Road, Suite 100  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

**Satellite Office**

9400 Peppercorn Place, Suite 219  
Largo, Maryland 20774

As with electronic applications, a plan detailing the area of impact, proposed work/disturbance, and access must be presented for review. Clients may wait for an assessment of their application, and the approval letter, assuming compliance with applicable exemption requirements. Alternatively, the resulting determination and/or approval can be emailed to them. There is no fee requirement for an exemption request.

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***Additional Information***

Please contact the District at 301.574.5162 EXT. 3 or [pgscd@co.pg.md.us](mailto:pgscd@co.pg.md.us) should you have questions or require additional information.