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**POLICY MEMORANDUM 04-2021**

TO: All Consultants, Developers, Regulatory Agencies and Others

THRU: Steven E. Darcey, CPESC  
Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Update to Standard Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Application

***Policy Statement***

Standard Erosion and Sediment Control Plans (Standard Plan) provide a viable and efficient approval process for projects with minor grading, earth disturbance, and construction activities. These include single-family residential construction; additions; small commercial and other similar developments; and the maintenance, operation, and construction of utilities. This memorandum updates the existing application requirements for prospective projects located in watersheds/sub-watersheds with High Quality (TIER II) waters, and total maximum daily (TMDL) impairment by sediment.

***Where this Policy Applies***

A Standard Plan application may be submitted for projects meeting specific requirements for grading, stormwater management coordination, erosion/sediment control and stabilization – refer to the attached application. Total disturbance shall not exceed 30,000 square feet, no cut or fill shall exceed 3 feet (existing to final grade), nor shall the volume of grading/earth disturbance exceed 1,000 cubic yards. Projects in the previously noted watersheds/sub-watersheds may now utilize a Standard Plan application by executing redundancies in erosion and sediment control practices. Identification of these watersheds/sub-watersheds – TIER II or with a sediment impairment – shall be per the appropriate Maryland Department of the Environment resource.

This update is effective immediately.

***Additional Information***

Please contact the District at 301.574.5162 EXT. 3 should you have questions or require additional information.