

## GESC PERMITTING PROCESS POLICY

- Revision to Under-an-Acre Permitting: No Permit and Streamlined Low Impact Permit
  - Expansion of Small Site Designation
  - Formalization of Annual Permitting

## Revisions to Permitting Process

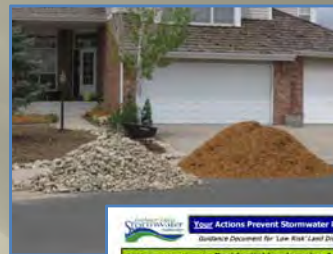
- Recognition of:
  - 7 years GESC Manual experience
  - Experienced Contractors
  - Renewed interest in meeting, not exceeding
  - Accommodation for partnerships within regulations
- Benefits anticipated:
  - Better SEMSWA Resource Allocation
  - Less Applicant Resources, more efficient
  - Additional allies in WQ stewardship
  - Application of more sustainable approaches

## Permit Process Matrix

Grading, Erosion, and Sediment Control (GESC) Process Matrix					
	Definition	Example Projects	Plan/Report/Permit	Review Time	Fees
EXEMPT ACTIVITIES	Projects with no earthwork or disturbance, projects that are exempted by law, or projects that are permitted separately.	Emergency activities such as flood, fire, and accidents, moving, demolishing, waste control, irrigation.	NO/NO/NO	None	\$0
LOW RISK ACTIVITIES	A project with less than one acre of disturbance and not part of a larger common plan of development with the disturbance located outside of the floodplain, does not require an engineering process, is not a repetitive or ongoing activity, does not change existing drainage patterns, and doesn't require any other SENS/NVA permit.	Residential earth fence installation and repair, residential driveway, generator pits, sound permits, minor cemetery, monuments/signs, tennis court, resurfacing, neighborhood garden, patio, gazebo.	NO/NO/NO	None	\$0
LOW IMPACT	A project with less than one acre of disturbance and not part of a larger common plan of development with the disturbance located outside of the floodplain, does not require an engineering process, is not repetitive or an ongoing activity, has no effect or change to existing drainage patterns, is on one parcel and singular ownership. These projects have only minimal potential to impact water quality due to a quantity of import and/or export, duration of the project, quantity of substrate work, and other materials deemed to have a potential impact to water quality.	Infill single-family home construction, small building additions.	YES/NO/YES	Immediate to 24 hours	See Fee Schedule
SMALL SITE	Projects with up to 5 acres of disturbance where the project does not include phased earthwork, resulting development is on one parcel and singular ownership, and the Initial/Interim/Final BMPs can adequately be shown on one sheet. If the project is within a municipality, the water control plan can be shown on a separate sheet. Any projects that require an engineering process and/or change drainage patterns are required to complete a Small Site plan as a minimum.	Regional or Subregional ponds, one lot residential or one lot commercial projects, masonry walls, wet utility installation.	YES/YES/YES	2-2-1	See Fee Schedule
STANDARD	Projects that exceed 5 acres of disturbance or exceed one acre of disturbance and have phased earthwork and/or result in development on multiple lots, require an engineering process and/or change the drainage pattern.	Channel stabilization, mixed development and redevelopment.	YES/YES/YES	5-2-1	See Fee Schedule
ANNUAL PERMIT	<p><u>UDFCD Annual Permit</u> – Work completed under the UDFCD maintenance program with project costs less than \$500K.</p> <p><u>SENS/NVA Annual Permit</u> – Routine Maintenance as defined by the Maintenance SOP.</p> <p><u>Park and Recreation Annual Permit</u> – repair, replacement, or maintenance of existing improvements or the construction of a new improvement that doesn't require action through the local planning department.</p> <p><u>City/County Concrete and Asphalt Program</u> – minor asphalt and concrete repair or maintenance under the City or County annual concrete or asphalt program.</p> <p><u>Utility Annual Permit</u> – activities associated with dry utility boring, open trench that doesn't exceed 12 inches width with no trenching within the floodplain, utility pole replacement or repair, and utility box installation and repair.</p>	Telecommunication boring projects, electrical boring projects, City curbs and gutter remediation program, storm sewer maintenance, tennis court resurfacing, tree repair, prior sediment removal.	NO/NO/YES	Annual Coordination Meeting #required	First Fee Based on Level of Activity

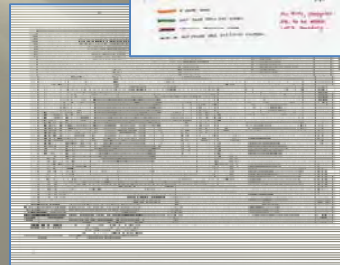
## Under an Acre - No Permit

- ▣ Low Risk – no permit
  - Don't chase every dirt pile
  - Set of GESC Fact Sheets
    - Considerations/BMPs
    - In lieu of Permit
  - No formal inspections
    - Drive-by observations
    - Complaints
  - If non-compliance, IDDE issue
  - Represents high number of active cases; resource intensive for benefits achieved



## Under an Acre - Low Impact Permit

- ▣ Sketch plan, no collateral
- ▣ Attached BMP details
- ▣ Meet, review, finalize BMPs
- ▣ Permit issuance: immediately or within 24 hrs
- ▣ Limited inspection: BMP installation & closeout
- ▣ If non-compliance, GESC re-inspection fees or Small Site permit to clarify BMP controls

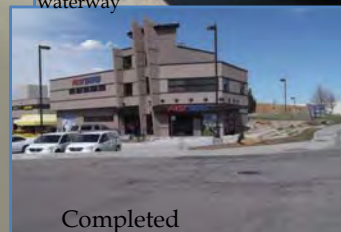


## Small Site Process

- ▣ Engineered drawings/report
- ▣ Under an acre, complex sites
- ▣ Up to 5 acres, less complex
- ▣ Streamlined: All BMPs (initial, interim, final) on 1 sheet, abbreviated GESC Report
- ▣ Full inspection schedule
- ▣ If non-compliance, GESC re-inspection fees or Standard GESC Permit upgrade with additional drawings and complete report



- ▣ Multiple trades
- ▣ Permanent WQ BMP
- ▣ Across from waterway





## Annual Permitting

- ▣ Standard, repetitive projects
- ▣ Public projects/public agencies
- ▣ Experienced Contractors
- ▣ UDFCD since 2007
- ▣ Maintenance since 2008
- ▣ Utility since 2010
- ▣ New for 2012- selected park maintenance



## New GESC Permitting Policy

- ▣ Policy document for Board adoption
- ▣ Guidance Documents to support each permit process -not Board adopted
- ▣ SOP document for each Annual Permit – not Board adopted
- ▣ Policy becomes part of GESC Manual, Chapter 12, set aside for updates/revisions

## Next Steps

- ▣ Additional meetings with County re impact on the SOP with them for GESC permitting
- ▣ Board Consent Item, May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ▣ Finalize Guidance Documents and SOPs
- ▣ Additional Policy documents anticipated:
  - Housekeeping (clarifications & documentation)
  - Process (field changes, variances, enforcement)
  - Technology advances (equivalent BMPS, working in waterways)