



Prince George's Soil Conservation District


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TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2018-02

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TO: All Engineers, Developers, Owners and Permitting Agencies

THRU: Steven E. Darcey, Executive Director
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FROM: John B. Tarr, P.E., District Engineer/Program Manager 
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RE: Determinations and Applications for Projects in Tier II Watersheds and/or with
Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Sediment

The Prince George's Soil Conservation District ("District") herein provides guidance and clarification on the use of the updated Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) High Quality Waters (Tier II) and Integrated Report Water Quality Assessment Maps online assessment portals. This memorandum is for the determination and identification of watersheds with established TMDLs for sediment in Prince George's County.

Tier II Watersheds - Determinations and Applications

Pursuant to and in support of COMAR 26.08.02.04 Anti-Degradation Policy, all grading, erosion and sediment control applications to the District for projects in Tier II watersheds or sub-watersheds shall provide enhanced and or redundant best management practices.

The *Interactive Tier II High Quality Waters Map* from MDE shall be the primary reference source from which a site's current Tier II status is determined. Projects located in Tier II catchment areas are also ineligible for Standard grading, erosion and sediment control applications.

TMDLs for Sediment - Determinations and Applications

Projects located in *Category 4* and *Category 5* watersheds or sub-watersheds with a TMDL for sediment per the Integrated Report (IR) of Surface Water Quality by MDE, pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act and COMAR 26.08.02, shall provide enhanced and or redundant best management practices on all grading, erosion and sediment control applications.

The *Integrated Report Water Quality Assessment Map* (Water Quality Assessments and TMDLs Map) from MDE shall be the primary reference source from which a site's current category is determined. Projects located in *Category 4* and *Category 5* watersheds or sub-watersheds with a TMDL for sediment are also ineligible for Standard grading, erosion and sediment applications.

Please contact the District at 301.574.5162 ext. 3 should you require additional information.