

VILLAGE OF GRASS LAKE

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RELEASE FORM

SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL (SESC) PROGRAM FOR JACKSON COUNTY

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF JACKSON
VILLAGE OF GRASS LAKE

I, _____
(Name) (Phone)

(Applicant Address) (City, State, Zip)

Hereby certify that the earth change activity to be conducted at:

_____ and defined as: _____ is:
(Job Site Address) (Parcel ID Number)

1. less than one acre in size, and
2. more than 500 feet from a lake, river, or stream.

If the area of the earth change is greater than one acre, or is less than 500 feet from a lake or stream, a Soil erosion and Sedimentation Control Permit must be obtained. Permits may be obtained from the offices of the Region 2 Planning Commission, 9th Floor, 120 W. Michigan Ave, Jackson, Michigan 49203, Phone (517) 768-6705; between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for holidays observed by the County of Jackson

Property Owner/Contractor/Legal Representative Date

Witness Date
cc: Jerry Stoneburner, SESC

Jackson County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Program
C/O Region 2 Planning Commission
120 W. Michigan Avenue, 9th Floor
Jackson, MI 49201
(517) 768-6705

To Whom It May Concern:

Michigan Law requires that a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permit be obtained prior to any earth change activity which is greater than one acre in size, or for an earth change of any size located within 500 feet of a lake or stream. If the earth change activity which you propose is less than one acre in size and is located more than 500 feet from a lake or stream, this form may be completed at the Village Hall and you are free to apply for any building or other necessary permits to complete your construction activity. Please note that the form will be reviewed to assure accuracy, and that an application fee penalty may apply if the release form is signed and it is later determined that a permit is necessary. If you need assistance in determining whether the area of earth change is greater than one acre, or whether it is located within 500 feet of a lake or stream, please contact the offices of the Region 2 Planning Commission at the above address.

It is also important to note that even if a permit is not necessary, compliance with the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act, a Law of the State of Michigan, still applies. Specifically, Michigan Law requires that “a person who owns land on which an earth change has been made that may result in or contribute to soil erosion or sedimentation of the waters of the State shall implement and maintain soil erosion and sedimentation control measures that will effectively reduce soil erosion or sedimentation from the land on which the earth change has been made.” This means you should first attempt to minimize erosion associated with your construction activity. Secondly, the eroded soil should be contained on your property.

The State of Michigan has enacted this law to protect streams and lakes from sedimentation. It is estimated that from all sources, over 4.5 billion tons of sediment pollute the rivers of our nation each year. This is the equivalent to a volume the size of 25,000 football fields 100 feet high. It costs \$8 to \$12 per cubic yard to remove sediment from waterways. It is estimated that \$6 billion to \$13 billion per year are spent in the United States to correct the effects of erosion and sediment.

If you would like additional information on ways to reduce erosion and to contain sediment on site, please contact the Region 2 Planning Commission. The Commission staff will be happy to provide you with additional information on measures to address these important problems.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to protect Jackson County’s lakes and streams.