APPENDIX B

BMP FACT SHEETS

SILT FENCE

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Design Criteria

- Silt fences are appropriate at the following general locations:
  - Immediately upstream of the point(s) of runoff discharge from a site before flow becomes concentrated (maximum design flow rate should not exceed 0.5 cubic feet per second).
  - Below disturbed areas where runoff may occur in the form of overland flow.
- Ponding should not be allowed behind silt fences since they will collapse under high pressure; the design should provide sufficient outlets to prevent overtopping.
- The drainage area should not exceed 0.25 acre per 100 feet of fence length.
- For slopes between 50:1 and 5:1, the maximum allowable upstream flow path length to the fence is 100 feet; for slopes of 2:1 and steeper, the maximum is 20 feet.
- The maximum upslope grade perpendicular to the fence line should not exceed 1:1.
- Synthetic silt fences should be designed for 6 months of service; burlap is only acceptable for periods of up to 60 days.

Materials

- Synthetic filter fabric should be a pervious sheet of polypropylene, nylon, polyester, or polyethylene yarn conforming to the requirements in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1. SYNTHETIC FILTER FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Physical Property	Requirements
Filtering Efficiency	75% - 85% (minimum)
Tensile Strength at 20% (maximum) Elongation	Standard Strength - 30 lb/linear inch (minimum)
	Extra Strength - 50 lb/linear inch (minimum)
Slurry Flow Rate	0.3 gal/ft^2/min (minimum)

- Synthetic filter fabric should contain ultraviolet ray inhibitors and stabilizers to provide a minimum of 6 months of expected usable construction life at a temperature range of 0 to 120°F.
- Burlap of 10 ounces per square yard of fabric can also be used.
- The filter fabric should be purchased in a continuous roll to avoid joints.
- While not required, wire fencing may be used as a backing to reinforce standard strength filter fabric. The wire fence (14 gauge minimum) should be at 22-48 inches wide and should have a maximum mesh spacing of 6 inches.
- Posts should be 2-4 feet long and should be composed of either 2" x 2-4" pine (or equivalent) or 1.00 to 1.33 lb/linear ft steel. Steel posts should have projections for fastening wire and fabric to them.

Construction Specifications

- The maximum height of the filter fence should range between 18 and 36 inches above the ground surface (depending on the amount of upslope ponding expected).

- Posts should be spaced 8 to 10 feet apart when a wire mesh support fence is used and no more than 6 feet apart when extra strength filter fabric (without a wire fence) is used. The posts should extend 12 to 30 inches into the ground.
- A trench should be excavated 4 to 8 inches wide and 4 to 12 inches deep along the upslope side of the line of posts.
- If standard strength filter fabric is to be used, the optional wire mesh support fence may be fastened to the upslope side of the posts using 1 inch heavy duty wire staples, tie wires, or hog rings. Extend the wire mesh support to the bottom of the trench. The filter fabric should then be stapled or wired to the fence, and 8 to 20 inches of the fabric should extend into the trench (Figure 1).
- Extra strength filter fabric does not require a wire mesh support fence. Staple or wire the filter fabric directly to the posts and extend 8 to 20 inches of the fabric into the trench (Figure 1).
- Where joints in the fabric are required, the filter cloth should be spliced together only at a support post, with a minimum 6-inch overlap, and securely sealed.
- Do not attach filter fabric to trees.
- Backfill the trench with compacted soil or 0.75 inch minimum diameter gravel placed over the filter fabric.

Maintenance

- Inspect filter fences daily during periods of prolonged rainfall, immediately after each rainfall event, and weekly during periods of no rainfall. Make any required repairs immediately.
- Sediment must be removed when it reaches one-third to one-half the height of the filter fence. Take care to avoid damaging the fence during cleanout.
- Filter fences should not be removed until the upslope area has been permanently stabilized. Any sediment deposits remaining in place after the filter fence has been removed should be dressed to conform with the existing grade, prepared, and seeded.

Cost

- Silt fence installation costs approximately $6.00 per linear foot.

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Design Criteria

- Pipe Slope Drains (PSD) are appropriate in the following general locations:
  - On cut or fill slopes before permanent storm water drainage structures have been installed.
  - Where earth dikes or other diversion measures have been used to concentrate flows.
  - On any slope where concentrated runoff crossing the face of the slope may cause gullies, channel erosion, or saturation of slide-prone soils.
  - As an outlet for a natural drainageway.
- The drainage area may be up to 10 acres; however, many jurisdictions consider 5 acres the recommended maximum.
- The PSD design should handle the peak runoff for the 10-year storm. Typical relationships between area and pipe diameter are shown in Table 2 below.

TABLE 2. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AREA AND PIPE DIAMETER

Maximum Drainage Area (Acres)	Pipe Diameter (D) (Inches)
0.5	12
0.75	15
1.0	18

Materials

- Pipe may be heavy duty flexible tubing designed for this purpose, e.g., nonperforated, corrugated plastic pipe, corrugated metal pipe, bituminous fiber pipe, or specially designed flexible tubing.
- A standard flared end section secured with a watertight fitting should be use for the inlet. A standard T-section fitting may also be used.
- Extension collars should be 12-inch long sections of corrugated pipe. All fittings must be watertight.

Construction Specifications

- Place the pipe slope drain on undisturbed or well-compacted soil.
- Soil around and under the entrance section must be hand-tamped in 4-inch to 8-inch lifts to the top of the dike to prevent piping failure around the inlet.
- Place filter cloth under the inlet and extend 5 feet in front of the inlet and be keyed in 6-inches on all sides to prevent erosion. A 6-inch metal toe plate may also be used for this purpose.
- Ensure firm contact between the pipe and the soil at all points by backfilling around and under the pipe with stable soil material hand compacted in lifts of 4-inches to 8-inches.
- Securely stake the PSD to the slope using grommets provided for this purpose at intervals of 10 feet or less.
- Ensure that all slope drain sections are securely fastened together and have watertight fittings.

- Extend the pipe beyond the toe of the slope and discharge at a nonerosive velocity into a stabilized area (e.g., rock outlet protection may be used) or to a sedimentation trap or pond.
- The PSD should have a minimum slope of 3 percent or steeper.
- The height at the centerline of the earth dike should range from a minimum of 1.0 foot over the pipe to twice the diameter of the pipe measured from the invert of the pipe. It should also be at least 6 inches higher than the adjoining ridge on either side.
- At no point along the dike will the elevation of the top of the dike be less than 6 inches higher than the top of the pipe.
- Immediately stabilize all areas disturbed by installation or removal of the PSD.

Maintenance

- Inspect regularly and after every storm. Make any necessary repairs.
- Check to see that water is not bypassing the inlet and undercutting the inlet or pipe. If necessary, install headwall or sandbags.
- Check for erosion at the outlet point and check the pipe for breaks or clogs. Install additional outlet protection if needed and immediately repair the breaks and clean any clogs.
- Do not allow construction traffic to cross the PSD and do not place any material on it.
- If a sediment trap has been provided, clean it out when the sediment level reaches 1/3 to 1/2 the design volume.
- The PSD should remain in place until the slope has been completely stabilized or up to 30 days after permanent slope stabilization.

Cost

- Pipe slope drain costs are generally based upon the pipe type and size (generally, flexible PVC at $5.00 per linear foot). Also adding to this cost are any expenses associated with inlet and outlet structures.

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STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE

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Design Criteria

- A Stabilized Construction Entrance (SCE) is appropriate in the following locations:
  - Wherever vehicles are leaving a construction site and enter onto a public road
  - At any unpaved entrance/exit location where there is risk of transporting mud or sediment onto paved roads.
- The width should be at least 10 feet to 12 feet or the as wide as the entire width of the access. At sites where traffic volume is high the entrance should be wide enough for two vehicles to pass safely.
- The length should be between 50 to 75 feet in length.
- Flare the entrance where it meets the existing road to provide a turning radius.
- Runoff from a stabilized construction entrance should drain to a sediment trap or sediment basin.
- Pipe placed under the entrance to handle runoff should be protected with a mountable berm.
- Dust control should be provided in accordance with Section 3.2.1.

Materials

- Crushed stone 2-inches-4-inches in diameter
- Geotextile (filter fabric) with the properties listed in Table 3 below.

TABLE 3. GEOTEXTILE REQUIREMENTS

Physical Property	Requirements
Grab Tensile Strength	220 lbs. (ASTM D1682)
Elongation Failure	60 % (ASTM D1682)
Mullen Burst Strength	430 lbs. (ASTM D3768)
Puncture Strength	125 lbs. (ASTM D751) (modified)
Equivalent Opening	Size 40-80 (US std Sieve) (CW-02215)

Construction Specifications

- Clear all vegetation, roots and all other obstructions in preparation for grading.
- Prior to placing geotextile (filter fabric) make sure that the entrance is properly graded and compacted.

- To reduce maintenance and loss of aggregate place geotextile fabric (filter cloth) over the existing ground before placing the stone for the entrance.
- Stone should be placed to a depth of 6-inches or greater for the entire width and length of the SCE.

Maintenance

- Inspect the measure on a regular basis and after there has been a high volume of traffic or storm event.
- Apply additional stone periodically and when repair is required.
- Immediately remove sediments or any other materials tracked onto the public roadway.
- Ensure that associated sediment control measures are in good working condition.

Cost

- Stabilized construction entrances cost ranges from $1,500 to $5,000 to install.

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FILTER FABRIC INLET PROTECTION

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Design Criteria

- Inlet protection is appropriate in the following locations:
  - In small drainage areas (less than 1 acre) where the storm drain inlet is functional before the drainage area has been permanently stabilized.
  - Where there is danger of sediment silting in an inlet which is in place prior to permanent stabilization.
- Filter fabric inlet protection is appropriate for most types of inlets where the drainage area is one acre or less.
- The drainage area should be fairly flat with slopes of 5% or less and the area immediately surrounding the inlet should not exceed a slope of 1%.
- Overland flow to the inlet should be no greater than 0.5 cfs.
- This type of inlet protection is not appropriate for use in paved areas because the filter fabric requires staking.
- To avoid failure caused by pressure against the fabric when overtopping occurs, it is recommended that the height of the filter fabric be limited to 1.5 feet above the crest of the drop inlet.
- It is recommended that a sediment trapping sump of 1 to 2 feet in depth with side slopes of 2:1 be provided.

Materials

- Filter fabric (see the fabric specifications for silt fence).
- Wooden stakes 2" x 2" or 2"x 4" with a minimum length of 3 feet.
- Heavy-duty wire staples at least ½ inch in length.
- Washed gravel ¾ inches in diameter.

Construction Specifications

- Place a stake at each corner of the inlet and around the edges at no more than 3 feet apart. Stakes should be driven into the ground 18 inches or at a minimum 8 inches.
- For stability a framework of wood strips should be installed around the stakes at the crest of the overflow area 1.5 feet above the crest of the drop inlet.
- Excavate a trench of 8 inches to 12 inches in depth around the outside perimeter of the stakes. If a sediment trapping sump is being provided then the excavation may be as deep as 2 feet.
- Staple the filter fabric to the wooden stakes with heavy-duty staples, overlapping the joints to the next stake. Ensure that between 12 inches to 32 inches of filter fabric extends at the bottom so it can be formed into the trench.
- Place the bottom of the fabric in the trench and backfill the trench all the way around using washed gravel to a minimum depth of 4 inches.

Maintenance

- Inspect regularly and after every storm. Make any repairs necessary to ensure the measure is in good working order.
- Sediment should be removed and the trap restored to its original dimensions when sediment has accumulated to ½ the design depth of the trap.
- If the filter fabric becomes clogged it should be replaced immediately.
- Make sure that the stakes are firmly in the ground and that the filter fabric continues to be securely anchored.
- All sediments removed should be properly disposed.
- Inlet protection should remain in place and operational until the drainage area is completely stabilized or up to 30 days after the permanent site stabilization is achieved.

Cost

- The cost of storm drain inlet protection varies dependent upon the size and type of inlet to be protected but generally is about $300.00 per inlet.

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EXCAVATED GRAVEL INLET PROTECTION

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Design Criteria

- Inlet protection is appropriate in the following locations:
  - In small drainage areas (less than 1 acre) where the storm drain inlet is functional before the drainage area has been permanently stabilized.
  - Where there is danger of sediment silting in an inlet which is in place prior to permanent stabilization.
  - Where ponding around the inlet structure could be a problem to traffic on site.
- Excavated gravel and mesh inlet protection may be used with most inlets where overflow capability is needed and in areas of heavy flows, 0.5 cfs or greater.
- The drainage area should not exceed 1 acre.
- The drainage area should be fairly flat with slopes of 5% or less.
- The trap should have a sediment trapping sump of 1 to 2 feet measured from the crest of the inlet. Side slopes should be 2:1. The recommended volume of excavation is 35 yd^3/acre disturbed.
- To achieve maximum trapping efficiency the longest dimension of the basin should be oriented toward the longest inflow area.

Materials

- Hardware cloth or wire mesh with ½ inch openings.
- Filter fabric (see the fabric specifications for silt fence).
- Washed gravel ¾ inches to 4 inches in diameter.

Construction Specifications

- Remove any obstructions to excavating and grading. Excavate sump area, grade slopes and properly dispose of soil.
- The inlet grate should be secured to prevent seepage of sediment laden water.
- Place wire mesh over the drop inlet so that the wire extends a minimum of 1 foot beyond each side of the inlet structure. Overlap the strips of mesh if more than one is necessary.
- Place filter fabric over the mesh extending it at least 18 inches beyond the inlet opening on all sides. Ensure that weep holes in the inlet structure are protected by filter fabric and gravel.
- Place stone/gravel over the fabric/wire mesh to a depth of at least 1 foot.

Maintenance

- Inspect regularly and after every storm. Make any repairs necessary to ensure the measure is in good working order.
- Sediment should be removed and the trap restored to its original dimensions when sediment has accumulated to ½ the design depth of the trap.
- Clean or remove and replace the stone filter or filter fabric if they become clogged.
- Inlet protection should remain in place and operational until the drainage area is completely stabilized or up to 30 days after the permanent site stabilization is achieved.

Cost

- The cost of storm drain inlet protection varies dependent upon the size and type of inlet to be protected but generally is about $300.00 per inlet.

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BLOCK AND GRAVEL INLET PROTECTION

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Design Criteria

- Inlet protection is appropriate in the following locations:
  - In drainage areas (less than 1 acre) where the storm drain inlet is functional before the drainage area has been permanently stabilized.
  - Where there is danger of sediment silting in an inlet which is in place prior to permanent stabilization.
- Block and gravel inlet protection may be used with most types of inlets where overflow capability is needed and in areas of heavy flows 0.5 cfs or greater.
- The drainage area should not exceed 1 acre.
- The drainage area should be fairly flat with slopes of 5% or less.
- To achieve maximum trapping efficiency the longest dimension of the basin should be oriented toward the longest inflow area.
- Where possible the trap should have sediment trapping sump of 1 to 2 feet in depth with side slopes of 2:1.
- There are several other types of inlet protection also used to prevent siltation of storm drainage systems and structures during construction, they are:
  - Filter Fabric Inlet Protection
  - Excavated Gravel Inlet Protection

Materials

- Hardware cloth or wire mesh with ½ inch openings
- Filter fabric (see the fabric specifications for silt fence)
- Concrete block 4 inches to 12 inches wide.
- Washed gravel ¾ inches to 4 inches in diameter

Construction Specifications

- The inlet grate should be secured to prevent seepage of sediment laden water.
- Place wire mesh over the drop inlet so that the wire extends a minimum of 12 inches to 18 inches beyond each side of the inlet structure. Overlap the strips of mesh if more than one is necessary.
- Place filter fabric (optional) over the mesh and extend it at least 18 inches beyond the inlet structure.
- Place concrete blocks over the filter fabric in a single row lengthwise on their sides along the sides of the inlet. The foundation should be excavated a minimum of 2 inches below the crest of the inlet and the bottom row of blocks should be against the edge of the structure for lateral support.
- The open ends of the block should face outward not upward and the ends of adjacent blocks should abut. Lay one block on each side of the structure on its side to allow for dewatering of the pool.
- The block barrier should be at least 12 inches high and may be up to a maximum of 24 inches high and may be from 4 inches to 12 inches in depth depending on the size of block used.
- Prior to backfilling, place wire mesh over the outside vertical end of the blocks so that stone does not wash down the inlet.
- Place gravel against the wire mesh to the top of the blocks.

Maintenance

- Inspect regularly and after every storm. Make any repairs necessary to ensure the measure is in good working order.
- Sediment should be removed and the trap restored to its original dimensions when sediment has accumulated to ½ the design depth of the trap.
- All sediments removed should be properly disposed of.
- Inlet protection should remain in place and operational until the drainage area is completely stabilized or up to 30 days after the permanent site stabilization is achieved.

Cost

- The cost of storm drain inlet protection varies dependent upon the size and type of inlet to be protected but generally is about $300.00 per inlet.

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CHECK DAMS

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Design Criteria

- Check dams are appropriate for use in the following locations:
  - Across swales or drainage ditches to reduce the velocity of flow.
  - Where velocity must be reduced because a vegetated channel lining has not yet been established.
- Check dams may never be used in a live stream unless approved by the appropriate government agency.
- The drainage area above the check dam should be between 2 acres and 10 acres.
- The dams must be spaced so that the toe of the upstream dam is never any higher than the top of the downstream dam.
- The center of the dam must be 6 inches to 9 inches lower than either edge, and the maximum height of the dam should be 24 inches.
- The check dam should be as much as 18 inches wider than the banks of the channel to prevent undercutting as overflow water re-enters the channel.
- Excavating a sump immediately upstream from the check dam improves its effectiveness.
- Provide outlet stabilization below the lowest check dam where the risk of erosion is greatest.
- Consider the use of channel linings or protection such as plastic sheeting or riprap where there may be significant erosion or prolonged submergence.

Materials

- Stone 2 inches to 15 inches in diameter
- Logs 6 inches to 8 inches in diameter
- Sandbags filled with pea gravel
- Filter fabric (see the fabric specifications for silt fence)

Construction Specifications

- Rock Check Dams
  - Place the stones on the filter fabric either by hand or using appropriate machinery; do not simply dump them in place.
  - Extend the stone 18 inches beyond the banks and keep the side slopes 2:1 or flatter.
  - Lining the upstream side of the dam with ¾ inch to 1¼ inch gravel 1 foot in depth is a suggested option.
- Log Check Dams
  - Logs must be firmly embedded in the ground; 18 inches is the recommended minimum depth.
- Sand Bag Check Dams
  - Be sure that bags are all securely sealed.
  - Place bags by hand or use appropriate machinery.

Maintenance

- Inspect regularly and after every storm. Make any repairs necessary to ensure the measure is in good working order.
- Accumulated sediment and leaves should be removed from behind the dams and erosive damage to the channel restored after each storm or when ½ the original height of the dam is reached.
- All accumulated material removed from the dam shall be properly disposed.
- Replace stone as necessary for the dams to maintain their correct height.
- If sand bags are used, the fabric of the bags should be inspected for signs of deterioration.
- Remove stone or riprap if grass lined channel requires mowing.
- Check dams should remain in place and operational until the drainage area and channel are completely stabilized or up to 30 days after the permanent site stabilization is achieved.
- Restore the channel lining or establish vegetation when each check dam is removed.

Cost

- The costs for the construction of check dams varies with the material used. Rock costs about $100 per dam. Log check dams are usually slightly less expensive than rock check dams. All costs vary depending on the width of channel to be checked.

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Design Criteria

- Earth dikes are appropriate in the following situations:
  - To divert upslope flows away from disturbed areas such as cut or fill slopes and to divert runoff to a stabilized outlet
  - To reduce the length of the slope runoff will cross
  - At the perimeter of the construction site to prevent sediment-laden runoff from leaving the site
  - To direct sediment-laden runoff to a sediment trapping device.
- When the drainage area to the earth dike is greater than 10 acres, the United States Department of Agriculture - Soil Conservation Service (USDA - SCS) standards and specification for diversions should be consulted.
- Table 4 contains suggested dike design criteria.

TABLE 4. SUGGESTED DIKE DESIGN CRITERIA

Drainage Area	Under 5 Acres	Between 5-10 Acres
Dike Height	18 inches	30 inches
Dike Width	24 inches	36 inches
Flow Width	4 feet	6 feet
Flow Depth	12 inches	24 inches
Side Slopes	2:1 or less	2:1 or less
Grade	0.5% - 10%	0.5% - 10%

- The base for a dike 18 inches high and 24 wide at the top should be between 6 feet - 8 feet. The height of the dike is measured on the upslope side.
- If the dike is constructed using coarse aggregate the side slopes should be 3:1 or flatter.
- The channel formed behind the dike should have a positive grade to a stabilized outlet. The channel should be stabilized with vegetative or other stabilization measures.
- Grades over 10% may require an engineering design.
- Construct the dike where it will not interfere with major areas of construction traffic so that vehicle damage to the dike will be kept to the minimum.
- Diversion dikes should be installed prior to the majority of soil disturbing activity, and may be removed when stabilization of the drainage area and outlet are complete.

Materials

- Compacted Soil
- Coarse Aggregate

Construction Specifications

- Clear the area of all trees, brush, stumps or other obstructions.
- Construct the dike to the designed cross-section, line and grade making sure that there are no irregularities or bank projections to impede the flow.
- The dike should be compacted using earth moving equipment to prevent failure of the dike.
- The dike must be stabilized as soon as possible after installation.

Maintenance

- Inspect regularly and after every storm, make any repairs necessary to ensure the measure is in good working order.
- Inspect the dike, flow channel and outlet for deficiencies or signs of erosion.
- If material must be added to the dike be sure it is properly compacted.
- Reseed or stabilize the dike as needed to maintain its stability regardless if there has been a storm event or not.

Cost

- The cost associated with earth dike construction is roughly $4.50 per linear foot which covers the earthwork involved in preparing the dike. Also added to this cost is approximately $1.00 per linear foot for stabilization practices. It should be noted that for most construction projects, the cost of earth dike construction is insignificant compared to the overall earthwork project costs.

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DRAINAGE SWALE

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Design Criteria

- Temporary drainage swales are appropriate in the following situations:
  - To divert upslope flows away from disturbed areas such as cut or fill slopes and to divert runoff to a stabilized outlet
  - To reduce the length of the slope runoff will cross
  - At the perimeter of the construction site to prevent sediment-laden runoff from leaving the site
  - To direct sediment-laden runoff to a sediment trapping device.
- When the drainage area is greater than 10 acres the United States Department of Agriculture - Soil Conservation Service (USDA - SCS) standards and specifications for diversions should be consulted.
- Swales may have side slopes ranging from 3:1 to 2:1.
- The minimum channel depth should be between 12 inches and 18 inches.
- The minimum width at the bottom of the channel should be 24 inches and the bottom should be level.
- The channel should have a uniform positive grade between 2% and 5%, with no sudden decreases where sediments may accumulate and cause overtopping.
- The channel should be stabilized with temporary or permanent stabilization measures.
- Grades over 10% may require an engineering design.
- Construct the swale away from areas of major construction traffic.
- Runoff must discharge to a stabilized outlet.

Materials

- Grass seed for temporary or permanent stabilization
- Sod
- Coarse aggregate or riprap

Construction Specifications

- Clear the area of all trees, brush, stumps or other obstructions.
- Construct the swale to the designed cross-section, line and grade making sure that there are no irregularities or bank projections to impede the flow.
- The lining should be well compacted using earth moving equipment and stabilization initiated as soon as possible.
- Stabilize lining with grass seed, sod, or riprap.
- Surplus material should be properly distributed or disposed of so that it does not interfere with the functioning of the swale.
- Outlet dissipation measures should be used to avoid the risk of erosion.

Maintenance

- Inspect regularly and after every storm, make any repairs necessary to ensure the measure is in good working order.
- Inspect the flow channel and outlet for deficiencies or signs of erosion.
- If surface of the channel requires material to be added be sure it is properly compacted.
- Reseed or stabilize the channel as needed to prevent erosion during a storm event.

Cost

- Drainage swale can vary widely depending on the geometry of the swale and the type of lining material:
  - Grass $3.00/square yard
  - Sod $4.00/square year
  - Riprap $45.00/square year
- No matter which liner type is used, the entire swale must be stabilized (i.e., seeded and mulched at a cost of $1.25/square yard).

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Design Criteria

- Temporary sediment traps are appropriate in the following locations:
  - At the outlet of the perimeter controls installed during the first stage of construction.
  - At the outlet of any structure which concentrates sediment-laden runoff, e.g. at the discharge point of diversions, channels, slope drains, or other runoff conveyances.
  - Above a storm water inlet that is in line to receive sediment-laden runoff.
- Temporary sediment traps may be constructed by excavation alone or by excavation in combination with an embankment.
- Temporary sediment traps are often used in conjunction with a diversion dike or swale.
- The drainage area for the sediment trap should not exceed 5 disturbed acres.
- The trap must be accessible for ease of regular maintenance which is critical to its functioning properly.
- Sediment traps are temporary measures and should not be planned to remain in place longer than between 18 and 24 months.
- The capacity of the sedimentation pool should provide storage volume for 3,600 cubic feet/acre drainage area.
- The outlet should be designed to provide a 2 foot settling depth and an additional sediment storage area 1½ feet deep at the bottom of the trap.
- The embankment may not exceed 5 feet in height.
- The recommended minimum width at the top of the embankment is between 2 feet and 5 feet.
- The minimum recommended length of the weir is between 3 feet and 4 feet, and the maximum is 12 feet in length.
- Table 5 illustrates the typical relationship between the embankment height, the height of the outlet (H_o), and the width (W) at the top of the embankment.

TABLE 5. EMBANKMENT HEIGHT vs. OUTLET HEIGHT AND WIDTH

H	H_o	W
1.5	0.5	2.0
2.0	1.0	2.0
2.5	1.5	2.5
3.0	2.0	2.5
3.5	2.5	3.0
4.0	3.0	3.0
4.5	3.5	4.0
5.0	4.0	4.5

Materials

- Filter fabric (see fabric requirement for silt fence)
- Coarse aggregate or riprap 2 inches to 14 inches in diameter
- Washed gravel ¾ to 1½ inches in diameter
- Seed and mulch for stabilization

Construction Specifications

- Clear the area of all trees, brush, stumps or other obstructions.
- Construct the embankment in 8 inch lifts compacting each lift with the appropriate earth moving equipment. Fill material must be free of woody vegetation, roots, or large stones.
- Keep cut and fill slopes between 3:1 and 2:1 or flatter.
- Line the outlet area with filter fabric prior to placing stone or gravel.
- Construct the gravel outlet using heavy stones between 6 inches and 14 inches in diameter and face the upstream side with a 12 inch layer of ¾ inch to 1½ inch washed gravel on the upstream side.
- Seed and mulch the embankment as soon as possible to ensure stabilization.

Maintenance

- Inspect regularly and after every storm. Make any repairs necessary to ensure the measure is in good working order.
- Frequent removal of sediment is critical to the functioning of this measure. At a minimum sediment should be removed and the trap restored to its original volume when sediment reaches ⅓ of the original volume.
- Sediment removed from the trap must be properly disposed.
- Check the embankment regularly to make sure it is structurally sound.

Cost

- Costs for a sediment trap vary widely based upon their size and the amount of excavation and stone required, they usually can be installed for $500 to $7,000.

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