

Did You Know?

- **Building Permits can be withheld** by local building inspectors if a developer fails to have an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan approved. Refer to G.S. 153-357(b), G.S. 160A-417(b)
- An erosion and sediment control plan must be filed for any land disturbance of one acre or more at least 30 days before construction. The plan must be filed with the regional Land Quality Office of NCDEQ or a designated local erosion and sediment control program.

Why should erosion and sedimentation be controlled?

- Sediment is the largest pollutant by volume in North Carolina.
- Sediment destroys wildlife habitat.
- Sediment fills lakes and streams used for power generation, increasing the cost of electric power.
- Sediment reduces property values.
- Sediment can contain harmful chemicals and pollutants that are used on the land.
- Soil erosion removes the most valuable soils needed to grow plants and food; these soils cannot be replaced for generations.

