

**Construction Site Erosion Control General Permit
Utility Projects within the Walworth County Jurisdictional Shoreland Area**

The following land disturbing activities associated with a utility project are eligible for a Walworth County Construction Site Erosion Control **General Permit**:

- Land disturbing activities associated with the disconnection (cut-off) of an underground utility. Land disturbing activities are limited to an area of 10 square feet or less.
- Land disturbing activities are associated with the replacement or construction of a utility pole(s). Land disturbing activities are limited to an area of 10 square feet or less.
- Land disturbing activities are associated with the inspection and maintenance of an underground utility. Land disturbing activities are limited to an area of 10 square feet or less.

The Walworth County Land Conservation Division has determined land disturbing activities associated with a utility project that meets the one of the project limitations listed above is eligible for a **Construction Site Erosion Control General Permit**.

A General Construction Site Erosion Control Permit is subject to the **following general permit conditions**:

1. The tracking of material from the construction site onto any roadway must be prevented. Any soil or material tracked onto any roadway must be removed by the end of each workday with a sweeper or bucket. Flushing the roadway is not an acceptable method for removing material tracked onto the roadway.
2. Land disturbing activities cannot exceed 10 square feet, including excavation, filling and stockpiling.
3. Site de-watering is not permitted.
4. The Utility and the utility contractor must be responsible for the construction site erosion control and site restoration or stabilization.
5. Silt fence, straw bales or other sediment control measures used on the project site must be planned, installed and maintained according to WDNR Construction Site Erosion Control Technical Standards, (<http://dnr.wi.gov/Runoff/stormwater/techstds.htm>).
6. Soil or other materials cannot be stockpiled on any roadway, drainage-way, waterway or wetland.
7. All building waste must be properly contained, managed and disposed.
8. The duration of land disturbed must be minimized. All disturbed areas must be seeded and mulched, matted or covered with erosion resistant material within 24 hours of project completion.
9. All federal, state, county and local permits must be obtained, if needed. If utility work is conducted within the road right-of-way, approval from the highway jurisdiction must be obtained.
10. The Walworth County Land Conservation Division Staff may enter the project site for the purpose of inspecting for compliance with Walworth County Environmental Regulations.

If a project site, subject to a General Permit, fails to meet the general conditions, listed above, the landowner, the utility and the utility contractor are subject to Walworth County enforcement action. County ordinance citations and compliance inspection fees may be assessed to a landowner or contractor failing to comply with the conditions of this General Permit.

Recommended for General Permit Approval:



Fay U. Amerson
Urban Program Specialist, Walworth County LURM

General Permit for Utility Projects 3/26/2015 FUA

Utility Project # _____	
Landowner: _____	Utility ROW: Y N
Location: _____	Tax Key # _____
Start Date: _____	Complete Date: _____

Utility Project – General Permit Procedures

The following land disturbing activities associated with utility work conducted within *County Shoreland Areas* are eligible for a Walworth County Construction Site Erosion Control **General Permit**.

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The *County Shoreland Area* includes those lands lying within 1000 feet from the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) of a navigable lake, pond, and flowage or 300 from the OHWM of a navigable stream or the landward-side of floodplain, whatever is greater.

The Utility will complete and submit the *General Permit Form* to the Walworth County Land Conservation Division for each project qualifying for a general permit.

Wetlands Notice to Permit Applicants

You are responsible for complying with state and federal laws concerning the construction near or on wetlands, lakes, and streams. Wetlands that are not associated with open water can be difficult to identify. Failure to comply may result in removal or modification of construction that violates the law or other penalties or costs. For more information, visit the Department of Natural Resources wetlands identification web page or contact a Department of Natural Resources service center. <http://dnr.wi.gov/wetlands>

I certify that I have been notified of my responsibility for complying with state and federal laws and regulations related to construction near or on wetlands, lakes and streams.

Authorized Representative Signature: _____ Date signed: _____

Print Authorized Representative Name: _____

General Permit Certification

I certify that I am the owner or the authorized representative of the owner of the property that is subject to this General Permit I certify that the information contained on this form and on the attachments are true, accurate and complete. I agree to comply with all applicable codes, statutes and ordinances and the conditions of this General Permit. I understand that the utility construction activities and this General Permit creates no legal liability, expressed or implied of the Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department.

The landowner or authorized representative understands that Walworth County staff may enter upon the parcel, as described above, for the purpose of obtaining information necessary and inspect construction activities.

Authorized Representative Signature: _____ Date signed: _____

Print Authorized Representative Name: _____

Project Contact: (Print Name) _____ Phone # _____

Email Address: _____