

# STANDARD AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SEDIMENT TRAP



## **Definition**

A temporary sediment control device formed by excavation and/or embankment to intercept sediment laden runoff and retain the sediment.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the structure is to intercept sediment-laden runoff and trap the sediment in order to protect drainage ways, properties, and rights-of-way below the sediment trap from sedimentation.

## **Conditions Where Practice Applies**

A sediment trap is usually installed in a drainage way, at a storm drain inlet, or other points of collection from a disturbed area.

Sediment traps should be used to artificially break up the natural drainage area into smaller sections where a larger device (sediment basin) would be less effective.

## **Design Criteria**

If any of the design criteria presented here cannot be met, see Standard and Specification for Sediment Basin on page 5A.49.

## **Drainage Area**

The drainage area for sediment traps shall be in accordance with the specific type of sediment trap used (Type I through V).

## **Location**

Sediment traps shall be located so that they can be installed

prior to grading or filling in the drainage area they are to protect. Traps must not be located any closer than 20 feet from a proposed building foundation if the trap is to function during building construction. Locate traps to obtain maximum storage benefit from the terrain and for ease of cleanout and disposal of the trapped sediment.

## **Trap Size**

The volume of a sediment trap as measured at the elevation of the crest of the outlet shall be at least 3,600 cubic feet per acre of drainage area. The volume of a constructed trap shall be calculated using standard mathematical procedures. The volume of a natural sediment trap may be approximated by the equation: Volume (cu.ft.) = 0.4 x surface area (sq.ft.) x maximum depth (ft.).

## **Trap Cleanout**

Sediment shall be removed and the trap restored to the original dimensions when the sediment has accumulated to ½ of the design depth of the trap. Sediment removed from the trap shall be deposited in a protected area and in such a manner that it will not erode.

## **Embankment**

All embankments for sediment traps shall not exceed five (5) feet in height as measured at the low point of the original ground along the centerline of the embankment. Embankments shall have a minimum four (4) foot wide top and side slopes of 2:1 or flatter. The embankment shall be compacted by traversing with equipment while it is being constructed. The embankment shall be stabilized with seed and mulch as soon as it is completed

The elevation of the top of any dike directing water to any sediment trap will equal or exceed the maximum height of the outlet structure along the entire length of the trap.

## **Excavation**

All excavation operations shall be carried out in such a manner that erosion and water pollution shall be minimal. Excavated portions of sediment traps shall have 1:1 or flatter slopes.

## **Outlet**

The outlet shall be designed, constructed, and maintained in such a manner that sediment does not leave the trap and that erosion at or below the outlet does not occur.

Sediment traps must outlet onto stabilized (preferable undisturbed) ground, into a watercourse, stabilized channel, or into a storm drain system. Distance between inlet and outlet should be maximized to the longest length practicable.

### **Trap Details Needed on Erosion and Sediment Control Plans**

Each trap shall be delineated on the plans in such a manner that it will not be confused with any other features. Each trap on a plan shall indicate all the information necessary to properly construct and maintain the structure. If the drawings are such that this information cannot be delineated on the drawings, then a table shall be developed. If a table is developed, then each trap on a plan shall have a number and the numbers shall be consecutive.

The following information shall be shown for each trap in a summary table format on the plans.

1. Trap number
2. Type of trap
3. Drainage area
4. Storage required
5. Storage provided (if applicable)
6. Outlet length or pipe sizes
7. Storage depth below outlet or cleanout elevation
8. Embankment height and elevation (if applicable)

### **Type of Sediment Traps**

There are five (5) specific types of sediment traps which vary according to their function, location, or drainage area.

- I. Pipe Outlet Sediment Trap
- II. Grass Outlet Sediment Trap
- III. Catch Basin Sediment Trap
- IV. Stone Outlet Sediment Trap
- V. Riprap Outlet Sediment Trap

#### **I. Pipe Outlet Sediment Trap**

A Pipe Outlet Sediment Trap consists of a trap formed by embankment or excavation. The outlet for the trap is through a perforated riser and a pipe through the embankment. The outlet pipe and riser shall be made of steel, corrugated metal or other suitable material. The top of the embankment shall be at least 1 ½ feet above the crest of the riser. The top 2/3 of the riser shall be perforated with one (1) inch nominal diameter holes or slits spaced six (6) inches vertically and horizontally placed in the concave portion of the corrugated pipe.

No holes or slits will be allowed within six (6) inches of the top of the horizontal barrel. All pipe connections shall be watertight. The riser shall be wrapped with ½ to ¼ inch hardware cloth wire then wrapped with filter cloth with a sieve size between #40-80 and secured with strapping or

connecting band at the top and bottom of the cloth. The cloth shall cover an area at least six (6) inches above the highest hole and six (6) inches below the lowest hole. The top of the riser pipe shall not be covered with filter cloth. The riser shall have a base with sufficient weight to prevent flotation of the riser. Two approved bases are:

1. A concrete base 12 in. thick with the riser embedded 9 in. into the concrete base, or
2. One quarter inch, minimum, thick steel plate attached to the riser by a continuous weld around the circumference of the riser to form a watertight connection. The plate shall have 2.5 feet of stone, gravel, or earth placed on it to prevent flotation. In either case, each side of the square base measurement shall be the riser diameter plus 24 inches.

Pipe outlet sediment traps shall be limited to a five (5) acre maximum drainage area. Pipe outlet sediment traps may be interchangeable in the field with stone outlet or riprap sediment traps provided that these sediment traps are constructed in accordance with the detail and specifications for that trap.

Select pipe diameter from the following table:

#### **Minimum Sizes**

Barrel Diameter <sup>1</sup> (in.)	Riser Diameter <sup>1</sup> (in.)	Maximum Drainage Area (ac.)
12	15	1
15	18	2
18	21	3
21	24	4
21	27	5

<sup>1</sup> Barrel diameter may be same size as riser diameter.

See details for Pipe Outlet Sediment Trap ST-I in Figure 5A.16 (1) and 5A.16 (2) on pages 5A.38 and 5A.39.

#### **II. Grass Outlet Sediment Trap**

A Grass Outlet Sediment Trap consists of a trap formed by excavating the earth to create a holding area. The trap has a discharge point over natural existing grass. The outlet crest width (feet) shall be equal to four (4) times the drainage area (acres) with a minimum width of four (4) feet. The outlet shall be free of any restrictions to flow. The outlet lip must remain undisturbed and level. The volume of this trap shall be computed at the elevation of the crest of the outlet. Grass outlet sediment traps shall be limited to a five (5) acre maximum drainage area.

# STANDARD AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SEDIMENT BASIN



## **Definition**

A temporary barrier or dam constructed across a drainage way or at other suitable locations to intercept sediment laden runoff and to trap and retain the sediment.

## **Scope**

This standard applies to the installation of temporary sediment basins on sites where: (a) failure of the structure would not result in loss of life, damage to homes or buildings, or interruption of use or service of public roads or utilities; (b) the drainage area does not exceed 100 acres; and (c) the basin is to be removed within 36 months after the beginning of construction of the basin.

Permanent (to function more than 36 months) sediment basins, or temporary basins exceeding the classification requirements for class 1 and 2, or structures that temporarily function as a sediment basin but are intended for use as a permanent pool shall be classified as permanent structures and shall conform to criteria appropriate for permanent structures. These structures shall be designed and constructed to conform to NRCS Standard And Specification No. 378 for Ponds in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, "Guidelines for the Design of Dams." The total volume of permanent sediment basins shall equal to or exceed the capacity requirements for temporary basins contained herein.

## **Classification of Temporary Sediment Basins**

For the purpose of this standard, temporary sediment basins are classified as follows:

Class	1	2
Max. Drainage Area (acres)	100	100
Max. Height <sup>1</sup> of Dam (ft.)	10	15
Min. Embankment Top Width	8	10
Embankment Side Slopes	2:1 or Flatter	2 ½:1 or Flatter
Anti-Seep Control Required	Yes	Yes

<sup>1</sup> Height is measured from the low point of original ground at the downstream toe of the dam to the top of the dam.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of a sediment basin is to intercept sediment-laden runoff and reduce the amount of sediment leaving the disturbed area in order to protect drainage ways, properties, and rights-of-way below the sediment basin.

## **Conditions Where Practice Applies**

A sediment basin is appropriate where physical site conditions or land ownership restrictions preclude the installation of other erosion control measures to adequately control runoff, erosion, and sedimentation. However, it is strongly encouraged to use a basin in addition to other ESC measures if practicable. It may be used below construction operations which expose critical areas to soil erosion. The basin shall be maintained until the disturbed area is protected against erosion by permanent stabilization.

## **Design Criteria**

### **Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

Design and construction shall comply with state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, including permits.

### **Location**

The sediment basin should be located to obtain the maximum storage benefit from the terrain and for ease of cleanout of the trapped sediment. It should be located to minimize interference with construction activities and