

# Lowndes County Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY  
The Lowndes County Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County, Georgia;

## SECTION I TITLE

This ordinance will be known as "The Lowndes County Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance."

## SECTION II DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this ordinance, unless otherwise specifically stated:

1. **Best Management Practices (BMPs):** These include sound conservation and engineering practices to prevent and minimize erosion and resultant sedimentation, which are consistent with, and no less stringent than, those practices contained in the 'Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia' published by the Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted.
2. **Board:** The Board of Natural Resources.
3. **Buffer:** The area of land immediately adjacent to the banks of state waters in its natural state of vegetation, which facilitates the protection of water quality and aquatic habitat.
4. **Certified Personnel:** A person who has successfully completed the appropriate certification course approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
5. **Coastal Marshlands:** Shall have the same meaning as in O.C.G.A. 12-5-282.
6. **Commission:** The Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC).
7. **CPESC:** Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control with current certification by EnviroCert, Inc., which is also referred to as CPESC or CPESC, Inc.
8. **Cut:** A portion of land surface or area from which earth has been removed or will be removed by excavation; the depth below original ground surface to the excavated surface. Also known as excavation.
9. **Department:** The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
10. **Design Professional:** A professional licensed by the State of Georgia in the field of: engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, forestry, geology, or land surveying; or a person that is a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) with a current certification by EnviroCert, Inc. Design Professionals shall practice in a manner that complies with applicable Georgia law governing professional licensure.
11. **Director:** The Director of the Environmental Protection Division or an authorized representative.
12. **District:** The Alapaha Soil and Water Conservation District.
13. **Division:** The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Department of Natural Resources.
14. **Drainage Structure:** A device composed of a virtually nonerrodible material such as concrete, steel, plastic or other such material that conveys water from one place to another by intercepting the flow and carrying it to a release point for storm water management, drainage control, or flood control purposes.
15. **Erosion:** The process by which land surface is worn away by the action of wind, water, ice or gravity.
16. **Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan:** A plan required by the Erosion and Sedimentation Act, O.C.G.A. Chapter 12-7, that includes, as minimum protections at least as stringent as the State General Permit, best management practices, and requirements in section IV.C. of this ordinance.
17. **Fill:** A portion of land surface to which soil or other solid material has been added; the depth above the original ground surface or an excavation.
18. **Final Stabilization:** All soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and that for unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures and areas located outside the waste disposal limits of a landfill cell that has been certified by EPD for waste disposal, 100% of the soil surface is uniformly covered in permanent vegetation with a density of 70% or greater, or landscaped accordingly to the Plan (uniformly covered with landscaping materials in planned landscape areas, or equivalent permanent stabilization measures as defined in the Manual