



**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY**  
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*Grand Traverse County provides mandated and necessary services that ensure safety and add value to our community.*

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**Grand Traverse County Soil Erosion Update**

March 16, 2016

**Traverse City** – Following months of reviewing the county’s Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Program process and procedures, County Administration has announced several strategic changes to the program, effective April 4, 2016, to improve the program’s efficiencies and services

As of April 4, the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Office will relocate to the third floor of the Governmental Center at 400 Boardman Avenue. In a memo to County employees, Administrator Tom Menzel said the move “is part of the County’s strategy to realign its organization to improve customer service by aligning our service delivery with a new and responsive management initiative.”

Anticipated improvements resulting from strategic changes to the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation program include:

- hiring full-time chief inspector and full-time inspector to efficiently handle work load
- installing inspection-tracking software with reporting capabilities to quickly and efficiently log and maintain inspection data
- assigning day-to-day supervision of employees to Deputy Director of Planning and Development Jean Derenzy to create consistent management applications

Said Derenzy, “These changes illustrate that our County Board is committed to providing responsive, effective, quality service to our community.”

Direct any questions or concerns regarding the County’s Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Program to Jean Derenzy, Deputy Director Planning and Development, by calling 922-4573, or by sending an e-mail to [jderenzy@grandtraverse.org](mailto:jderenzy@grandtraverse.org).

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