

Rescinded 10-29-03

ORDINANCE NO. 16
Grand Traverse County
Soil Erosion and Stormwater Runoff Control Ordinance

adopted by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners in
accordance with provisions of Section 6(2) of the
Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1972
(Act 347, P.A. of 1972, as amended)

PREAMBLE

This Ordinance, adopted by resolution of the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners, sets forth the administrative procedures, standards, and enforcement remedies which shall be used by the Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner in meeting the requirements of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1972 (Act 347, P.A. 1972, as amended), the Subdivision Control Act of 1967 (Act 288, P.A. 1967, as amended), the Michigan Drain Code (Act 40, P.A. 1956, as amended), and the Michigan Environmental Protection Act (Act 127 of 1990).

I. Purpose and Objectives

A. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent the pollution, impairment, or destruction of a natural resource or the public trust in Grand Traverse County unless (1) there is no feasible and prudent alternative and (2) the activity is consistent with the promotion of the public health, safety, and welfare in light of the public's paramount concern for protection of its natural resources.

B. Objectives

Specific objectives include the following:

1. To prevent accelerated soil erosion and to control stormwater runoff resulting from earth changes proposed within Grand Traverse County, both during and after construction.
2. To assure that property owners control the volume and rate of stormwater runoff originating from their property so that surface water and groundwater quality is protected, soil erosion minimized, and flooding potential reduced.
3. To preserve and use the natural drainage system for receiving and conveying stormwater runoff and to minimize the need to construct enclosed, below-grade storm drain systems.
4. To preserve natural infiltration and the recharge of groundwater and to maintain subsurface flows which replenish lakes, streams and wetlands.
5. To restrict stormwater runoff entering and leaving development sites to non-erosive velocities by requiring temporary and permanent soil erosion control measures.
6. To assure that soil erosion control and stormwater runoff control systems are incorporated into site planning at an early stage in the planning and design process.
7. To prevent unnecessary stripping of vegetation and loss of soils, especially adjacent to lakes, streams, watercourses, and wetlands.