

of major grading, sediment, and erosion control plans. These procedures shall provide that the Department OF THE ENVIRONMENT conduct periodic inspections and review of the implementation by the counties and the local soil conservation districts of these control plans.

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The provisions of this subtitle do not apply to agricultural land management practices, construction of agricultural structures, or, except in Calvert County, to construction of single-family residences or their accessory buildings on lots of two acres or more. Regardless of planning, zoning, or subdivision controls, a county or municipality may not issue a permit for grading or construction of any building, other than those matters exempted by the provisions of this section, unless the grading or construction conforms with plans approved as provided in this subtitle.

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(a) A county or municipality may issue grading and building permits as provided by law. A grading or building permit may not be issued until the developer (1) submits a grading and sediment control plan approved by the appropriate soil conservation district, and (2) certifies that all land clearing, construction, and development will be done under the plan. Criteria for sediment control and the procedure for referring an applicant to the appropriate soil conservation district shall be acceptable to the soil conservation district and the Department of [Natural Resources] THE ENVIRONMENT.

(b) Each county or municipality shall adopt grading and building ordinances necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle, with the assistance of the Department of [Natural Resources] THE ENVIRONMENT and the appropriate soil conservation district.

(c) Each soil conservation district may recommend a fee system to cover the cost of reviewing the grading and sediment control plans. Any recommended fee shall take effect upon enactment by the local governing body. Any fees collected pursuant to this system shall be supplementary to county and State funds and may not (i) be used to reduce county or State funds, and (ii) exceed the cost of reviewing the plans.

(d) Each soil conservation district shall require an applicant for grading and sediment control plan approval to submit a sufficient number of copies of the plan to enable the district to forward copies of the plan to appropriate State and local agencies. Where enforcement authority has been retained by the Department of [Natural Resources] THE ENVIRONMENT, each district shall forward 1 copy of each approved plan to the