# SECTION 700: GRADING, LANDSCAPING & EROSION CONTROL

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### 701 GENERAL

The standards and requirements found in this section are to provide information on the grading of pervious (non-paved) areas, the restoration and landscaping of those areas, and erosion control during and after construction.

### 701.1 SPECIFICATIONS

The following documents are incorporated by reference:

- a) Illinois Urban Manual, IEPA/NRCS, latest edition
- b) NRCS National Engineering Handbook
- c) City of Naperville, Department of Public Works Manual on Parkway Plantings

#### 701.2 REGULATIONS

Additional rules and regulations governing the construction of erosion control measures in the City of Naperville are:

- a) The restrictions, policies, and instructions that may be adopted or issued by the City of Naperville
- b) National Pollution Discharge Elimination System policies as administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

## 701.3 START OF CONSTRUCTION

The contractor shall not begin construction until all required permits have been obtained. Copies of all permits obtained by outside agencies must be provided to the city prior to the start of construction.

# **702 MATERIALS**

### 702.1 GRADING

#### 702.1.1 EMBANKMENT

All materials used for embankment must be suitable for such a use. No sod, frozen material or any material which, by decay or otherwise, might cause settlement shall be allowed to be used for embankment.

### 702.1.2 TOPSOIL

Topsoil shall be a loamy soil with an organic content between one and ten percent. It shall be relatively free from large roots, sticks, weeds, brush or stones larger than 1 inch in diameter, or other litter and waste products. The topsoil shall be capable of supporting and germinating vegetation.

#### 702.2 EROSION CONTROL

Please refer to the Illinois Urban Manual, latest edition for specifications and instructions for use for the various methods of erosion control measures. The following is an abbreviated listing of some of the more common measures:

- a) Temporary Seed Mixes
- b) Silt Fence
- c) Straw bales or silt boxes
- d) Earth Stabilization: rip-rap, fabrics, etc
- e) Structures: Stormceptor<sup>®</sup>, oil/grit separators, etc.
- f) Chemical flock logs, etc.
- g) Stabilized Construction Entrance

#### 702.3 RESTORATION

Ground cover shall be installed as a permanent erosion control measure, as shown on the approved landscape plans.

#### 702.3.1 SEED MIX

All seed mixes shall be an appropriate mix for the soil type and inundation conditions, as designed. IDOT approved seed mixes per Article 250 of the IDOT Standard Specifications should be considered.

# 702.3.2 HYDROSEED

Hydroseeding shall be applied based on the coverage amount per area coverage, as specified by the manufacturer.

# 702.3.3 SOD

The sod shall be approved grass that is native to northeastern Illinois. It shall either be nursery grown or field grown and be well rooted and approved by the Engineer prior to being cut and again before it is laid. Sod that has been grown on soil that is high organic matter such as peat will not be accepted. The consistency of the adherent soil shall be such that it will not break, crumble or tear during handling and placing of the sod.

Each piece of sod shall be well covered with turf grass, shall be free from noxious weeds and other objectionable plants, and shall not contain substances injurious to growth. The grass shall be cut to a length of not less than 1-1/2 inches nor more than four inches before the sod is cut. The sod shall be cut in rectangular pieces with its shortest side not less than 12 inches. The sod shall not be cut less than one inch thick, a thickness which does not include the grass.

## 702.4 PLANTINGS

All plantings must be in conformance with the approved landscape plan. Materials must be healthy and free of disease.

# 703 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

#### 703.1 GRADING

All pervious areas shall be graded per the approved plan or to meet the design requirements of section 702.1.

#### 703.2 EROSION CONTROL

### 703.2.1 INSTALLATION OF EROSION CONTROL MEASURES

All erosion control measures shall be properly installed, as permitted, prior to any land disturbance activities.

#### 703.2.2 MAINTENANCE OF EROSION CONTROL MEASURES

All erosion control measures shall be inspected weekly, after any 0.5 inch rainfall, or more frequently as necessary to maintain their function.

### 703.2.3 DUST

During extended dry periods, the construction area(s) may need to be watered down to prevent the blowing of soil from the site.

### 703.2.4 KEEPING PUBLIC ROADS CLEAN

During construction, a stabilized construction entrance shall be utilized to minimize the tracking of dirt onto the public streets. Any dirt that is tracked onto the public streets shall be removed the same day. If the amount tracked on the public street is excessive, cleaning may be required more frequently.

#### 703.3 RESTORATION

Restoration measures shall be installed only during the growing season, to enable them to take root. Any areas that do not take root, or that fail to grow, shall be replaced in an adequate time frame to minimize soil erosion. Adequate watering shall be provided to allow for the plantings survival.

#### 703.4 TREE PROTECTION

Tree protection shall be provided for all trees shown on the plans to be saved within the limits of construction, or as directed by the Engineer. Tree protection shall be installed prior to the start of any clearing or removal work and shall remain protected through the duration of construction. All trees shall be protected as shown in Detail 790.10.

#### 703.5 PLANTINGS

Plantings shall be planted per the approved landscape plan taking care not to damage the existing root system.

### 704 INSPECTION & TESTING

#### 704.1 INSPECTION

It is the responsibility of the owner or his designee to inspect all temporary erosion control measures per the requirements of the NPDES permit and correct any deficiencies as needed.

On-site grading inspection will generally be limited to visual inspections of the materials used and the condition of the site prior to seeding. There will also be a verification that all required testing is completed for areas of embankment. As-built or record drawings must be submitted per Section 110 of the Naperville Standard Specifications to verify that the grading substantially meets the requirements of the city standards.

A visual inspection of the landscaping will be performed following installation. The health of the plant material will be periodically reviewed and replacement may be required up to 12 months following the installation.

704.2 TESTING Compaction testing of any embankment will be required per Article 205 of the IDOT Standard Specifications.

No formal testing will be required for landscaping and erosion control devices unless otherwise directed by the City Engineer.

# 790 STANDARD DETAILS

### Erosion Control

- 790.01 Temporary Erosion Control Measure Ditch Checks & Straw Bale Sediment Trap
- 790.02 Temporary Erosion Control Measure Sediment Basin & Temporary Ditches
- 790.03 Temporary Erosion Control Measure Silt Fence (2 sheets)

# Landscaping

- 790.10 Tree Protection
- 790.12 Tree Planting Downtown Streetscape (2 sheets)

# 790.99 COMMON NAMES

All standard details in this section may be referred to by a common name in associated construction documents. The common name shall be "LANDSCAPE xx" where the xx is the section of the detail number to the right of the decimal point. For instance, *Detail* #790.10 *Tree Protection* may also be referred to as "LANDSCAPE 10".













