



Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission

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## **The 2016 Edition of the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia Transition Period**

The Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia has been revised and revisions will become effective January 1, 2016. Revisions include the addition of new Best Management Practices (BMPs), as well as a process to include new BMP's in the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control. This process for joining the Equivalent BMP List is found in Appendix A-2 of the Manual.

The GSWCC recognizes the need for a transition period to allow individuals time to understand and begin implementing the new requirements. As part of this transition period, for a 6 month period, beginning January 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2016, GSWCC will recognize the Fifth and Sixth Edition of the Manual along with the 2016 edition.

All plans which were completed and sealed prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 may utilize the products and practices as specified in the Manual (Fifth and Sixth Editions). These may include previously approved plans with revisions, plans which had not been previously approved but were in the review process, or new plan submittals created prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Any plans received on or after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, are to utilize the new Manual (2016 Edition).

During this 6 month transition period plans should not be denied solely for minor inconsistencies, such as incorrect codes (i.e. Mb instead of Ss or PM instead of Tac or Fl-Co). However, the reviewer should note all inconsistencies on the plan review sheet. If the Plan is deficient in other areas, the minor inconsistencies should be included in the reasons for denial.

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