



## Protecting Watersheds thru Erosion & Sediment Control Methods

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# Maine Temperature Conversion Chart

60 above zero:

People in Tennessee are still turning on the Heat in the house

**People in Maine are planting gardens**

20 above zero:

Floridians wear coats, gloves and woolen hats

**Mainers start breaking out sweatshirts**

Zero degrees:

People in Miami cease to exist....

**Mainers have their last cook-out before it gets cold**

-40 Below:

Hollywood disintegrates...

**Maine Girl scouts start selling cookies outside of grocery stores**

-100 Below:

Santa Claus abandons the North Pole

**Maine-iacs get frustrated when they can't thaw the Keg!**

-460 Below

All atomic motion stops...

**People in Maine Start saying... "Cold 'nuff for ya?"**

## Erosion Control

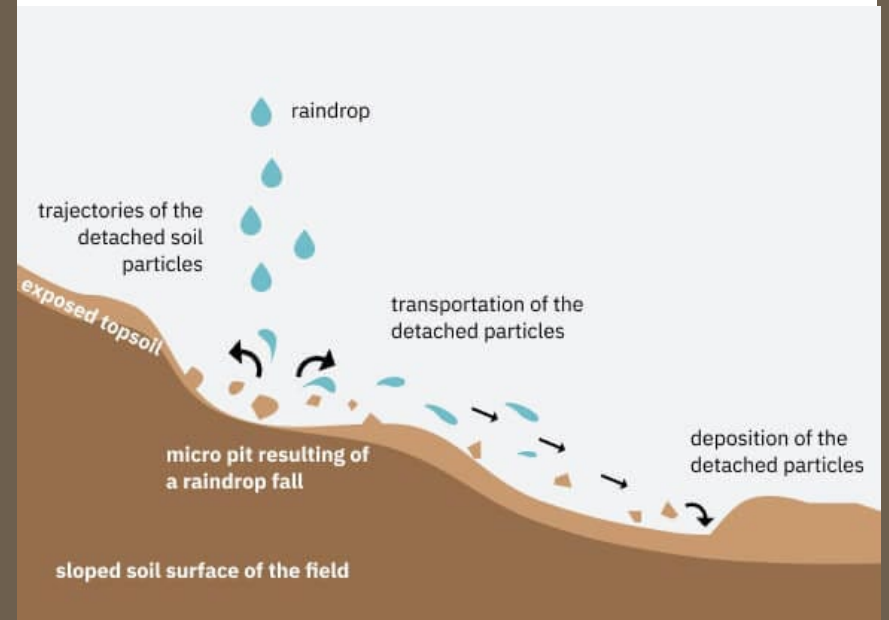
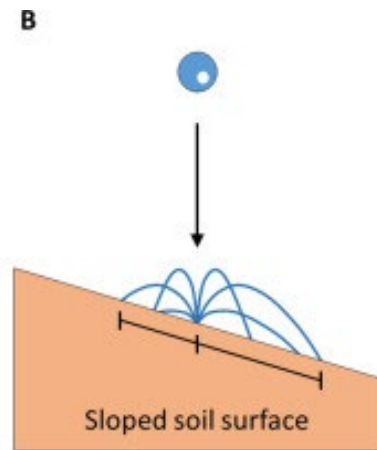
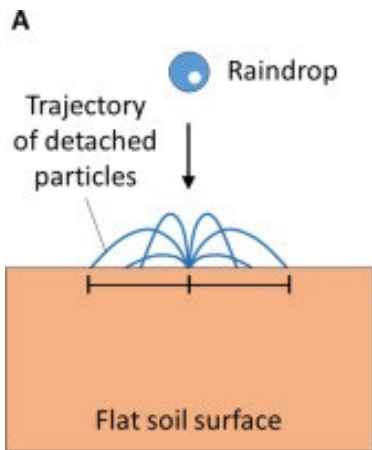
- Erosion is the action of a surface process that moves soil, rock and dissolved material from one location to another. Typical cause is either water flow or wind.
- Many erosion control methods stem around creating sustainable vegetation. To help protect against detachment and transportation of soil particles.



## Sediment Control

- Sediment Loss is the result of erosion. When you have erosion, you will have sediment runoff.
- Sediment control is the process of trying to keep sediment from leaving a site.









Sediment loss from erosion is one of the leading causes of water pollution





Water quality affects all of us





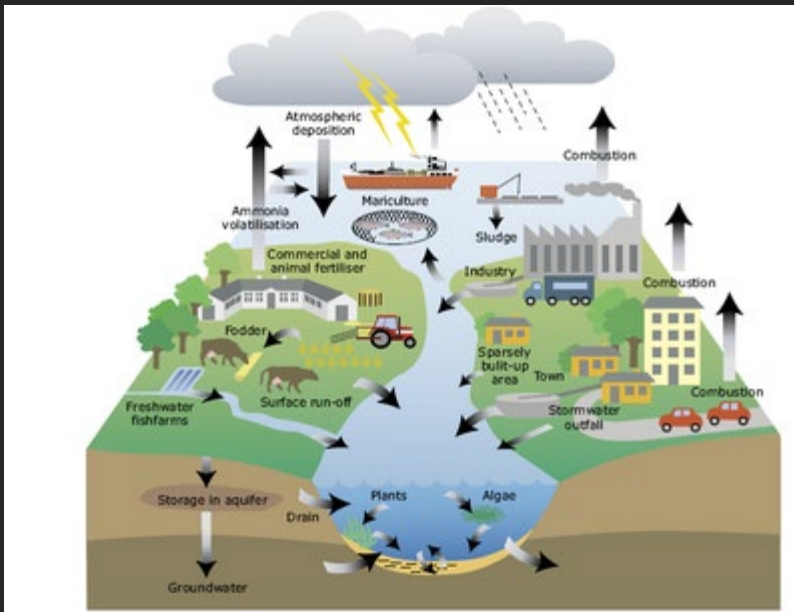




What goes in, must come out



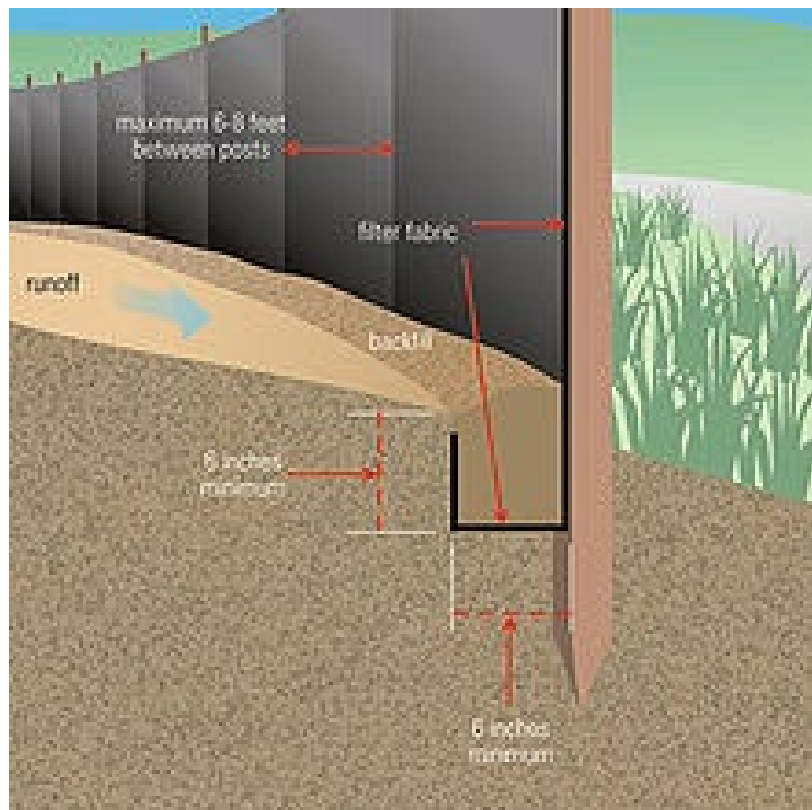
## Impacts on Watersheds Water Quality



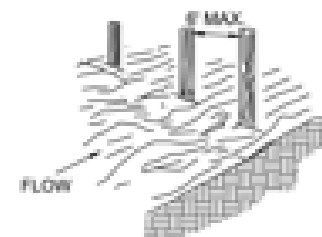
- Nutrient overloading
- Sediment runoff
- Toxic Chemicals
- Organic loading
- Thermal loading
- Stream Channel Alteration
- Altered Hydrology
- Pathogens
- Metals
- Road Salt

# Types of Sediment Control?

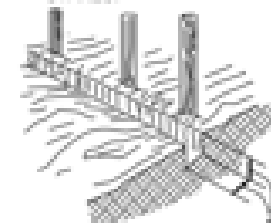




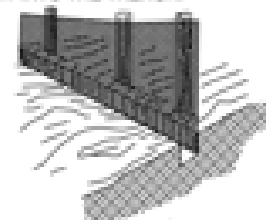
1. SET THE STAKES.



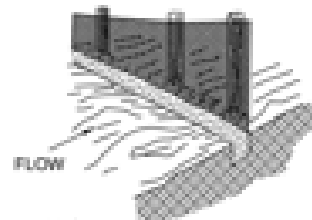
2. EXCAVATE A 4"x4" TRENCH UPSLOPE ALONG THE LINE OF STAKES.



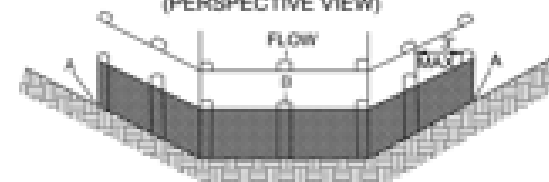
3. STAPLE FILTER MATERIAL TO STAKES AND EXTEND IT INTO THE TRENCH.



4. BACKFILL AND COMPACT THE EXCAVATED SOIL.



SHEET FLOW INSTALLATION  
(PERSPECTIVE VIEW)



POINTS A SHOULD BE HIGHER THAN POINT B.  
DRAINAGEWAY INSTALLATION  
(FRONT ELEVATION)

PLATE 3.05-2

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CONSTRUCTION OF A SILT FENCE (WITHOUT WIRE SUPPORT)

No Scale

























***PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION***



***IN MAINE***

What is the best form of  
Erosion Control?

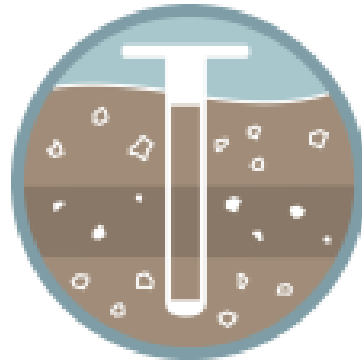




**Sustainable vegetation!**



So, What makes it grow?



# How do we Establish Sustainable Vegetation

**Create Optimal Soil Conditions**

**Select the Correct Erosion Control**

**Material**

**Ensure Proper Installation**

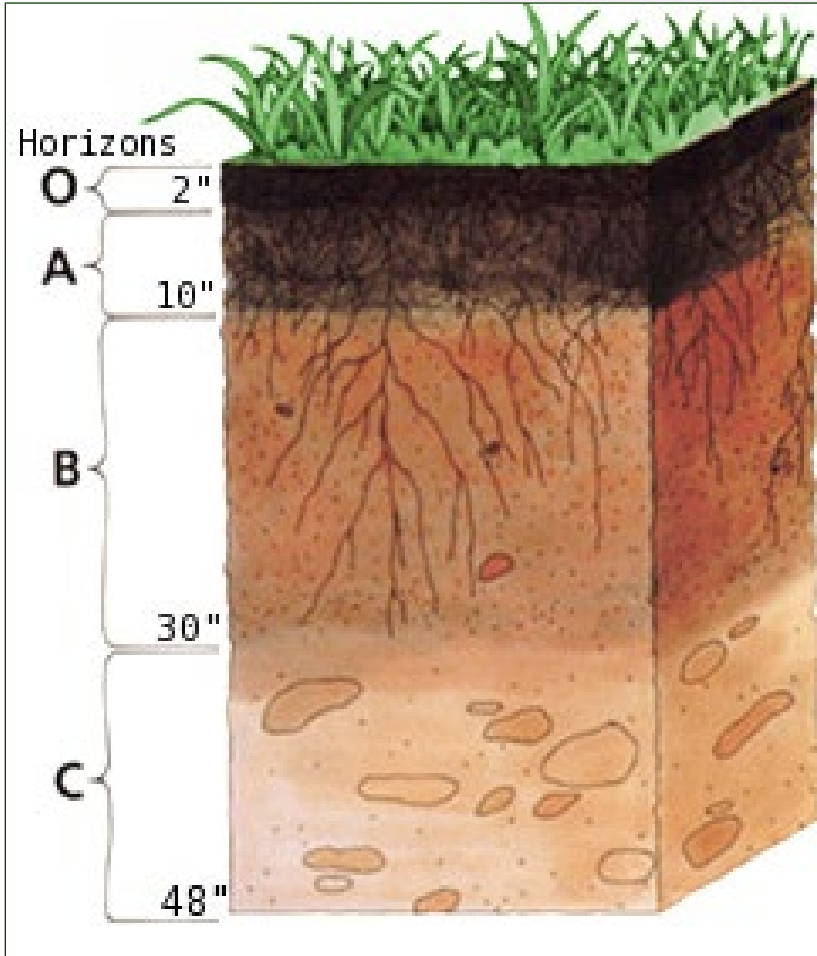


## Create Optimal Soil Conditions

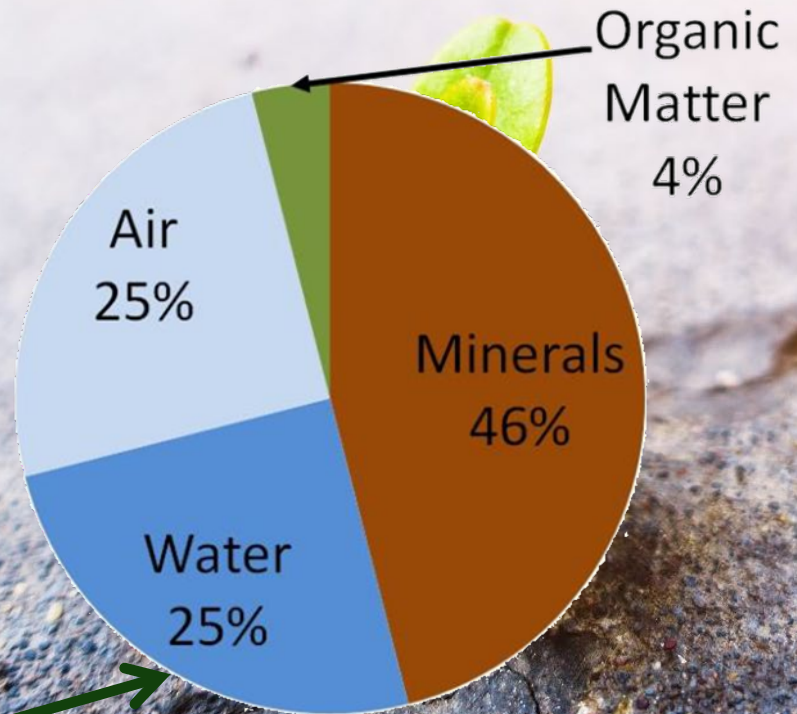
- Evaluate soil fertility
- Provide a basis for amendment recommendations
- Help ensure appropriate plant species selection
- Predict probability of desired outcome



# Ideal Soil Profile



An ideal soil composition contains a balance of components as shown below.



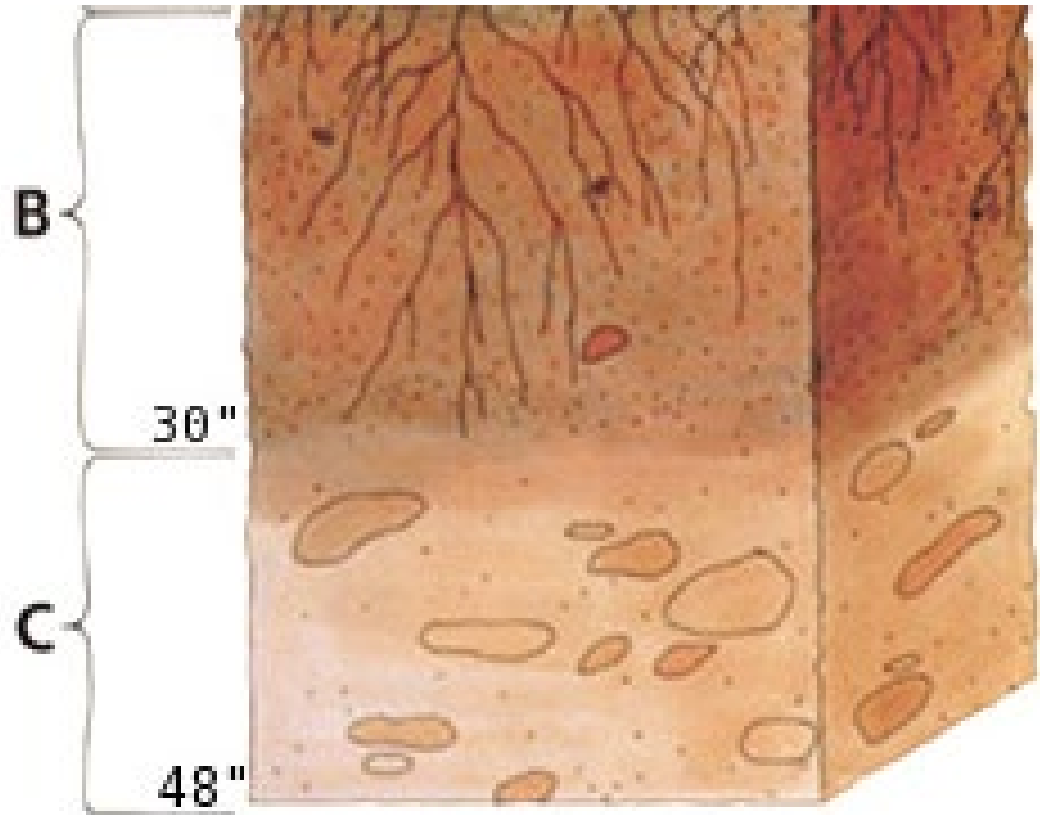
Ideal Soil Composition



# Typical Construction Site Soil Profile

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- Most projects start with “B” or “C” horizons, perhaps even worse:
  - Low organic environments
  - pH values out of range
  - High soil erodibility values
  - Toxic environments
  - Saline Soils



# Do you routinely conduct soil testing for agronomic potential when designing or installing a project?

Yes

No



*Historically, 72% of attendees said "no"*





# What we are looking for in a Soil Test

- 
- Texture/Type – sand, silt, or clay?
  - pH – to determine soil acidity or alkalinity
  - % Organic Matter and Organic Acids
  - Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium (N, P, K)
  - Electrical Conductivity (EC)
  - Total Dissolved
  - Salts (TDS)
  - Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC)
  - Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR)
  - Excess metals and salts



Do you know  
where your  
soil needs to  
be?

**Ideal pH?**

6.3 to 7.3

**Ideal Organic Matter?**

5% or more



## Soil Food Web

Biofilms surround every life form

Soil Crust Microbes

Bacteria

Earthworm

Ground Beetle

Millipede

Spider

Ant

Mite

Fungal hyphae in soil

Microfungi in soil

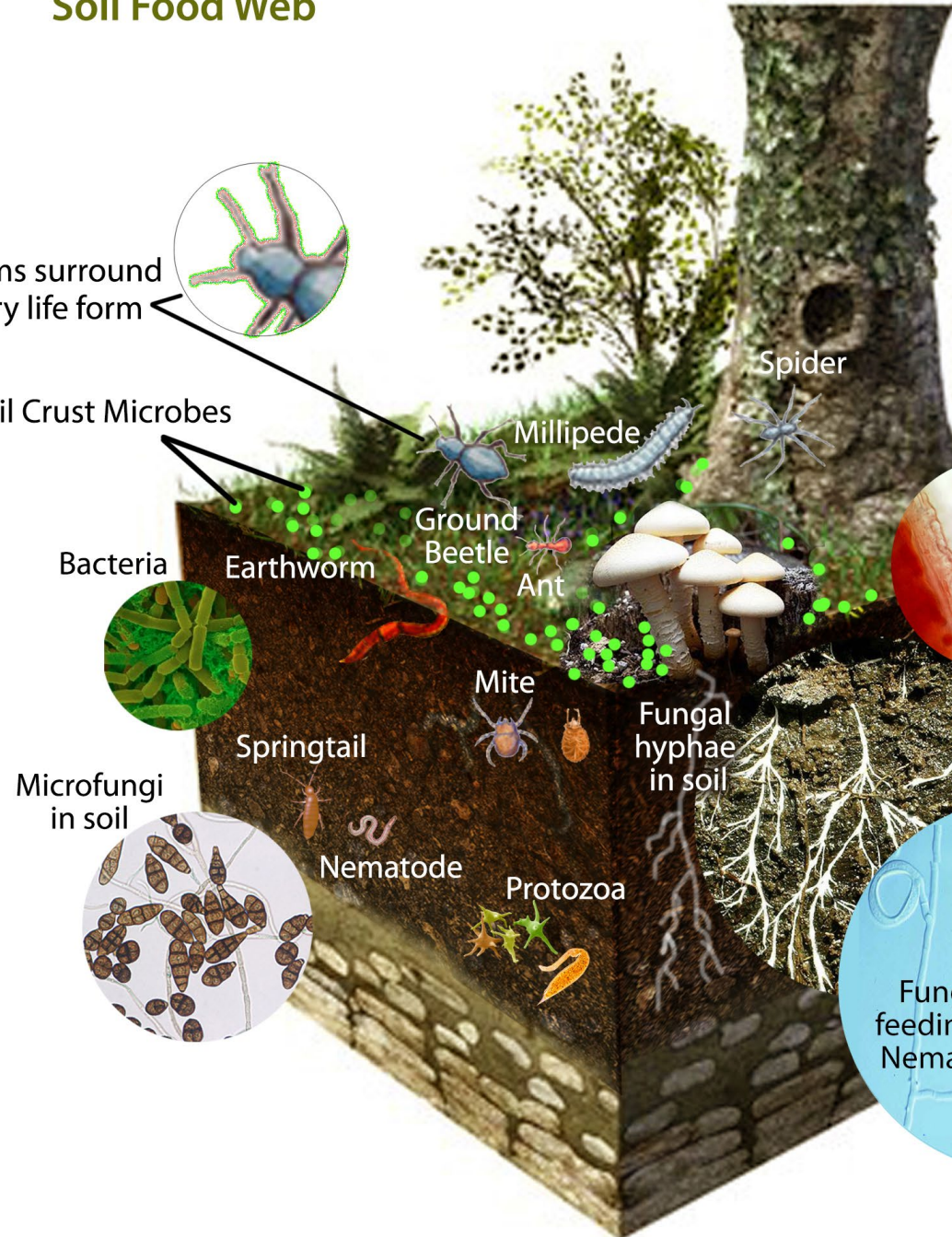
Springtail

Nematode

Protozoa

# Soil Ecology

Maintaining or developing healthy soil ecology is important to soil & vegetation health.



Fungal feeding  
Nema



**N**


**NITROGEN**

greens up plants

**JUST THINK:**

↑ UP ↑

**NITROGEN**



**P**

**PHOSPHORUS**

reaches down to the roots and helps produce blooms

↓ DOWN ↓

**PHOSPHORUS**



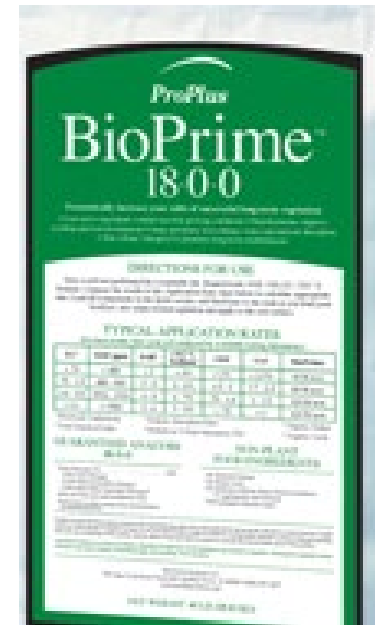
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**POTASSIUM**

promotes all around wellbeing

← ALL AROUND →

**POTASSIUM**



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## Possible Soil Amendments

- **Fertilizers**
- **Soil Neutralizers**
- **Organic Matter**
- **Growth Stimulators and Enhancers**
- **Biotic Soil Amendments/  
Biotic Soil Media**



# What fast acting growth stimulants can do

Without treatment



With treatment







**BIOTIC SOIL MEDIA™**







## — GAME-CHANGING ADVANTAGES —

Many construction sites have depleted soils with low organic matter that require more than just fertilizer and other amendments to establish sustainable vegetation. Placing costly imported topsoil over depleted soils has historically been the preferred option to establish vegetation. Using ProGanics Biotic Soil Media in place of topsoil on challenging and difficult-to-access sites will not only save money and time, but will also provide a growing medium that helps establish vegetation.



\*Amount needed to cover 1 acre (0.4 ha) with 4 in (10 cm) of topsoil; based on a 15 cubic yard capacity dump truck.

**36** = **2**  
**TRUCKS**  
— OF —  
**TOPSOIL\***

5,000 pounds of ProGanics provides the same amount of organic and soil building components per acre as 36 loads of rich topsoil. *Separation layer will be required on highly deficient soils.*

**2**  
**TANKLOADS**  
— OF —  
**Biotic Soil Media**

3,500–5,000 lb/ac • 3,900–5,600 kg/ha

\*3,000-gallon capacity hydroseeder equipped with gear or positive displacement pump.





- **Recycled Thermally Refined**
- **Bark & Wood Fibers**
- **Biopolymers**
- **Biochar**
- **Seaweed Extract**
- **Humic Acid**
- **Endomycorrhiza**
- **Bacteria Microbes**
- **Non-Toxic**
- **Phyto-Sanitized**

## Department of Transportation Site



Slopes prior to application, Sept. 21st



Installation date, Sept. 21st



Established Vegetation on Oct. 31st, 2016

### Situation

In order to establish vegetation, it's important to identify why grass isn't growing. When Profile Products was asked to assist with this problematic site in New Hampshire, performing a soil test was the very first step. The results of the soil test clearly showed that ProGanics® Biotic Soil Media™ was needed to modify the soil chemistry and jump start vegetation establishment.

ProGanics BSM™ is an alternative to topsoil and unlike traditional organic material, ProGanics is a high-quality consistent product that's easy to use. It doesn't have the variability that's found in topsoil.

### Challenges

- Unable to achieve sustainable results
- Short steep slope (≤2H:1V)
- Low pH
- Needed an alternative to trucking in topsoil as access to site was limited

### Solution & Application

- Soil test performed to determine the nutrient value at the site
- NeutralLime™ Dry at 160 lbs./acre
- Soluble Gypsum at 500 lbs./acre
- ProGanics® BSM™ at 3,500 lbs./acre
- Hydro-Blanket® BFM at 3,500 lbs./acre

### Results

After the installation of ProGanics, skepticism on whether or not vegetation could be established was answered. Using the results from the soil test, combined with ProGanics that provided a fundamental base of organic material on a highly deficient soil site, Profile and ProGanics delivered results on this challenging site.

The local engineer will be working with their DOT to ensure that ProGanics is used on all future projects where needed. Spray it. Don't spread it!



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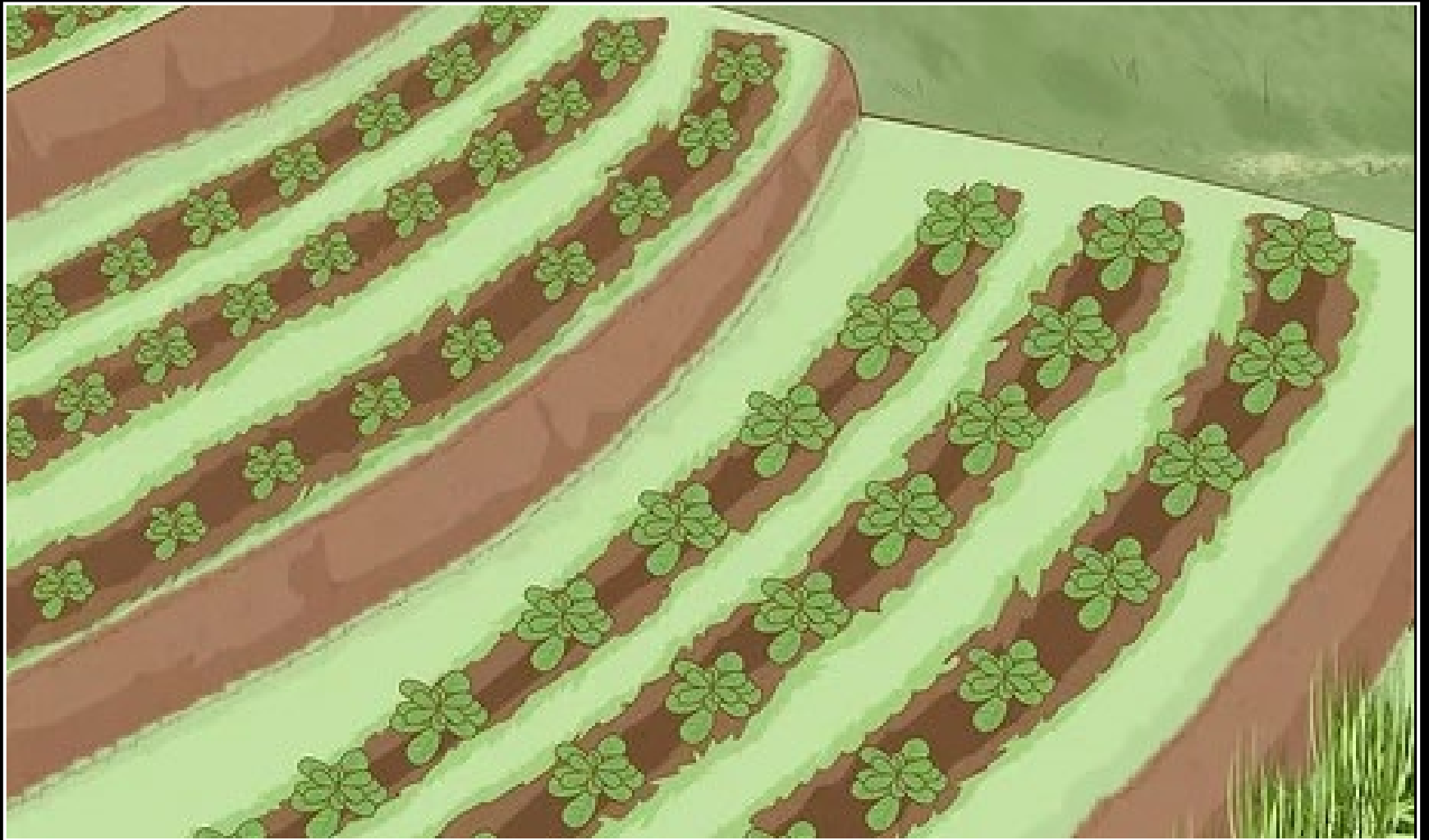


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**Exit 3**





Erosion Control Methods





# Erosion Control Methods

- Ground Manipulation (terracing, tracking, etc.)
- Loose Mulches (blown straw, compost, wood)
- Chemical Erosion Control, promotes aggregation of soil (PAM)
- Hydraulic Erosion Control Products (HECPs)
- Rolled Erosion Control Products (RECP)
  - Temporary Erosion Control Blankets (ECB)
  - Permanent Turf Reinforcement Mats (TRM)
- Revetment Systems
- Hard Armor
  - Rock Riprap
  - Rock filled baskets (gabions, reno mattresses, Triton)
  - Articulated Concrete block
  - Poured Concrete





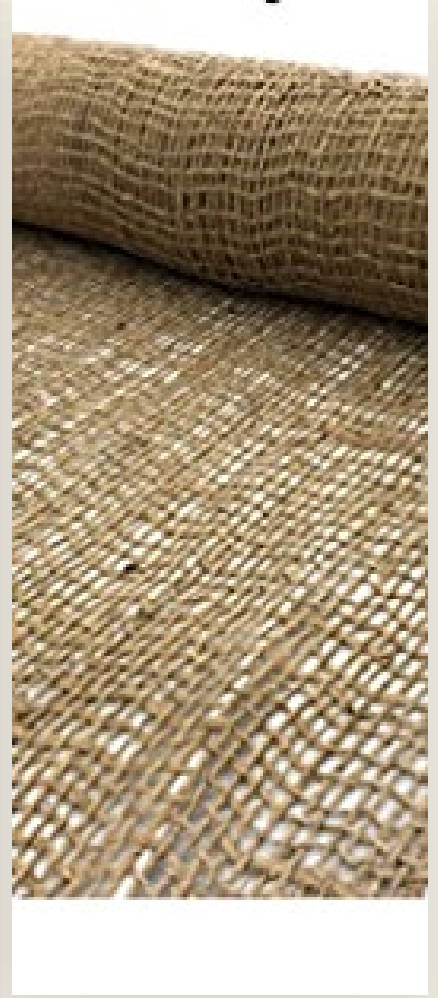








## Erosion Control Blankets





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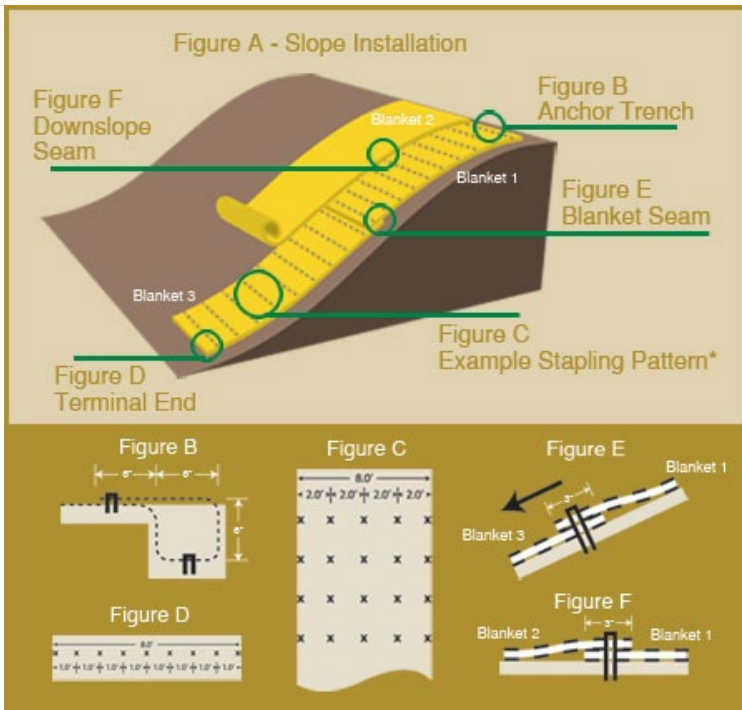






# Erosion Control Blankets

## Proper Installation of Erosion Control Blankets



### Step to take when using ECB's

- Start 1-2 feet behind crest of slope
- Trench for keying in Blanket
- Seeding and amendments prior to installation of ECB
- Staple ECB in Trench
- Backfill Trench
- Roll ECB down slope
- Pull ECB tight while stapling down slope
- Verify 100% ground contact

# Erosion Control Blankets

What Failures  
Look Like



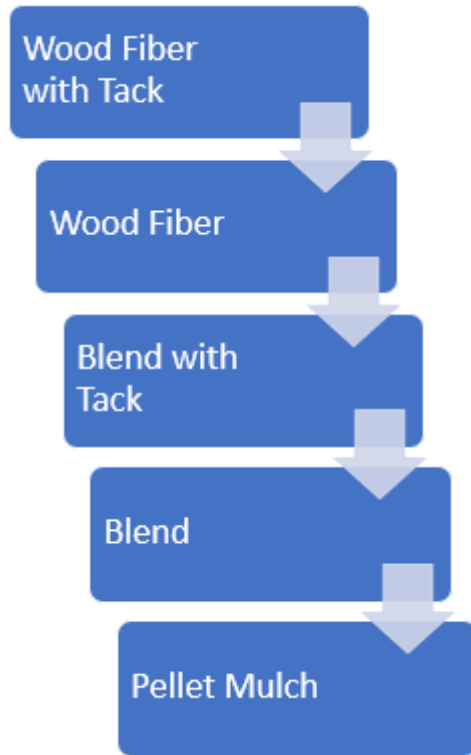


# Hydraulically- Applied Erosion Control Products

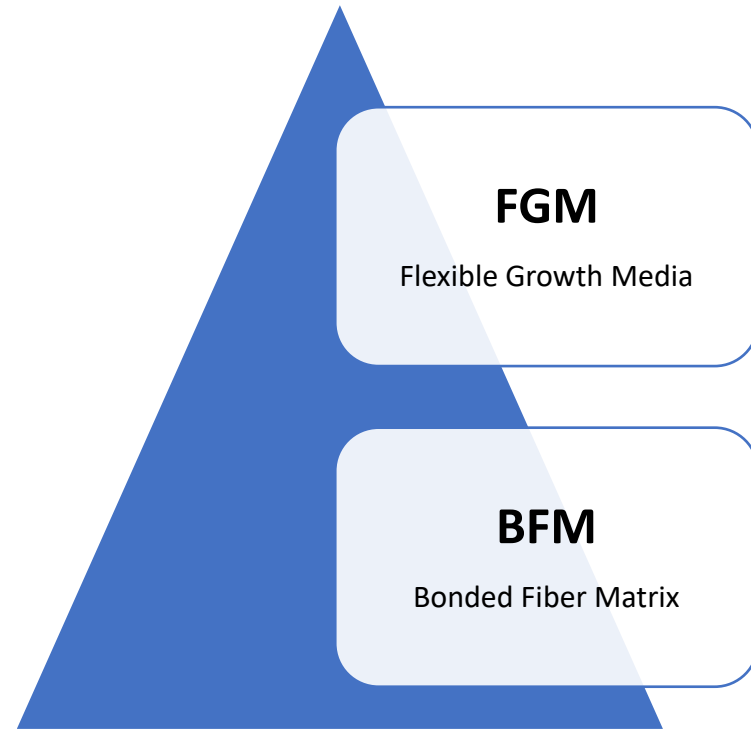
- Customized to site specific conditions
- Minimal labor required
- Economical way to control erosion and establish vegetation
- Wide range of performance platforms
- Safe for environment



# Types of Hydraulic Mulch



Seeding Mulch Products



Erosion Control Mulch Products



# Enhanced Environmental Benefits



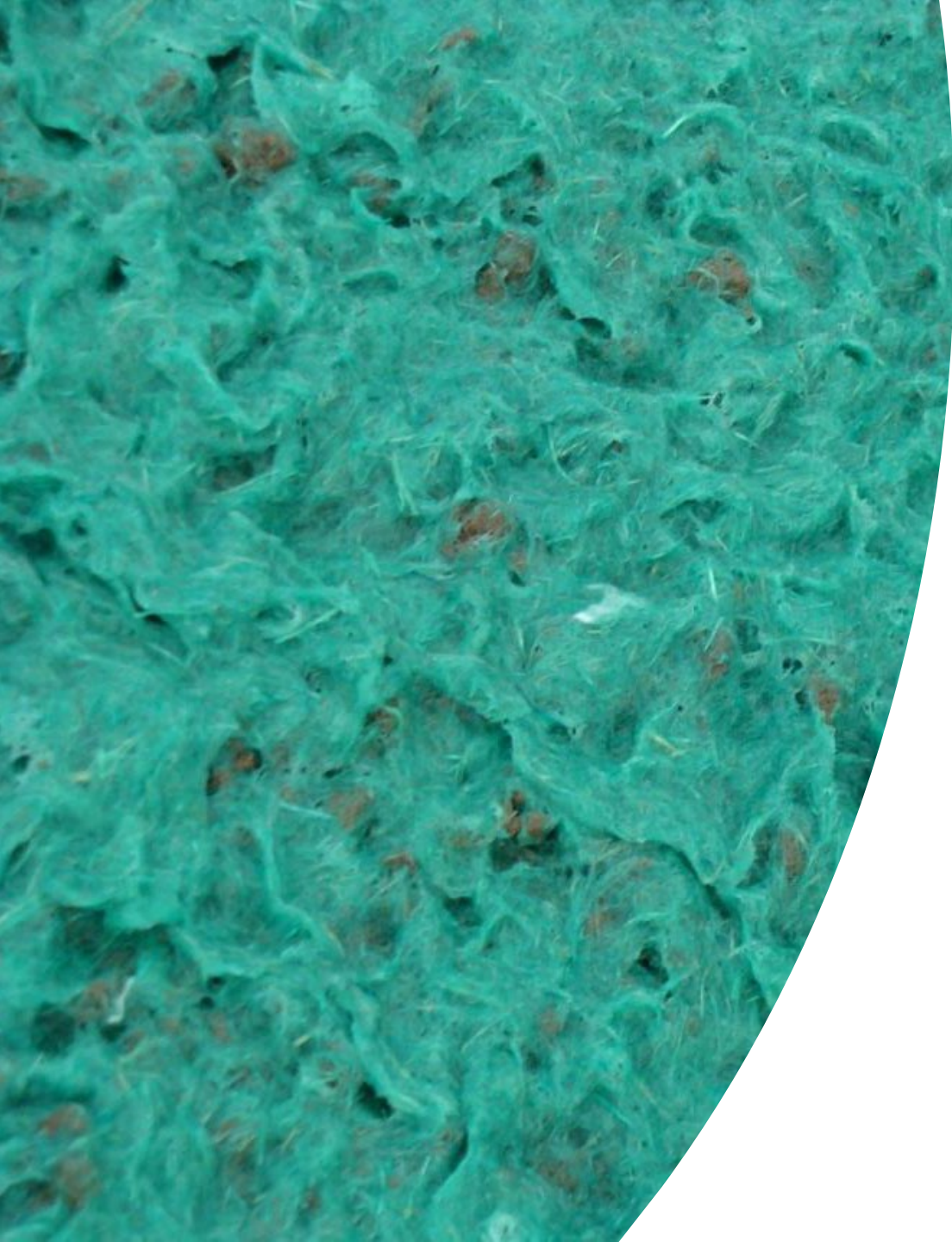
- **100% Biodegradable**
  - Including interlocking man-made fibers
  - Verified via ASTM D5338 testing
- **100% Recycled Wood Fibers**
  - Verified via ISO 14021
- **100% non-toxic and safe for aquatic and terrestrial life**
  - Verified via EPA 2021.0 Testing
- **Phyto-Sanitized wood fibers (weed and pathogen free)**
  - Thermally refined process heats wood fibers to  $>380^{\circ}$  F











You should see  
no exposed soil  
at a 3,500  
lb./acre rate of a  
erosion control  
mulch like FGM





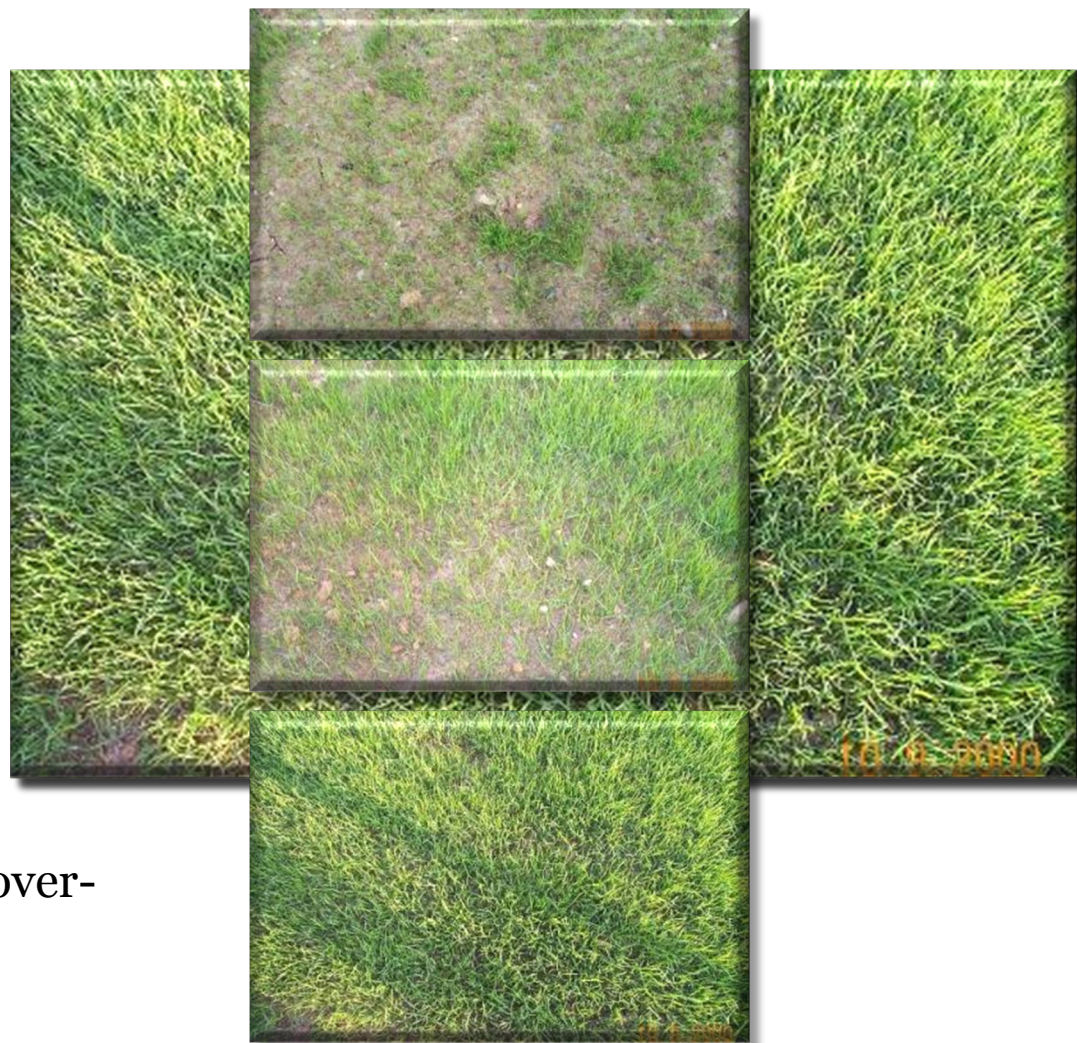
# Superior Technology Drives Higher Performance



- Patented Flexterra® High Performance-Flexible Growth Medium™ (HP-FGM™):
  - Immediately effective upon application—bonds directly to soil
  - **Superior erosion control—99% effective** at multiple large-scale testing laboratories
  - Excellent functional longevity that lasts through grow-in
  - Ideal for dormant seeding and long-term protection and steep slopes
  - Less soil preparation lower installed cost
  - Faster vegetative establishment and greater biomass production
  - Minimizes soil loss and turbidity of effluent runoff
  - Environmentally friendly

# Mulch Rates Makes a Big Difference in Results

- Test Plot 1 After 18 Days  
(1,500 lbs. mulch)
- Test Plot 2 After 18 Days  
(2,500 lbs. mulch)
- Test Plot 3 After 18 Days  
(3,500 lbs. mulch)



HECP's are a very small part of the overall project cost!





## Case Study-Club Motorsports Tamworth, NH





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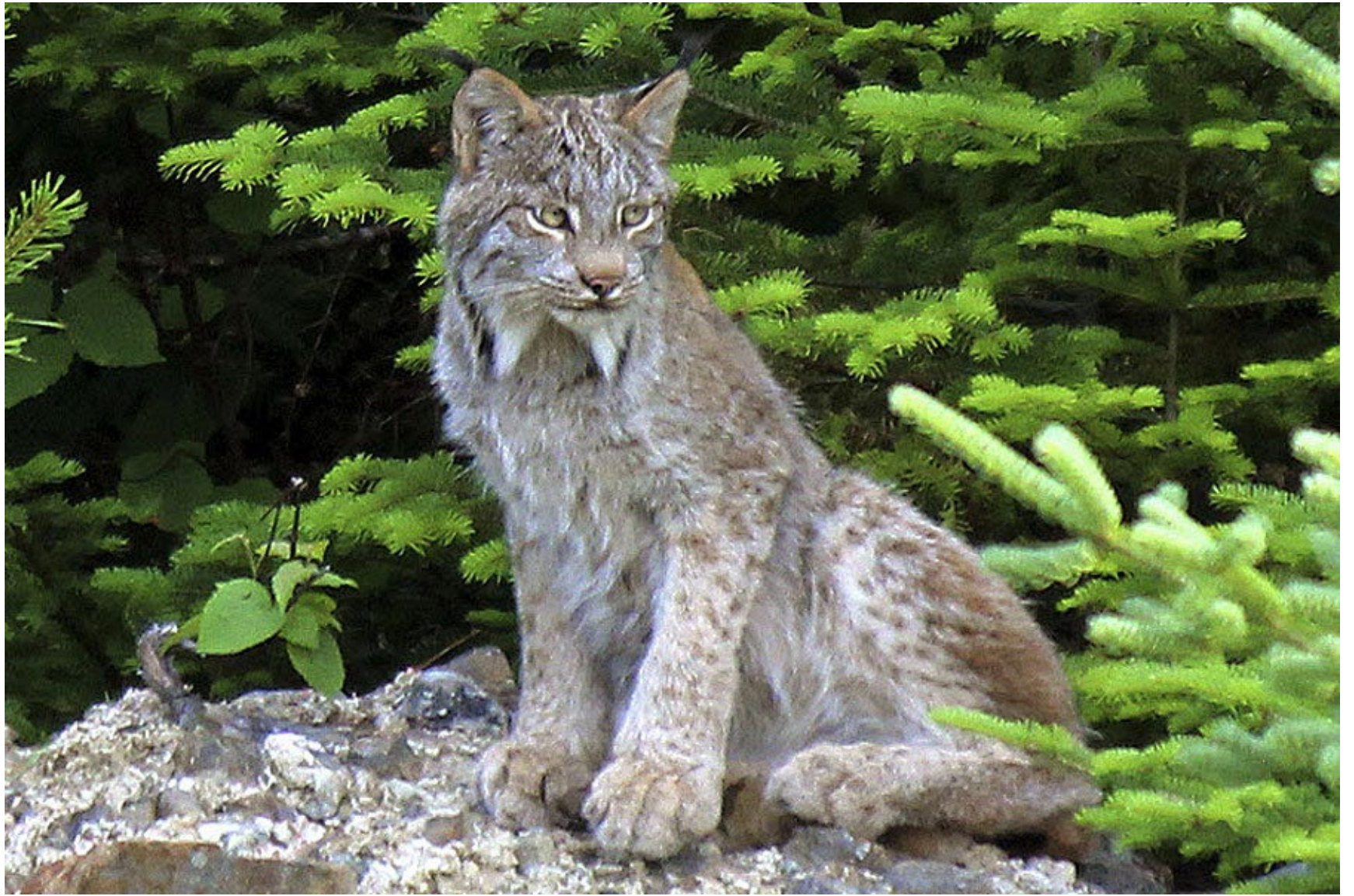
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# Plymouth, MA





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# Evaluating a Site





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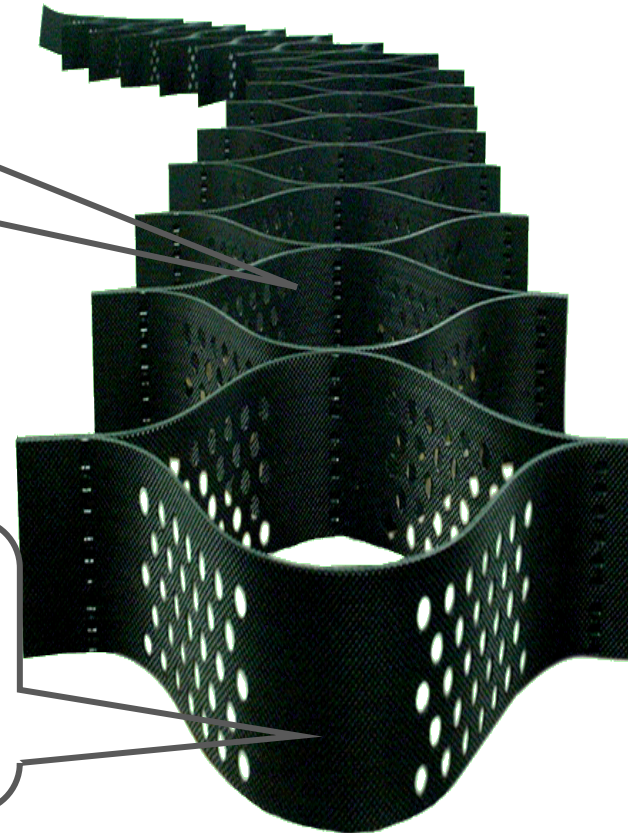


**The Container**

3 Sizes  
5 Depths  
5 Section Lengths

**The Content**

Topsoil  
Aggregate  
Concrete  
Engineered Fill





## Alton Bay, NH



They cut the slope back at the base. It left them with a 1:1 slope that was approximately 48' High.



## Alton Bay, NH



They had one of the guys repel down the slope to put in the connectors in.



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3 days to put the section together and install it on the slope



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8-9 weeks after Hydro Seeding

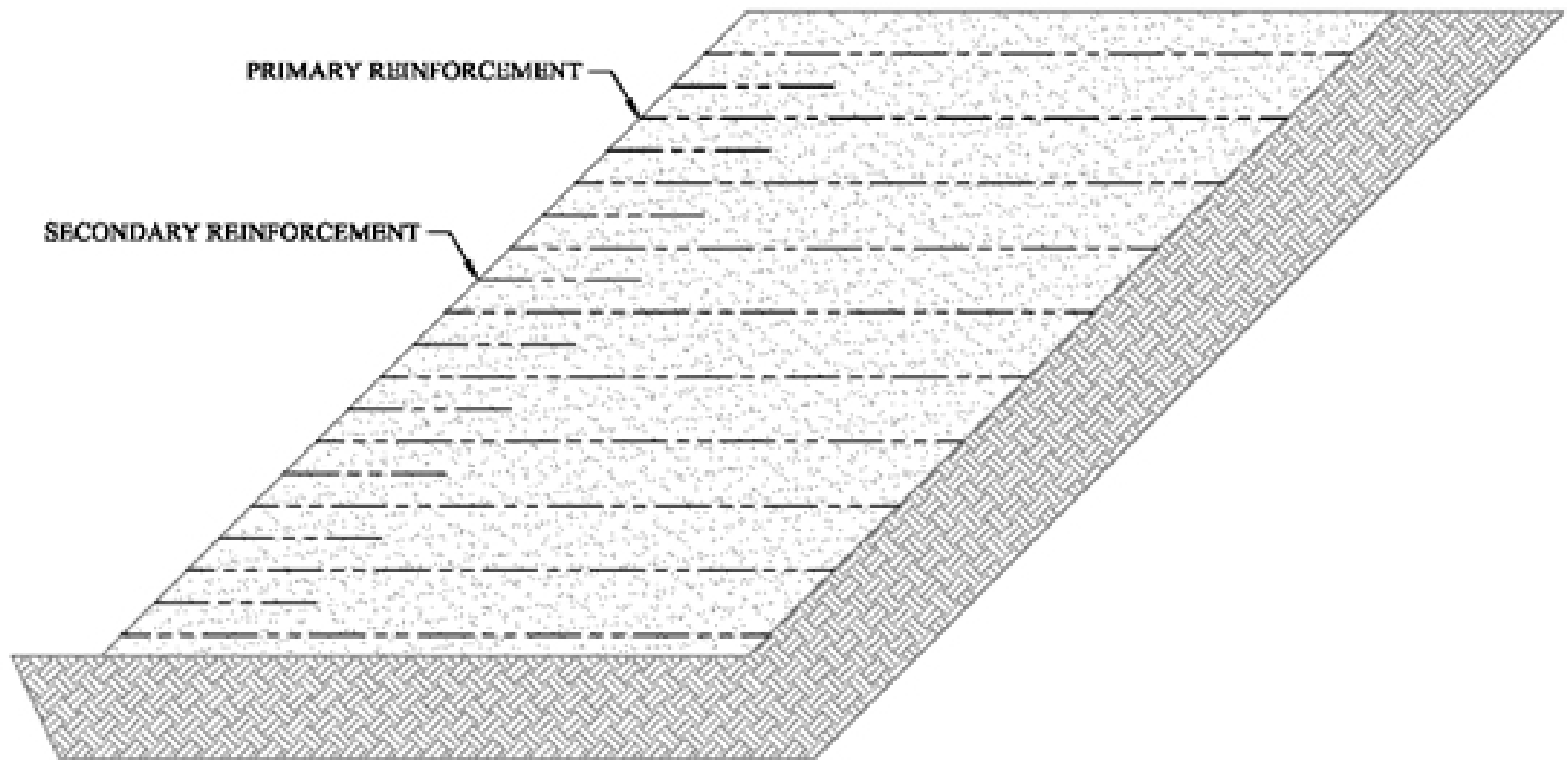


Alton Bay, NH



Fall

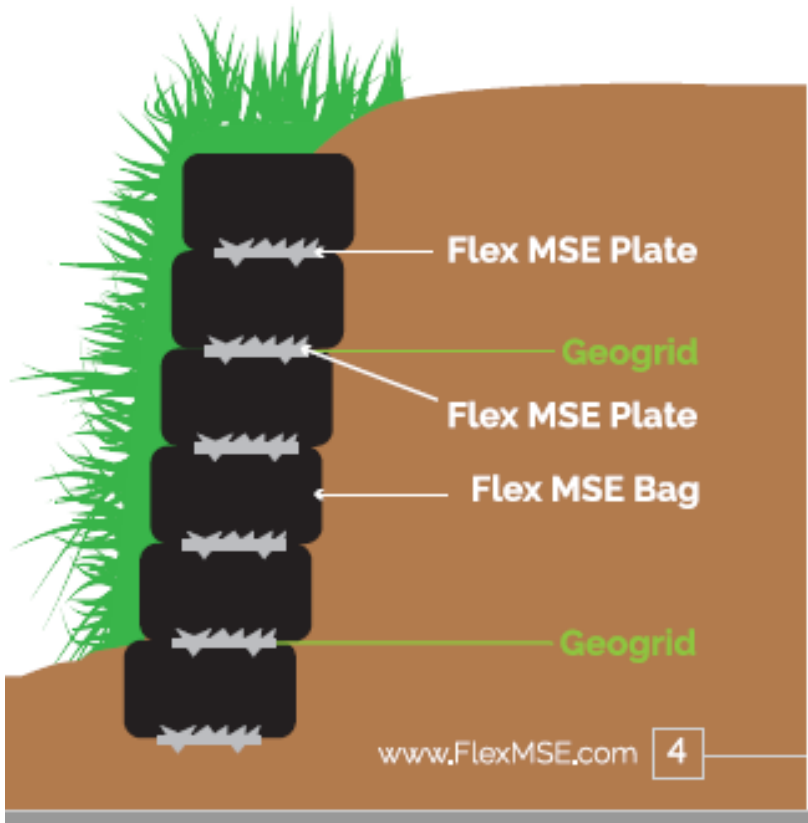












10m (33ft) tall municipal roadway



## Erosion & Sediment Control Methods for Keeping Contaminants on your Project Site

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