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## SOIL EROSION

### *Purpose*

To identify fields undergoing soil degradation due to erosion and to encourage control of degradation through education or enforcing the Soil Conservation Act if necessary.

### *Policy*

- a) All applicable sections of the Soil Conservation Act and Regulations form part of this policy.
- b) When a field where soil erosion due to wind is occurring has been identified, the Agricultural Supervisor or the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman will visit the field and will, to the best of their ability, determine the severity of the problem and the potential for the problem to rectify itself or get worse.
- c) Should it be determined that the soil erosion problem will more than likely continue or get worse, the landowner/occupant shall be contacted.
- d) Should it be determined that the soil erosion problem will more than likely resolve itself, or the landowner/occupant has indicated that they will undertake remedial action the field will be monitored regularly.
- e) Should the soil erosion problem get worse, or not resolve itself, or if the landowner/occupant does not undertake remedial action, a Soil Conservation Notice may be issued.
- f) Only the Agricultural Supervisor or the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman will issue Soil Conservation Notices.
- g) When landowners/occupants require machinery and equipment for the purpose of controlling soil erosion they should first utilize private contractors or equipment rental businesses.
- h) Should, in consultation with the Agricultural Supervisor or the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, it be deemed impractical to wait for a private contractor or rental equipment, or if a Soil Conservation Notice has been issued and enforcement is necessary, County agricultural conservation equipment may be used to remediate the soil erosion.
- i) Access to County agricultural conservation equipment shall be dependent on availability as determined by the Agricultural Supervisor or the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman.

- j) Rates for use of County agricultural equipment shall be set in the County’s Master Rates Bylaw.
- k) If there is soil erosion, and the soil fills up the ditch and impedes drainage; the County will remove the soil and charge it back to the adjacent landowner.
- l) Rates for County Public Works equipment shall be set in the County’s Master Rates Bylaw.
- m) In the case of an emergent situation, and County equipment is not available, a contractor may be utilized, and their fees will be charged back to the landowner/occupant responsible.
- n) The County may take such steps as to recover the debt by adding the unpaid expenses to the tax roll as an additional tax against the land in respect of which the expenses were incurred.

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## *Policy History*

### **Amendment Dates & Descriptions:**

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