

# **DO IT ONCE...**

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***Don't let your project get delayed ...  
( or worse UNBUILDABLE) by grading a site  
prior to an approval of a building (grading) permit***

Not only is it not permitted, but also can cause serious problems when not done properly:

- Newly exposed soil can erode easily, moving from areas where you want it (e.g., on the hill behind your house) to areas where you don't want it (e.g., up against your house, in a street or creek, or on a neighbor's property).
- If soil placed under a building is not compacted enough or if the density varies too much, the building may settle and suffer damage.
- Excessive grading causes loss of natural vegetation and damages other natural Resources for years to come.
- Even minor grading can change the way water drains across your property, which can cause erosion problems for a neighbor and a liability for you.
- Building sites can also be rendered unusable through incorrect grading.

Grading permits are required for all but the smallest earth-moving operations. Even when a permit is not required, you should still provide grading erosion control measures to preserve your own property and to protect adjoining properties, public roads and watersheds.

## ***Take Note...***

If the Owner/Developer violates the requirements of the County Building Standards by grading without an approved permit:

- A violation may result in delays in obtaining approval of proposed projects;
- Sensitive environmental resources may have to be partially or completely restored to their pre-grading condition at the owner expense and fees may be doubled.