# Grading, Erosion, and Sediment Control (GESC) Process Matrix

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<td><strong>EXEMPT ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
<td>Projects with no earthwork or disturbance. Projects that are exempted by law.</td>
<td>Emergency activities such as floods, fires, accidents, mowing, cemetery graves, weed control, and irrigation.</td>
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| **LOW RISK ACTIVITIES** | A project with less than one acre of disturbance AND not part of a Larger Common Plan of Development AND meets the following conditions:  
- Disturbance located outside of the floodplain  
- Has no effect or change to existing drainage patterns  
- Is not a repetitive or ongoing activity(s)  
- Doesn’t require any other SEMSWA permit | Residential fence installation and repair, residential driveway, generator pad, sound berms, monument signs, building re-skin, neighborhood garden, patio, gazebo. | NO/NO/NO | None | $0 |
| **LOW IMPACT PERMIT** | A project with less than one acre of disturbance AND not part of a Larger Common Plan of Development AND meets the following conditions:  
- Disturbance located outside of the floodplain  
- Has no effect or change to existing drainage patterns  
- Short in duration with small footprints that can be controlled with typical control measures, materials management, and good housekeeping  
- Does not result in the construction of a permanent Water Quality Control Measure | Small utility work and repairs, small infill buildings and additions, substantial landscaping improvements. | YES*/NO/YES | Live Review available on Thursday’s Submittals follow City / County timelines | See Fee Schedule |
| **SINGLE-FAMILY INDIVIDUAL LOT PERMIT** | Individual lot residential development that is not included within an active subdivision development site with an overall approved GESC Plan. These individual lot sites have a low level of complexity, with established drainage patterns, such that SEMSWA’s Standard Lot Plans can be used. | Infill single-family home construction, individual lot custom homes, redevelopment of existing single-family home (complete scrape and rebuild). | YES*/NO/YES | Same as Low Impact above | See Fee Schedule |
| **STANDARD PERMIT** | A project with greater than or equal to one acre of disturbance, OR one or more acres of disturbance as a part of a Larger Common Plan of Development OR meets the following conditions:  
- Is within 100 feet of a drainageway and results in a disturbance within the floodplain requiring analysis  
- Affects or changes, or has the potential to change, existing drainage patterns requiring analysis  
- Has a substantially large volume staging of material, significant concrete or grouting work, or considerable waste material storage or generation  
- Results in the construction of a permanent Water Quality Control Measure | Channel stabilization, mixed use development and redevelopment, over lot grading. | YES/YES/YES | Follows City / County timelines | See Fee Schedule |
| **ANNUAL PERMIT** | UDFCD Annual Permit – Work completed under the UDFCD maintenance program with project costs less than $300K.  
Metro District / Park and Recreation Project Annual Permit – Repair, replacement, or maintenance of existing improvement.  
City/County Concrete and Asphalt Program – Minor asphalt and concrete repair or maintenance under the City or County annual concrete or asphalt program.  
Utility Annual Permit – Activities associated with dry utility boring, open trench that doesn’t exceed 18-inch width with no trenching within the floodplain, utility pole replacement or repair, and utility box installation and repair. | Telecommunication/electrical/gas boring projects, City/County curb and gutter replacement program, sidewalk infill, tennis court repair or resurface, trail repair, minor structure repair; minor channel maintenance. | YES*/NO/YES | Annual Coordination/Training Meeting Required | Flat Fee Based on Activity |

1 This is only for the GESC Permit; other permits may be necessary and or required.