

Permanent Seeding

Practice Description
Permanent seeding is the establishment of perennial vegetation on disturbed areas for periods longer than 12 months. Permanent vegetation provides economical long-term erosion control and helps prevent sediment from leaving the site. This practice is used when vegetation is desired to permanently stabilize the soil or if future phases of a construction site will remain dormant for a significant period of time after grading. It is necessary to protect earthen structures such as dikes, channels and embankments. Particular care is required to establish a good, thick cover of permanent grass.

Recommended Minimum Requirements
A qualified professional should specify plant materials, seeding rates and times prior to start of construction. The site superintendent and field personnel should refer to plans and specifications throughout the construction process. To ensure germination and growth, prepare seedbed, add soil amendments according to soil tests, mulch all seeded areas and follow the seeding dates.

Seedbed Preparation
For broadcast seeding or drilling, loosen soil to depth of 3-inches. For till drilling, loosen the soil if it's compacted. Avoid excessively wet conditions.

Soil Amendments
Incorporate fertilizer and lime (if soil pH is less than 6.0) incorporated 3- to 6-inches into the soil.

Seed Quality
Use certified seed, tested within the past 9 months.

Planting Dates
Coordinate the construction schedule with planting dates appropriate for region and species (See Table 6.5).

Plants
Select from recommended erosion control plants (grass or grass/legume mixtures) as shown in Tables 6.5 and 6.6. Rate of application and seeding dates are shown in Tables 6.4, 6.7 and 6.8.

Mulch
Cover a minimum of 75 percent of the ground surface with approved material (See **Mulching**).

Inspection
Inspect seeded areas during each weekly inspection. Repair and reseed as necessary.

Installation
During final grading, take soil samples from the top 6-inches in each area to be seeded. Submit sample to a soil testing laboratory for liming and fertilizer recommendations.

Seedbed Preparation

- Seedbed preparation is essential for the seed to germinate and grow.
- For broadcast seeding and drilling, loosen the soil to a depth of approximately 3-inches.
- For no-till drilling, the soil surface does not need to be loosened unless the site has surface compaction.
- Loosen compacted, hard or crusted soil surfaces with a disk, ripper, chisel, harrow or other tillage equipment.
- Avoid preparing the seedbed under excessively wet conditions.

Liming

- Follow the recommendations resulting from the soil test. Apply ground agricultural limestone unless a soil test shows a pH of 6.5 or greater.
- Incorporate lime into the top 3- to 6-inches of soil.
- Do not add lime if the pH is 7.0 or greater.

Fertilizer
Remember: Phosphorus helps roots grow and develop to get the grass plants established. Nitrogen will only be taken up after the seed has germinated and the vegetation is growing. It may wash down stream if applied heavily during seeding.

Note: Fertilizer can be blended to meet exact fertilizer recommendations. Take soil test recommendations to local fertilizer dealer for bulk fertilizer blends. This may be more economical than bagged fertilizer.

For establishment and long-term growth, apply a complete fertilizer at rates recommended by soil tests or as specified in the design plan. In the absence of soil tests, use the following as a guide:

- A typical fertilizer blend for lawn grass mixes: Apply 10-24-18 which represents 10 percent of actual nitrogen - 24 percent of actual phosphorus and 18 percent of actual potassium within the fertilizer compound. If you had 100 pounds of a 10-24-18 blend you would have 10 pounds of actual nitrogen, 24 pounds of actual phosphorus and 18 pounds of actual potassium within the bag.

Plant Selection
If not specified in the design plan, choose a suitable species of grass or a grass/legume mixture from Tables 6.5 and 6.6 appropriate for the season. Consider site conditions including soils, plant characteristics, region of the state and desired level of maintenance. The species shown are adapted for lawns and erosion control. If there are questions on species selection and how they may be adapted in wildlife habitat or wetland applications, contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service or Extension office.

Developing a Mixture
A pure stand of grass provides the best erosion control. The advantage of a grass/legume mix is the legume provides nitrogen to the grass and often grows during hotter and drier months when the grass is dormant. Usually one grass and one or two legumes is sufficient in a mixture. More grasses can be mixed together, but may be of little use. Refer to Tables 6.5 and 6.6 for information about each grass and legume to determine the correct species for your site.

Nurse Crops (Temporary or Annual Species)
Nurse crops are temporary grains that have one growing season such as wheat, rye and oats and are sometimes used in a seeding mixture. These annuals can reduce weeds, control erosion and provide protection to young seedlings until the perennial species become established.

Plant nurse crops about 1-inch deep. Most permanent grasses and legumes are sown 1/4 inch deep. Permanent seedings should not be planted deeper than 1/2 to 3/4 inch.

Aesthetic Plantings
A wide variety of native forbs and grasses are available that add diversity and beauty to permanent plantings (e.g., switchgrass as an accent). Contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office for species selection and seeding rates.

Planting Dates
If seeding dates are not specified in the design plan or construction has not proceeded according to schedule, use the seeding calendar shown in Table 6.5.

Plant during optimum seeding dates if at all possible. Always use mulch or other erosion control measures to protect the seed and reduce erosion until the vegetation is established. For dormant seeding dates, broadcast seed and immediately roll and outcrop for good soil-to-seed contact. If unable to seed according to schedule, use temporary seeding until the preferred date for permanent seeding.

Seeding Rates
If seeding rates are not specified in the design plan, use rates in Table 6.8 for grasses alone. Use rates in Table 6.9 for a grass or legume mixture. These rates are based on the poor growing conditions that typically exist on a development site, a need for dense growth and high germination rates.

For best results use certified seed. When using uncertified seed, use the highest recommended seeding rate. Higher seeding rates will not substitute for good seedbed preparation.

- Apply seed uniformly using a cyclone seeder, drop-type spreader, drill, outcrop seeder or hydroseeder.
- When using a drill seeder, plant rye or other grains about 1-inch deep; plant grasses and legumes no more than 1/4 inch. Calibrate equipment in the field.
- Cover seed by raking, or dragging a chain, brush or mat. Then firm the soil lightly with a roller. Seed can also be covered with hydro-mulched wood fiber and tackifier or a rolled erosion control product.
- Legumes require inoculation with nitrogen-fixing bacteria to ensure good growth. Purchase inoculum from seed dealer and mix with seed prior to planting.

Table 6.5 Planting Dates Optimum and Acceptable*

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Turf Fescue												
Tall Fescue												
Kentucky Bluegrass												
Perennial Ryegrass												
Ryegrass												
Reed Canary												
Bermuda - Common												
Bermuda - Hybrid												
Buffalograss ¹												
Zoysia ²												
Birdsfoot Trefoil												
Common Lespedeza												
Red Clover												
White Clover												
Wheat/Rye ³												
Oats ⁴												

Table 6.8 Example Seeding Mixtures for Critical Area Seeding

Species	Seeding Rate (PLS)*	
	lb./acre (PLS) ¹	lb./acre
Reed canarygrass / White clover	5 + 0.1	40 + 1
Reed canarygrass / Red clover	5 + 0.25	40 + 2
Tall fescue ² / Birdsfoot trefoil	10 + 0.25	80 + 2
Tall fescue ² / White clover	10 + 0.1	80 + 1
Tall fescue ² / Lespedeza	10 + 0.5	80 + 4
Tall fescue ² / Lespedeza / White clover	10 + 0.25 + 0.1	80 + 4 + 1
Tall fescue ² / Red clover	10 + 0.25	80 + 2
Tall fescue ² / Red clover / White clover	10 + 0.25 + 0.1	80 + 2 + 1
Kentucky bluegrass / White clover	3 + 0.1	25 + 1
Kentucky bluegrass / Red clover	3 + 0.25	25 + 2
Kentucky bluegrass / Birdsfoot trefoil	3 + 0.25	25 + 2
Kentucky bluegrass / Lespedeza	3 + 0.5	25 + 4
Perennial ryegrass / Red clover	8 + 1	70 + 10
Perennial ryegrass / Birdsfoot trefoil	8 + 0.5	70 + 5
Perennial ryegrass / Lespedeza	8 + 3	70 + 25
Big bluestem / Indiangrass / Switchgrass / Sideseed grass / Western Wheatgrass	-	3.4 + 2.5 + 2 + 3 + 4
Wheat / Rye (as nursery crop)	1.5	60
Oats (as nursery crop)	0.75	30

Erosion Control

- Mulching or a rolled erosion control product is recommended to conserve moisture, reduce erosion and protect the seed.
- Cover at least 75 percent of the area with approved mulch materials. Crimp, tack or tie down mulch with netting. Mulching is extremely important for successful seeding (See **Mulching**).

Construction Verification
Check materials and installation for compliance with specifications.

Maintenance and Inspection

- Inspect seeded areas weekly and after rain events. Check for erosion and seed wash out.
- Expect emergence of grasses and legumes within 28 days after seeding, with legumes following grasses.
- Check permanent seeding at each regular weekly inspection. Look for:
 - Germination.
 - Vigorous seedlings.
 - Uniform density with at least 70 percent of the ground surface covered.
 - Uniformity with nurse plants, legumes and grasses well intermixed.
 - Green, not yellow, leaves. Perennials should remain green throughout the summer, at least at the plant bases.

Table 6.6 Plant Characteristics

Species	Kansas Adaptation	Missouri Adaptation	Maintenance		Fertility Needs		Establishment Ease
			L-M-H	L-M-H	P-M-G	P-M-G	
Perennial ryegrass	E, C, W*	N, S	L	M	M	M	G
Canada wildrye	E, C, W*	N, S	M	L	L	L	G
Tall fescue	E, C, W*	N, S	M	L	H	G	G
Crested wheatgrass	E, C, W*	N	M	L	L	M	G
Kentucky bluegrass	E, C, W*	N, S	H	M	H	M	G
Bromegrass	E, C, W*	N, S	M	M	H	M	G
Reedtop	S, E	N, S	L	L	L	M	M
Reed canary ¹	E, C, W*	N, S	H	L	M	P	
Common Bermuda	E, C, W*	S	L	L	M	M	
Hybrid Bermuda	E, C, W*	-	L	L	M	M	
Buffalograss ²	E, C, W*	N, S	L	L	L	M	
Blue grama	E, C, W*	N, S	L	L	L	M	
Zoysia ³	E, C, W*	-	M	M	H	M	
Sideoats grama	E, C, W*	N, S	M	L	G		
Little bluestem	E, C, W*	N, S	M	L	M		
Indiangrass	E, C, W*	N, S	M	L	M		
Switchgrass	E, C, W*	N, S	M	L	M		
Birdsfoot trefoil	E, C, W*	N, S	L	H	P	M	
Common Lespedeza	E, C, W*	N, S	M	M	P	M	
Red clover	E, C, W*	N, S	M	M	P	M	
White clover	E, C, W*	N, S	L	M	M	G	
Alfalfa	E, C, W*	N, S	M	L	P		
Wheat	E, C, W*	-	M	M			
Rye (nursery)	E, C, W*	-	H	M			
Oats	E, C, W*	-	M	M			

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Table Key
L = low
M = moderate
H = high
P = poor
G = good

Table Key
Optimum Seeding Times
With Mulch Cover
Acceptable Seeding Times

Table 6.7 Species Tolerance for Environmental Conditions

Species	Tolerance				Soil Wetness
	Shade	Drought	Flooding	Traffic	
Perennial ryegrass	L	L	M	M	M
Canada wildrye	M	M	L	M	P
Tall fescue	M	M	M	M	P
Crested wheatgrass	L	H	M	M	G
Kentucky bluegrass	L	L	M	H	G
Bromegrass	L	M	L	H	M
Reedtop	L	L	M	H	G
Reed canary	L	M	H	H	G
Common Bermuda	L	H	H	H	M
Hybrid Bermuda	L	H	H	H	M
Buffalograss	L	H	H	H	G
Blue grama	L	H	L	M	P
Zoysia	L	H	M	H	P
Sideoats grama	L	H	M	H	M
Little bluestem	L	H	L	L	P
Big bluestem	L	H	M	L	M
Indiangrass	L	M	L	M	P
Switchgrass	L	M	M	M	G
Birdsfoot trefoil	L	H	L	M	G
Common Lespedeza	L	L	M	L	M
Red clover	L	L	L	M	P
White clover	L	L	L	H	M
Alfalfa	L	L	L	L	P

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Table 6.8 Seeding Rates

Species	Kansas: Full Seeding Rate ¹		Missouri: Full Seeding Rate ¹	
	lb./acre (PLS) ²	lb./acre	lb./acre (PLS) ²	lb./acre
Perennial ryegrass	150	150	150	150
Canada wildrye	21	24	24	24
Tall fescue	150	150	150	150
Crested wheatgrass	20	18	18	18
Kentucky bluegrass	100	100	100	100
Bromegrass	100	100	100	100
Reedtop	8	8	8	8
Reed canary ³	40	40	40	40
Common Bermuda	2	4	4	4
Hybrid Bermuda	20	20	20	20
Buffalograss	8	8	8	8
Blue grama	5	5	5	5
Zoysia ⁴	20	20	20	20
20 bu./acre	-	-	-	-
Sideoats grama	15	15	15	15
Little bluestem	9	13	13	13
Big bluestem	17	16	16	16
Indiangrass	12.5	16	16	16
Switchgrass	9	9	9	9
Birdsfoot trefoil	5	10	10	10
Annual lespedeza ⁵	14	16	16	16
Red clover	8	12	12	12
White clover	3	4	4	4
Alfalfa	9	9	9	9
Wheat	1 bu./acre	1 bu./acre	1 bu./acre	1 bu./acre
Rye (nursery)	1 bu./acre	1 bu./acre	1 bu./acre	1 bu./acre
Oats	1.5 bu./acre	1.5 bu./acre	1.5 bu./acre	1.5 bu./acre

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TRAP PLACEMENT AT LOW POINT

SILT SOCK (ALTERNATIVE)

TRAP PLACEMENT AT INTERMEDIATE INLET

DESIGN CRITERIA

1. MAXIMUM DRAINAGE AREA - 1 ACRE.
2. PEAK RUNOFF SHALL BE ≤ 2 CFS BASED ON THE 6-MONTH STORM.
3. STACK GRAVEL BAGS DOUBLE HIGH. PROVIDE GAP FOR DRAINAGE.

CURB INLET PROTECTION

SPACING OF TRAPS

Gutter Slope	LOW PT	INT	MAX
1%	15'	20'	15'
2%	15'	15'	15'
3% MAX.	10'	10'	10'

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DESIGN CRITERIA

1. MAXIMUM DRAINAGE AREA - 1 ACRE.
2. PEAK RUNOFF SHALL NOT EXCEED 2 CFS BASED ON A 6-MONTH STORM EVENT.
3. OTHER SEDIMENT PROTECTION PRODUCTS MAY BE USED, SUCH AS FITR FENCE™.

St. Charles County Erosion & Sediment Controls Standard Drawings

AREA INLET PROTECTION FABRIC DROP

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ISSUE REMARKS/DATE

- 1 INITIAL SUBMITTAL
- 2 9-23-20 Rev Duck Creek Cmmnt
- 3 20201001 Rev per City/Duckett/PWSD#2
- 4 20201014 Rev per Duckett
- 5 20201020 Rev per City Comments
- 6 20201102 Rev per DCSD Comments
- 7 20201106 Rev per City Comments

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