

## BMP C234: Vegetated Strip

### *Purpose*

Vegetated strips reduce the transport of coarse sediment from a construction site by providing a temporary physical barrier to sediment and reducing the runoff velocities of overland flow.

### *Conditions of Use*

- Vegetated strips may be used downslope of all disturbed areas.
- Vegetated strips are not intended to treat concentrated flows, nor are they intended to treat substantial amounts of overland flow. Any concentrated flows must be conveyed through the drainage system to a sediment pond. The only circumstance in which overland flow can be treated solely by a strip, rather than by a sediment pond, is when the following criteria are met (see [Table 4.2.4](#)):

| <b>Average Contributing area Slope</b> | <b>Average Contributing area Percent Slope</b> | <b>Max Contributing area Flowpath Length</b> |
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| 1.5H:1V or flatter                     | 67% or flatter                                 | 100 feet                                     |
| 2H:1V or flatter                       | 50% or flatter                                 | 115 feet                                     |
| 4H:1V or flatter                       | 25% or flatter                                 | 150 feet                                     |
| 6H:1V or flatter                       | 16.7% or flatter                               | 200 feet                                     |
| 10H:1V or flatter                      | 10% or flatter                                 | 250 feet                                     |

### *Design and Installation Specifications*

- The vegetated strip shall consist of a minimum of a 25-foot flowpath length continuous strip of dense vegetation with topsoil. Grass-covered, landscaped areas are generally not
- The slope within the strip shall not exceed 4H:1V.
- The uphill boundary of the vegetated strip shall be delineated with clearing limits.

### *Maintenance Standards*

- Any areas damaged by erosion or construction activity shall be seeded immediately and protected by mulch.
- If more than 5 feet of the original vegetated strip width has had vegetation removed or is being eroded, sod must be installed.
- If there are indications that concentrated flows are traveling across the buffer, surface water controls must be installed to reduce the flows entering the buffer, or additional perimeter protection must be installed.