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Land Disturbance Permits

Information for the General Public

Land Disturbance Permits are required for construction projects and are regulated under Chapter X of the [Acton General Bylaws](#). Chapter X establishes requirements for stormwater management to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the Town of Acton.

What is a Land Disturbance Permit?

A permit required for any project where the construction:

- clears or disturbs greater than an acre of area or
- creates 5,000 square feet of paved/impervious area or
- meets the threshold of any other regulated Chapter X activity

Why was I notified?

The project applicant is required to notify the Town and abutters within 100-ft of the project of the permit application. The public is invited to review the permit application and provide comments.

Where is the application?

On the Town's website [here](#). The applications are arranged by address. The application and related material are located in the "Application" folder:

The screenshot shows the Town of Acton website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for HOME and QUICK SEARCH. Below the search bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: Location: Home \ Boards & Committees \ Engineering Department \ Land Disturbance Permits \ 34 Elm St - (E2-264-B) Munis #23338. A red arrow points to this breadcrumb, with the text "ADDRESS OF THE PERMIT". Below the breadcrumb, there is a list of folders: Application, Inspections & Certification Forms, Permit, Public Comments, and Staff Comments. A red arrow points to the "Application" folder, with the text "APPLICATION".

What is included in the application?

The application contains information on how stormwater runoff will be managed at the project address during and after construction.

How do I provide comment?

By emailing the [Engineering Department](#) or mailing comments to:

Engineering Department
Town of Acton
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Is there a public meeting? How are permits issued?

There are no public meetings required for Land Disturbance Permits. The Engineering Department must take action on the application within 30 days of receiving it.

What is required once the permit is issued?

The applicant is required to manage stormwater runoff during and after construction per the permit's requirements. The applicant must provide regular maintenance of their stormwater management system and certify that it is functioning as designed.

How do I report a problem with stormwater from a construction project?

Contact the [Engineering Department](#) at 978-929-6630 but please note that not all construction projects require a land disturbance permit.

Examples of stormwater management during construction

