

(15) "Existing Grade" means the vertical location of the existing ground surface prior to excavating or filling.

(16) "Embankment" or "Fill" means a deposit of soil, rock or other materials placed by man.

(17) "Finished Grade" means the final grade or elevation of the ground surface conforming to the proposed design.

(18) "Floodplain" means that area defined by an elevation plus one foot (1') below which no development may take place, and which, after total development of its watershed, would be inundated by water runoff from a storm equivalent to the heaviest rainfall in a fifty (50) year period.

(19) "Grading" means any stripping, excavating, filling (including hydraulic fill), stockpiling or any combination thereof, including the land in its excavated or filled condition.

(20) "Grading Permit" means a permit issued to authorize work to be performed under this Subtitle.

(21) "Load Bearing Fill" means any facility, earthwork or fill placed in a controlled manner to support structural foundations or vehicular traffic, the instability of which would constitute a public hazard or nuisance.

(22) "Natural Ground Surface" means the ground surface in its original state before grading, stripping, excavation or filling.

(23) "Permittee" means any person to whom a permit is issued pursuant to this Subtitle.

(24) "Professional Engineer" means an engineer duly registered by the State of Maryland to practice professional engineering in accordance with the provisions of Article 75½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(25) "Professional Land Surveyor" means a person who has been duly registered and licensed in accordance with the provisions of Article 75½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(26) "Regulated Grading" means any grading performed in accordance with the provisions of this Subtitle.

(27) "Sediment" means soils or other superficial materials transported by wind or surface water as a product of erosion.

(28) "Site" means THAT PORTION OF any lot or parcel of land, or combination of contiguous lots or parcels of land upon which grading is performed or permitted.

(29) "Slope" means the inclined exposed surface of a fill, excavation or natural terrain.

(30) "Steep Slope" means a slope greater than fifteen percent (15%) grade, which is characterized by increased runoff, erosion and sediment hazards.