DIVISION OF
PLAN REVIEW & PERMITTING

Standard SWM Plan Submittal Requirements
Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Standard SWM Plan?
The Standard SWM Plan is a simplified submission for grading and stormwater management
approval that can be used in lieu of a site specific grading plan under certain circumstances.

When is a SWM Plan review required?
SWM approval is required when the land disturbance is greater than 5,000 square feet and land
disturbance is not designated as an agricultural activity.

When can a Standard SWM Plan be submitted?
A Standard SWM plan can be used in lieu of a site specific grading plan to satisfy the three phase
SWM plan approval for single family residential development when total disturbed area is greater
than 5000 square feet but less than 30,000 square feet.

What must be included in a Standard SWM Plan review application?
All Standard SWM Plan review applications require 3 sets of Standard SWM Plans, computations (if
required), cover letter and any fees required.

Where is the Standard SWM Plan review application to be submitted?
All Standard SWM Plan review applications shall be submitted to Washington County Division of Plan
Review & Permitting.

If I am applying for a Standard SWM Plan submittal, do I still need to apply for a Standard
Erosion and Sediment Control Plan?
Yes.

When is a SWM Exemption Review required?
If disturbance is greater than 5000 square feet on the site and applicant wishes to submit a standard
grading plan or apply for a SWM waiver.

When is a Grading Certification Required?
• All projects constructed under a Standard Grading Plan or a Standard SWM Plan require
submittal of a Grading Certification.
• All project constructed under a Site Specific Grading Plan that is for residential construction not part
of a Site Plan or Construction Drawing may submit a Grading Certification in lieu of meeting
standard inspection and as-built requirements.

When must a Grading Certification submittal be submitted?
A Grading Certification signed and sealed by a Qualified Professional must be received by the
Washington County Division of Construction prior to use and occupancy permit approval.

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