

## What is the General Permit?

The Town and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) require coverage under the General Permit for construction activities that will disturb one or more acres of land. Coverage must be obtained prior to the commencement of construction activity.

## How to Obtain Coverage Under the Construction General Permit

1. Read and become familiar with the General Permit, Town Code and technical standards.
2. Prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Notice of Intent (NOI).
3. Submit the SWPPP and NOI to the Town for review, comment and acceptance.
4. Update and resubmit the SWPPP to address comments provided by the Town.
5. Obtain the signed MS4 SWPPP Acceptance Form from the Town.
6. Submit the approved NOI and signed MS4 SWPPP Acceptance Form to NYSDEC.
7. Provide all required certifications to the Town before or at mandatory pre-construction meeting with Engineering Division.

## What is the Town's Role in Stormwater?

In recognition of the importance that construction activity has on the quality of local water bodies like the Peconic Estuary, Moriches Bay, and Shinnecock Bay, the Town has implemented a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP).

The goal of the Town's SWMP is to reduce impacts of stormwater runoff thereby improving water quality, enhancing recreational enjoyment, preventing beach closures, and ensuring that seafood is safer to eat.

In accordance with the Town's SWMP, the Town Code was amended to include **Chapter 285: Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control.**

The Town Code requires the owner/operator of any project proposing to disturb an acre or greater of land to prepare and submit a SWPPP to the Town for review and approval. The SWPPP, including inspection and record keeping requirements, must be implemented during construction activity.

## Town of Southampton Phase II Stormwater Management Program

# Surface Water Quality Series: NYSDEC SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity

If your project will disturb **one or more acres of land** you are required to have a state permit to discharge stormwater during construction activity.



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# What is a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)?

SWPPP is a site-specific, written plan that:

- Identifies potential sources of stormwater pollution.
- Describes the erosion and sediment control (ESC) practices and post-construction stormwater management practices that will be used and/or constructed to reduce the pollutants in stormwater discharges.
- Ensures compliance with the conditions of the General Permit and Town Code.
- The ESC component of the SWPPP must be designed in conformance with the most recent version of the New York Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control.
- The Post-Construction Stormwater Management Practices component of the SWPPP, if required, must be designed in conformance with the most recent version of the New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual.

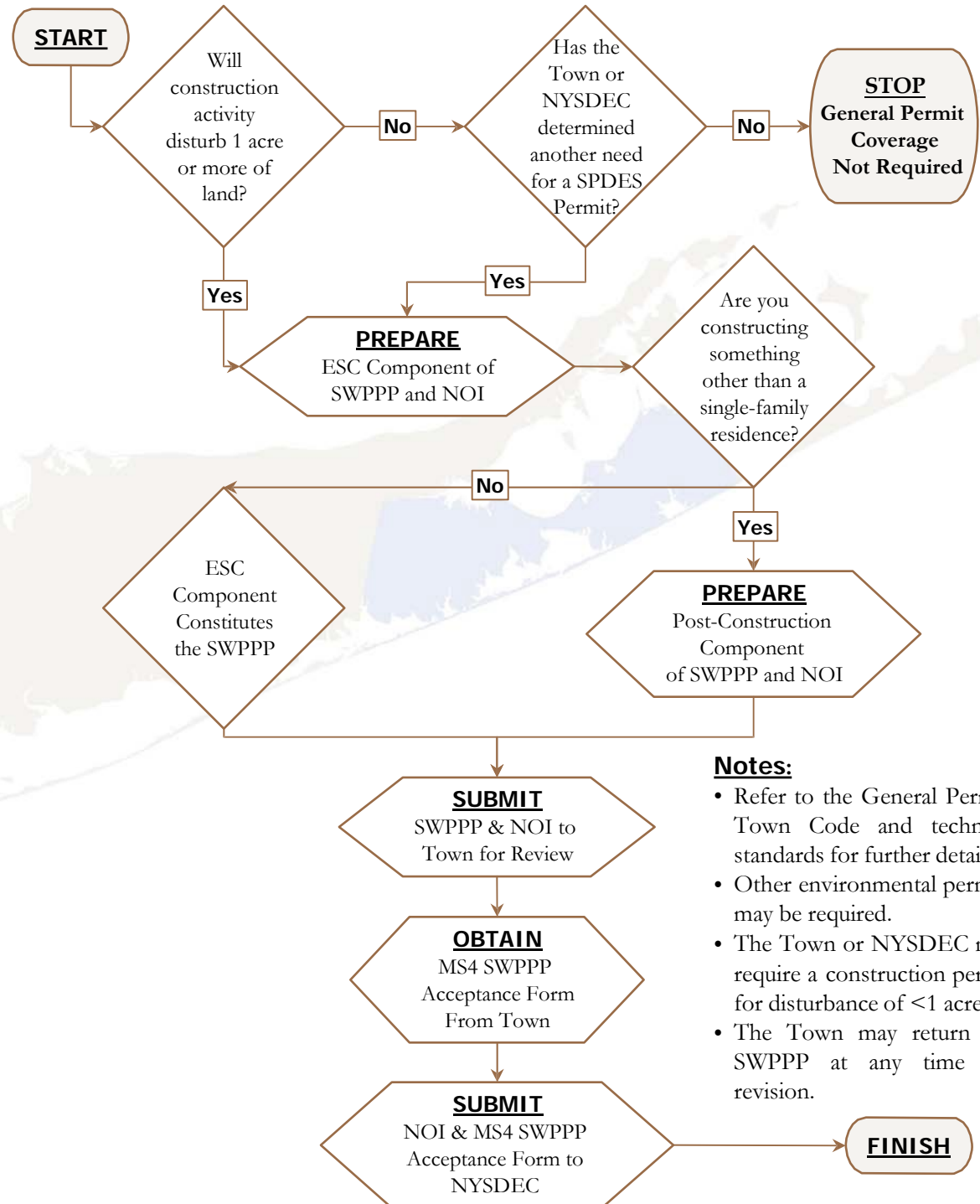
## Before Construction

- Implement the SWPPP before soil disturbing activities begin through final stabilization.
- Submit proof to the Town that construction site operators have received ESC training.

## During Construction

- Regularly inspect and maintain all practices to ensure they are functioning as designed.

# Flow Chart for Obtaining Permit Coverage



### Notes:

- Refer to the General Permit, Town Code and technical standards for further details.
- Other environmental permits may be required.
- The Town or NYSDEC may require a construction permit for disturbance of <1 acre.
- The Town may return the SWPPP at any time for revision.