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**TO:** All Santa Rosa County Contractors  
**FROM:** Development Services Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Revised Shoreline Erosion and Sedimentation Control Requirements  
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As previously stated in the [Summer DS Newsletter](#), the Land Development Code was recently amended to provide more reliable prevention of erosion and sedimentation into waterways during the development process. Specifically, the previous requirement for one row of silt fencing was changed to require **one** of the following:

- Two rows of silt fencing with hay bales between
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- Filter sock system.

Alternatively, the developer may propose a method for controlling sediment that effectively prevents all sediment from entering the water body.

Runoff of soils into our water bodies reduces the amount of sunlight and heat reaching aquatic vegetation due to small particles that remain suspended in the water. In addition, heavier particles sink to the water bottom smothering aquatic life in those areas. This results in loss of important nursery habitat and food sources for fish and other species. The revised erosion control measures are designed to protect these resources from erosion during the construction process. You may view the entire amended Land Development Code Article 12 [here](#).

Should you have additional questions, please contact staff at [developmentservices@santarosa.fl.gov](mailto:developmentservices@santarosa.fl.gov).