

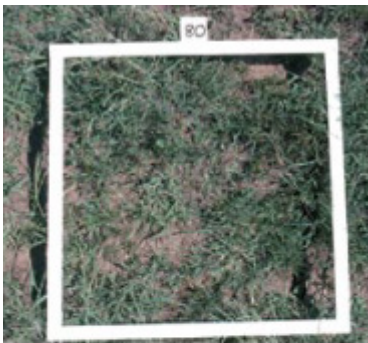


Coon Creek Watershed District is a special unit of government in Anoka County that manages local water resources.

This document gives a How-To for one aspect of closing out your permitted project, having vegetation established on 70% of the disturbed soil from your project. Having this amount of permanent, perennial vegetation prevents erosion from polluting our waters.

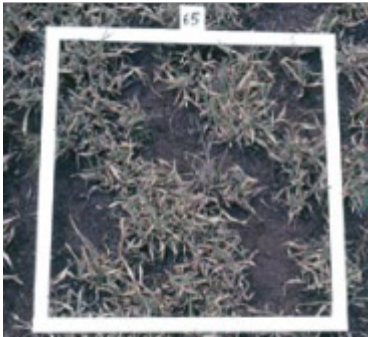
You can save money on site inspection fees by waiting until you have enough vegetation growing before requesting a final inspection from us.

### How It Works



80% coverage

Visualize a square 18"x 18" in front of your feet and look vertically into the site to estimate the percentage of the area that is covered by plant material and litter. Do this repeatedly, like 5 times, and average out the results.



65% coverage

Hint: Imagine the square is divided into quarters, then mentally move all the bare areas into one section. If the bare areas fill less than one section, then the cover exceeds 75% of the area.



45% coverage

### Next Steps

When your project is done and all permit Stipulations are fulfilled, and the project site is fully stabilized with over 70% vegetation growth, fill out a Return of Escrow form. This begins the Escrow Return process.

Once we verify that the project site vegetation is stabilized and site is built according to our Board-Approved plans, we will return the entire escrow amount and any remaining funds from Review and Inspection fee.

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