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SCOPE

This Handbook is intended as an administrative and technical guide for both regulating agencies and those engaged in drainage improvement work within the State of Indiana. The Handbook is not intended as an all-inclusive technical resource. With regard to the "Best Management Practices", the scope of this handbook is limited to describing each practice and pointing out significant considerations associated with each. The intention is not to offer detailed design and construction specifications for the practice. However, a list of technical references provided for each practice may be utilized by the Handbook's users to access more detailed information.

It should also be noted that the activities and practices described in the Handbook are not all-inclusive. Drainage improvement activities may also be accomplished through innovative or non-standard practices which may not have been included in this handbook.

The Handbook addresses both "regulated drains" (those that fall under the jurisdiction of County Drainage Boards) as well as other drainageways (including streams, ditches, and tile drains) that are outside the jurisdiction of County Drainage Boards. The scope of the Handbook is limited to drainage improvement activities that take place within or immediately adjacent to Indiana drainageways.

As an administrative guide, the Handbook is a clarification of existing programs with no intentions to impose any new policies, procedures, or regulations. The prescribed use of this manual is as an advisory guidebook.

The Indiana Drainage Handbook has been developed as a companion manual to the "Indiana Handbook for Erosion Control in Developing Areas." The erosion control handbook provides Engineers, developers, builders, contractors, government officials, and others with guidelines and specific practices for controlling soil erosion and sedimentation associated with runoff from construction activities. In addition to addressing practices, the erosion control handbook discusses the philosophy and planning procedures critical to developing an effective erosion and sediment control plan as well as information pertaining to compliance with 327 IAC 15-5, commonly referred to as "Rule 5."

Although there are several practices that are duplicated in this and the erosion control handbook, each handbook is unique in its application. Depending on the nature of projects and activities involved, the users may choose to maintain a copy of each document. For more information or to order a copy of the erosion control handbook, please contact the IDNR-Division of Soil Conservation (see Section 6: References).