Drainage and Erosion Retaining Wall Policy

As of this date, all retaining walls that are built for soil erosion and/or water runoff will require a return retaining wall at the wall’s termination point(s). The plans shall specify the dimensions, foundation, filled cell and reinforcement requirements. Acceptable designs are as follows:

1. Two (2’) foot long return for a two (2’) foot high wall
2. Three (3’) foot long return for a three (3’) foot high wall
3. Four (4’) foot long return for a four (4’) foot high wall
4. Five (5’) foot long return for a five (5’) foot high wall

A plan designed by a Florida Professional Engineer that is reviewed and accepted by County staff may be substituted for the above referenced designs.

Additionally, County staff reserves the right to require any submitted plan to be designed by a Florida Professional Engineer, the work to be certified by the design professional of record and/or the permit holder post a maintenance bond for the appropriate amount and time period depending on conditions and circumstances.

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