# ITEM 767.122 SEDIMENT BARRIER - COIR LOG FOOT

The work under this item shall conform to the relevant provisions of Subsections 101, 120, 170, and 751 of the Standard Specifications and the following:

Sediment Barrier - Coir Log shall be used in wet locations where the barrier will not require removal; when barrier is placed immediately adjacent to existing wetlands; as a check dam in swales; in locations as shown on the Drawings; and/or in locations required by the Engineer.

Permits, Codes and Regulations: The Contractor shall comply with all rules, regulations, laws and ordinances of the City/Town and State, and all other authorities having jurisdiction over the Project site. All labor, materials, equipment, and services necessary to make the work comply with such requirements shall be provided by the Contractor without additional cost to the Department.

## MATERIALS

Coir Log: Coir Log shall be biodegradable coir fiber cylindrical bundles. Inner core shall be 100 percent unsorted, well-cleaned, coir fiber uniformly distributed along the length of the log. The stuffed density of the coir fiber shall be a minimum of 9 pounds per cubic foot.

Outer netting shall be constructed from a minimum 3-ply high strength coir bristle twine. The netting shall have 2-inch by 2-inch rhombic openings with hand-knotted junctions. The average breaking strength of the coir twine shall be a minimum of 80 pounds. Production tolerance for all the above parameters shall not exceed plus or minus 10 percent.

Coir log diameter shall be sized as shown on the drawings. Typical lengths are supplied in 10 foot or 20-foot increments. Coir logs or coir netting may not be cut to decrease length and shall maintain the physical properties as supplied by the Manufacturer.

Notched Wood Stakes: Stakes shall be oak or southern pine with dimensions as shown on the Drawings. Stakes shall be free from knots and other defects which would cause splitting and shall have a downward-angled notch as shown in the drawing.

Coconut Fiber Cord: Coconut fiber cord shall be two-ply braided cord with a breaking strength of 80 pounds, minimum 0.25-inch diameter.

Delivery, Storage and Handling: Protect materials from deterioration during delivery and while stored at site.

## CONSTRUCTION METHODS

General: Prior to initial placement of the coir log sediment barrier, the Contractor and the Engineer shall review locations specified on the plans and adjust placement, if required, to ensure that the coir log positioning and configuration will provide maximum sediment capture. Coir log sediment barrier(s) shall be in place prior to excavation work and no work shall take place outside the coir log barrier(s).

Installation: Coir logs shall be staked and secured as shown on the Drawings, as specified herein, and/or as recommended by the Manufacturer. The Contractor shall remove all underlying vegetation or debris to ensure that each coir log is securely in contact with soil, such that there is no flow beneath the log.

When used as a check dam barrier in a swale, the coir log shall be centered in the low point of the swale, perpendicular to the flow, with ends extending upslope. The log check dam barrier shall extend such that the log top elevation at the center of the swale is lower than the lowest elevation at the end log, to ensure that sediment-laden runoff will flow either through or over the coir log but not around it. The coir log check dam barrier shall have length such that no seams occur in the swale.

Notched wood stakes shall be driven parallel on both sides of the coir log at a typical spacing of 5 feet on center, unless site conditions warrant a closer spacing distance to ensure logs are firmly secured to the underlying soil. Stakes shall not extend more than 1 foot beyond the top of the log. Coir twine shall lash the logs to notched stakes in a cross-lashing fashion between stakes, throughout the length of the log barrier.

When utilizing multiple logs for sediment control, each coir log shall be laced together end-to-end (creating a seam) with coir twine to create a continuous length. End-to-end lacing may be completed before or after placement, to facilitate handling.

Maintenance: Maintenance of the coir log sediment barrier shall be per the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

The contractor shall inspect the sediment barrier in accordance with relevant permits. At a minimum, barriers shall be inspected at least once every 7 calendar days and after a rain event resulting in 0.25 inches or more of rainfall.  The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that an effective barrier is in place and working effectively for all phases of the Contract. Under no condition shall sediment be allowed to accumulate more than 4 inches above the original ground line.

If a breach or other failure of the barrier occurs, the barrier shall be immediately restored. Repair shall include replacement of entire defective segments or for short breaches, revetment with additional coir logs, set directly adjacent to the downslope side of the breech. Revetment coir logs must overlap breech by a minimum of 2 feet on each side. The Engineer must approve breech repair means and methods as well as outcome.

If the coir log sediment barrier is damaged by equipment or undergoes a significant washout or other major failure, the Contractor shall replace the component in its entirety, at the discretion and approval of the Engineer. Any delay in maintaining the barrier shall be cause to immediately suspend the work as provided for in Subsection 8.09: Delay and Suspension of Work.

Disposition/Removal**:** For naturalized areas, coir logs and wooden stakes may be left in place to decompose on-site. For areas where, in the determination of the Engineer, aesthetics are a concern, logs, errant coir fiber material, and stakes may require removal.

## METHOD OF MEASUREMENT AND BASIS OF PAYMENT

Item 767.122 Sediment Barrier - Coir Log will be measured for payment by the FOOT, complete in place and will be paid for at the Contract unit price per FOOT, which price shall include all labor, materials, equipment, and incidental costs required to complete the work.

No separate payment will be made for coir log(s) follow-up maintenance and repairs, or disposal (if required), but all costs in connection therewith shall be included in the Contract unit price bid.