

# New York State Erosion and Sediment Control Certificate Program

## Code of Ethics

**Purpose:** New York State Erosion and Sediment Control Certificate holders play an important role in society by protecting the environment for generations to come. They are employed in industry, academia, and at all levels of government. They ensure adherence to laws, obligations to clients, and duty to the public while designing, inspecting, implementing, and regulating erosion and sediment control practices. To that end, each Certificate Holder shall:

- Strive to improve public health and safety through their efforts to reduce erosion and sedimentation across New York State.
- Recognize that erosion and sediment control has a large environmental benefit for society, and be committed to public education and outreach to raise awareness about erosion and sediment control.
- Perform services only in areas where they maintain technical proficiency.
- Perform duties in a professional manner, acting with the utmost integrity, and avoiding potential conflicts of interest.
- Make public statements objectively and truthfully, based on understanding of the facts and subject matter.
- Pursue a lifetime of learning through professional development and through implementation and evaluation of erosion and sediment control practices.
- Know and understand how New York State Environmental Conservation Law pertains to their profession, and advise their employers and clients on how to follow the law.
- Treat all people fairly, and without regard to gender or gender identity, race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, disability, political affiliation, or family, marital, or economic status.