



In August 2018, Concrete Canvas® GCCM* (CC) was used to provide erosion protection for a pond embankment in Moneyreagh, a small village south of Belfast in Northern Ireland. The pond was originally lined with clay for a golf reservoir, however due to erosion the pond embankment required erosion protection while still allowing the bottom of the pond to remain unlined to reduce the build-up of hydrostatic pressure. Poured concrete had originally been considered but CC was chosen due to its speed and ease of installation and its flexibility in terms of site access, as the installation team were unable to use heavy plant at the crest of the slope.

Prior to the installation, the contractor diverted the water out of the pond using pumps. The side slopes were then excavated to remove any sharp or protruding rocks before laying down crushed stone which was compacted with a Wacker plate to ensure a smooth substrate. 300mm anchor trenches were dug at the crest and toe of the slope with a mini excavator prior to installation.

Once the substrate was prepared, batched rolls of CC5TM were delivered to site before being cut with a disc cutter into 5 linear metre lengths to match the average height of the slope. The CC was fixed within the anchor trench at the crest using steel ground pegs. Subsequent layers of CC were overlapped by 100mm, with the overlaps then jointed using 30mm stainless steel screws. The anchor trenches were subsequently backfilled with topsoil, compacted and seeded. Following installation, a hosepipe attached to a water pump was used to hydrate the material.

*Geosynthetic Cementitious Composite Mat













































The installation team were impressed by the speed and ease of installation of CC on a site with heavily restricted access. In total 1,200m² of CC5™ were installed in 3 days with a crew of 4 people without specialist training or plant equipment and will provide long-term erosion control for the pond embankment.

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