

Blair County Conservation District
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Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Review Application
(Revised: January 2012)

The following application must be completed and accompany all erosion and sediment control plans

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant (owner/developer): _____ Phone Number: _____

Responsible Official: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Fax Number: _____

CONSULTANT INFORMATION

Plan Preparer (Consultant) _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Email: _____

_____ Fax Number: _____

SITE INFORMATION

Project Name: _____ Latitude (N): _____ Longitude (W) _____

Municipality: _____ Type of NPDES Permit Required _____

Total Project Acreage (NPDES Permit Acreage): _____ Disturbed Acreage: _____

Receiving Stream: _____ Chapter 93 or Existing Use Classification: _____

PLAN REVIEW FEE (must be included with the application)

Base fee \$ _____ + Acreage Fee \$ _____ = Total Application Fee \$ _____ *(amount enclosed)*

Fee Calculations: (see page 2 for fee waivers and "per acre" / project descriptions)

Commercial / Industrial Development = \$400 Base Fee + \$125 per disturbed acre

Residential Subdivision (more than 3 lots) = \$400 Base Fee + \$150 per disturbed acre

Linear Utility Project = \$500 Base Fee + \$200 per disturbed acre

Other Types of Development = \$125 Base Fee + \$50 per disturbed acre

Timber Harvesting = \$125 Base Fee + \$50 per every additional 25 acres harvested

Agriculture (Conservation and/or E&S plans) = \$125 Base Fee + \$30 per additional tract

The applicant agrees to comply with all requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Title 25, Chapter 102, Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control rules and regulations. Applicant Further Agrees to obtain all other necessary Federal, State, County and Local Permits associated with the project.

Applicant or Consultant Signature _____ Date: _____

Conservation District Use Only

Date Received _____ Plan Number _____ Check _____ Cash _____ Money Order _____

Payments Made: E&S Plan Review Fee \$ _____ NPDES Permit Fee \$ _____ Disturbed Acre Fee \$ _____

Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Review Application Information & Procedures

Authority & Applicability: The County Conservation District is delegated the authority to administer the Commonwealth's Erosion & Sediment Pollution Control Program under PA Clean Streams Law, Chapter 102, rules and regulations. Districts may charge fees for Erosion and Sediment Control Plan reviews as authorized by Act 217, The Conservation District Law.

Procedures:

1. All fees must be paid at the time of the Erosion & Sediment Control Plan (E&S Plan) Submission.
2. Review Fees are payable to: **Blair County Conservation District.**
3. All E&S Plan submissions are reviewed in order of receipt at the Conservation District Office.
4. Allow up to 30 days for review of the original submission.
5. If you fail to respond to any Conservation District technical review letter within 60 days, submittal of the original review fee will be required prior to technical reviews.
6. First and second technical reviews are included in the original fee. Third and any subsequent technical reviews will be assessed at ½ the original review fee. Fees are to be paid with each submission of technical response documents following the second review.
7. Modifications to an approved erosion control plan that require technical review will be subject to all fees.
8. Fee waivers only apply to those which are listed below.
9. Erosion control plan review approvals are valid for 2 years – a 1 year extension may be granted provided that a written request for extension is received at the Conservation District Office 30 days prior to expiration, along with a \$50 administrative fee.
10. All erosion and sediment control plans that are submitted require the following: site drawings, plan narrative, application, location map, and fees.
11. The base fee does not include the first acre of development. Base fees are further described below for Timber and Agriculture applications.
12. Review Fees, NPDES Permit Fees and Disturbed Acre Fees go to three different funds. Do not combine these fees into one check.
13. A \$30.00 charge will be assessed for any check refused by the bank for insufficient funds, and the entire package will be returned to that applicant.

Project Acre: To be defined as property boundary, or any land within the project limits or NPDES Permit boundary.

Disturbed Acre: To be defined as property, acreage, or land within the project limits or NPDES Permit boundary where any construction or other activity, which disturbs the surface of the land, is planned or may inadvertently occur, including, but not limited to the following: excavations, clearing & grubbing, embankments, land development, road construction, filling, subdivision development, mineral extraction, earthen material stockpiling, E&S control installation, and topsoil removal.

Fee Rates: The “per acre fee” should be rounded up to the next whole acre. For example, if the acreage is 1.2 acres, it should be rounded up to 2.0 acres. Projects requiring an NPDES Permit shall pay a “per acre fee” based on the acreage within the permit boundary. Projects not requiring an NPDES Permit shall pay a “per acre fee” based on the acreage within the limits of disturbance.

Commercial / Industrial Development: Includes, but is not limited to, the following types of development: small & large businesses, factories, gas stations, malls, shopping plazas, stores, convenience stores, warehouses, assisted living facilities, restaurants, medical facilities, auto dealerships, business parks, banks, multi-family residential buildings, and any work associated with any of these types of facilities.

Residential Subdivision: Any land to be subdivided into 3 or more lots for the purpose of constructing residential single-family homes and any work associated with these types of facilities including, but not limited to, roads, utilities, sewage treatment systems, waterlines, sewage lines, stormwater systems, etc.

Linear Utility Projects: Includes, but not limited to, the following types of activities (if not part of a greater plan of development or project): above ground or underground utilities (electric, telephone, cable), sewer and water transmission lines, gas transmission lines, wind energy development.

Other Types of Development: Development that does not meet the description of Commercial / Industrial Development or Residential Subdivision. To include, but not limited to, the following: churches, single-family homes, municipal project, schools, universities/colleges, fire companies, stream projects, agricultural construction projects, etc.

Timber Harvesting: Plan review and approval will be charged as a base fee (covers the first 100 acres of proposed harvest area) plus \$50 for every additional 25 acres to be harvested. Harvest areas should be rounded up to the next 100 acres. Timber plans which will disturb more than 25 acres will require an Erosion Control Permit.

Agriculture (Conservation and/or E&S plans): Plan review and approval will be charged as a base fee (covers the first “tract” planned) plus \$30 for every additional “tract” referenced for review and approval. A “tract” shall be in accordance with the local USDA agency when available. In the absence of USDA tract numbers, a “tract” will be considered by a property tax parcel number.

Fee Waivers: Any unit of County, State, or Federal Government, and any municipality that has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Conservation District shall be exempt from paying a review fee. This waiver does not apply to private non-profit organizations, authorities, or schools.

General and Individual NPDES Permits: All National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permits require the development of an erosion and sediment control plan. General NPDES permits require a \$500 permit fee. Individual NPDES Permits require a \$1,500 permit fee. NPDES Permit fees shall be made payable to: **Blair County Clean Water Fund**. Projects requiring an NPDES permit shall also submit a fee based upon \$100 per disturbed acre payable to: **Commonwealth of PA Clean Water Fund**.