

WASHINGTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION PLAN REVIEW RESOLUTION, FEE SCHEDULE, AND APPLICATION

101 TITLE:

This resolution may be cited as the Washington County fee schedule for the Erosion and Sedimentation Pollution Control Plan reviews.

102 AUTHORITY:

The Washington County Conservation District by authority of Act 217 of 1945, Conservation District Law as amended by Act 221 of 1984, and with authority delegated by the Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality Protection to review Erosion and Sedimentation Pollution Control plans, hereby adopts the Washington County Conservation District fee schedule.

103 EFFECTIVE DATE:

This resolution shall become effective June 17, 1997, and shall remain in effect until modified, amended, or revoked by the Washington County Conservation District Board of Directors. The Resolution shall remain in effect when revised or amended. (Revisions 04/01/2004, 09/06/2006, 09/17/08)

104 INTENT:

The purpose of this fee schedule is to help defray costs incurred by the County Conservation District in its delegated authority of the State's Erosion Control Program and Regulation of the DEP, Chapter 102 Clean Streams Law of Pennsylvania.

105 WAIVER OF FEES:

1. Units of government – municipalities, townships, and all other governmental bodies.
2. Agricultural activities – In most cases, agricultural activities are also exempt from paying fees involving routine farming activities.
3. Limited of Minimal Disturbances – On a case by case basis, this will be determined by the Conservation District Staff. Limited or minimal disturbances shall include but not be limited to resurfacing of pavement, areas less than 5,000 square feet of disturbance provided there is no potential or noted discharge of sediment to the Waters of the Commonwealth, normal road maintenance and single family dwellings that are not part of a development.

106 PROJECT AREA DELINEATION:

The entire parcel proposed for construction of the project area identified on the plan shall represent the basis for the fee schedule. Open space is to be included in the TOTAL project acreage or building lot. For phased projects, the fee will be based on the total acreage of the phase being submitted.

Oil and Gas project boundaries shall be defined as the entire area of the project including, but not limited to, access roads, water impoundments, staging areas, soil stockpiles, and buffer areas surrounding the project site. All areas associated with the oil and gas project will be included in the total area calculation for the review fee. Oil and Gas projects include, but are not limited to, transmission lines, booster stations, compressor stations, well sites in excess of five (5) acres, and processing plants. Water impoundments used for gas well development will be included in the total acreage of the well site or sites if the pond will service multiple wells.

107 APPLICABILITY OF FEE SCHEDULE:

The fee schedule in the resolution will apply wherever the application and the Erosion Control Plan are submitted for an adequacy determination. Each resubmission of a different project on the same tract of land will be charged an additional fee.

No additional fee will be levied for minor corrections to a plan. When a substantial number of corrections, amendments, alterations, or revisions to a plan are necessary, as determined by the Conservation District, a new fee will be charged.

108 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES:

The applicant shall submit a check or money order payable to the Washington County Conservation District, one (1) complete Erosion Control Plan with Narrative Report, a topographic USGS map with site indicated, and a completed application form.

The Conservation District will, in most cases, complete the initial review of the Erosion Control Plan in less than 30 working days. Individual NPDES Permits are excluded from this time frame, but are subject to the time frame the Department establishes.

The Conservation District will offer an accelerated review process for applicants who elect to double the normal required fee. Or the project to qualify for an accelerated review all other necessary permits or waivers must be obtained prior to submission. If the project has PNDI hits, resolution letters from the proper agencies must be submitted with the application. The necessary Chapter 105 or PHMC permits or clearances must be obtained prior to application submission. In High Quality watersheds the Conservation District can only accelerate the review of the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan. The Post Construction Stormwater Plan in High Quality watersheds must be reviewed by the Pittsburgh Regional DEP office.

The accelerated review process provides the guarantee that the initial review of the project will be completed within 30 days of submission provided that all of the proper plan or permit documentation is submitted and correctly completed. The Conservation District does not guarantee that the plan or permit will be approved or issued within the 30 day period. Plan approval or permit issuance is dependent on many factors that are not controlled by the District.

The Conservation District's erosion control review is valid two (2) years only. After two years, a new erosion control plan submission will be required.

If a check is refused by the bank due to insufficient funds, the review process will immediately stop and the applicant will be notified of the insufficient funds. The applicant will be charged a \$25 service fee for the handling of the returned check. The review process will not begin again until the proper fees have been paid in full.

The Conservation District fee shall not be combined with any other municipal, county, or state fees. The canceled check will be in the applicant's receipt. No separate receipt will be provided unless specifically requested.

109 FEE SCHEDULE:

The following fees will be charged by the Washington County Conservation District for the Erosion Control Plan reviews as authorized by the Act 217, of the Conservation District Law. Application will not be accepted for a review without the proper fee, topographic location map, completed application, and 1 complete Erosion Control Plan.