

## **EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN PACKAGE**

### **INCLUDES:**

- 1. FEE SCHEDULE**
- 2. EROSION CONTROL REVIEW APPLICATION**

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I. **Authority and Applicability:**

- A. The Fayette County Conservation District is delegated the authority to administer the Commonwealth's Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control (E &SPC) Program under PA Chapter 102 rules and regulations of the Clean Streams Law in Fayette County.
- B. Districts may charge fees for Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan review as authorized by Act 217 – The Conservation District Law.
- C. Review fees shall apply to all plans that are submitted to the District requesting E & SPC plan adequacy except as noted within. Effective date: November 1, 2022

II. **E&S Fees:**

- A. The following fees will be charged by the District for E & SPC plan review. Fees will be based on the amount of disturbed acres associated with the project. Applications will not be accepted for the review without the appropriate fee.

If an NPDES application is submitted for renewal (has not yet expired) and nothing has changed with the project (it is exactly the same as what was previously approved) an applicant will not be required to submit the full erosion control review fee. A fee of \$100 (check made payable to the Fayette County Conservation District) should be submitted with the application in addition to any additional NPDES permit fees.

**Fayette County Conservation District  
Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Program  
Fee Schedule**

<u>Disturbed Acreage**</u>	<u>Fee</u>
0 – 0.99	\$500
*1 – 1.99	\$750
*2 - 2.99	\$875
*3 – 3.99	\$1000
*4 – 4.99	\$1125
*5 – 5.99	\$1250
*6 – 6.99	\$1375
*7 – 7.99	\$1500
*8 – 8.99	\$1625
*9 – 9.99	\$1750
*10+ acres	\$1875 + \$125/disturbed over 10

\* Linear/Utility Projects - \$500 basic fee + 10 cents per foot of line constructed.

Any additional disturbances for construction areas, lay-down areas, compressor stations storage areas, etc... will be calculated using the Disturbed Acreage Fee.

\* For projects with 1 or more disturbed acres, an NPDES permit will be required. The District review fee will not be reduced by the NPDES permit filing fee.

\*\* Disturbed acres are defined as the area of the project in which the surface of the land is disturbed by excavations, embankments, land development, residential lot construction, mineral extraction and moving, depositing or storing of soil, rock, or earth, or other earthmoving activity.

- B. The applicant will submit a check or money order (cash not accepted) **made payable to the Fayette County Conservation District** and will submit this fee with the completed application form and the project plans. Plans will not be reviewed unless all components are submitted.
- C. The District fee shall not be combined with any other municipal or county fee. The District will mail a receipt to the applicant once the fee has been accepted.
- D. If a check is returned due to insufficient funds, the plan will not be reviewed.
- E. Plans reviewed by the District will remain valid for 3 years from approval letter date. Failure to initiate earthmoving activities within this time will invalidate this review (subject to IV-B). If the plan is associated with an NPDES permit, the E&S plan expiration date is consistent with the NPDES expiration date.
- F. Earthmoving activities may not begin at a site, requiring a District plan review, until the Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan has been approved by District Technical Staff.

III. **Fee Adjustments:**

- A. Fees will be waived for an application filed under the governing body of local, county or state government (mayor, town counsel, supervisor, county commissioner, governor or state agency head etc...). This waiver does not apply to private non-profit organizations, boards, authorities, school districts or the federal government.
- B. Fees may be waived for earthmoving operations with limited acreage such as individual homesites. The District is the sole determinant of this waiver.

- C. If an application involves an NPDES Permit, the applicant shall attach **three checks**: one to the **Fayette Co. Conservation District** (for plan review), one to the **Fayette Clean Water Fund** (for NPDES filing fee - \$500 for a general NPDES permit; \$1500 for an individual NPDES permit) and one to the **Commonwealth Clean Water Fund** (for the State Disturbed Acreage fee - \$100/disturbed acre). The NPDES Permit filing fee and the State Disturbed Acreage fee is not deducted from the District review fee.
- D. The fee will not be applicable to agricultural plowing and tilling and animal heavy use areas under an approved conservation plan. BUT, written E&S plans are required for both agricultural plowing and tilling and animal heavy use area's if they disturb over 5000 square feet or under 5000 square feet in a special protection watershed. An approved conservation plan MAY meet the requirements of the E&S Plan. Please contact the Conservation District if you have any questions. When a site disturbance occurs that is not an agricultural practice such as earth disturbance for a large building, the fee schedule for plan review would be applicable. All E&S and conservation plans must include all "Surface Waters of the Commonwealth".
- E. The fee schedule will not be applicable to timber harvesting operations. Instead, a standard fee of \$500.00 per calendar year will be charged for all timber harvesting operators to cover plans submitted within that year.

#### IV. Additional fees:

A. One fee is intended to cover the entire review process except for the following:

1. If after the initial review process, the plan is considered "not adequate" and revisions are needed, the plan must be re-submitted with revisions. If after the second review the plan is not adequate, any subsequent revisions must be submitted with an additional fee of 60% of the original fee.

- B. Minor modifications – A fee of \$100 will be applied to each minor modification. Minor modification resubmissions are subject to the subsequent revisions fee.
- C. If the original plan is no longer applicable due to changes in the plan either by design or site conditions, it will no longer be valid and fees will be charged as indicated in section II above.
- D. When site construction and final site stabilization are not completed within three years from the date of initial plan review, the District reserves the right to require the submission of a new plan with additional or upgraded controls if E & SPC standards have been revised. Fees will be charged as indicated in section II-A above.

V. Phased Projects:

On a phased project, the fee may be submitted in a lump sum with the E & SPC plan for the total project area, or may be submitted with individual phases of the project when the E & SPC plan for each phased is submitted for review. Phased plans are subject to section IV-C above.

VI. Change of Project:

Each submission of a different project on the same site shall be considered as a new project and the fees shall be charged accordingly. Note, an NPDES permit may be required if total disturbance for all projects, at the same location, is over one acre.