

FEE SCHEDULE POLICY Erosion & Sediment Control Plan

**Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Fee Schedule Policy** [4-17-041609-0-0]

**Purpose:** To promote the submission of complete and accurate erosion and sediment control plans with effective oversight. To help defray costs incurred by the Susquehanna County Conservation District in its delegated administration of the State's Erosion and Sediment Control Program.

**Rationale:** The fees charged by the Susquehanna County Conservation District for Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan Reviews are authorized by Act 217 and subsequent amendments, The Conservation District Law. Plan requirements are applied as per DEP's Chapter 102, Erosion and Sediment Control Regulation 102.4(b)(2)9I0, which states, in part, any earthmoving activity which disturbs at least 5,000 square feet requires a written Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.

**Policy:** The Susquehanna County Conservation District will charge fees for the INITIAL review all E&S Plans in accord with the following schedule:

E&S Plans associated with 105 GP 1-15	\$ 25.00
E&S Plans (RESIDENTIAL)	
Single Lot	\$ 75.00
Each Additional Lot	\$ 50.00
E&S Plans (COMMERICAL) effective May 1, 2013	
0-5 Acres	\$ 1000.00
Each additional acre disturbed	\$ 100.00
Logging (Parcel/Harvest Area)	
Up to 25 acres	\$ 75.00
25-50 acres	\$ 250.00
50-250 acres	\$ 400.00
Utility Projects/Wind Farms	
Base Fee	\$ 1000.00
Each additional acre	\$ 100.00

The initial fee includes the first review and a second review if required.

For each review of an E&S Plan or an amended plan beyond the second review, the fee will be 75% of the total cost of the first review of the E&S plan or of the amended plan. The SCCD District Manager may waive this fee at his discretion if he believes the scope of the change is minor. In cases where revisions are necessary because of other government agency requirements, no additional fees will be charged.

The fee schedule shall apply to those plans that are submitted to the Susquehanna County Conservation District for an adequacy review determination related to Chapter 102 (Erosion and Sedimentation Pollution Control Regulation).

Fees will be waived for an application submitted under the name of a government sub-unit of the United States or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The fee may be waived or reduced for projects with extremely limited earthmoving; however, the Susquehanna County Conservation District is the sole determinant of this waiver. Consideration will be given to those requests made in advance in writing.

Each re-submission for a separate project on the same tract of land will be charged according to the fee schedule.

Approval letters are valid for two (2) years from the date of issuance. Approvals can be extended by letter of request submitted at least one (1) month prior to expiration.

Applications consisting of both commercial and residential components will be assessed by calculating a separate fee for each applicable portion of the project and combining the separate totals.

Fees for phased projects will be assessed for each individual phase as it is proposed for development.

The Appeal process is as follows: First appeal is to the Conservation District Manager. If satisfaction can not be achieved, the next step is to the SCCD Board of Directors.

## PROCEDURES

Applicants will submit two hard copies and one digital copy of the complete subdivision or site plan and a copy of the erosion and sedimentation pollution control narrative, a complete application form (not required when application is made for a NPDES permit for Construction Activities at the same time), a location map (USGS Quad Map is recommended), and a check or money order payable to the Susquehanna County Conservation District.

The maximum review time will be thirty (30) working days from the date of receipt of a complete submittal. The review fee will be reduced by 2% for each working day beyond the 30 working days maximum that the review takes.

The Conservation reviews the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan solely to determine whether it is adequate to satisfy the requirements of Title 25 PA Code Section 102.2 et seq., the erosion control regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection. By a determination that the plan is adequate to meet these requirements, neither the Conservation District nor the County assumes any responsibility for the design or implementation of the plan or the proper construction and operation of the facilities contained in the plan.

The Conservation District review fee shall not be combined with any other required fees.

Submissions not containing the appropriate information will not be reviewed. The applicant will be informed of any additional information or fees needed for a review.

A \$30.00 charge will be assessed for any check refused by the bank for insufficient funds, and the entire application package will be returned to the applicant.

Applications for NPDES/ESCGP-1 permit for construction activities require a separate check made payable to the PA/SCCD Clean Water Fund.

Upon written request by the applicant and approval by the District Manager, a portion of the review fee may be refunded if the applicant withdraws the plan prior to review. No fees are refundable after the district review is underway.