



Pike County Conservation District

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BASIC CHECKLIST FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION REGARDING PERMIT & PLAN REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO EARTH DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES & WATER OBSTRUCTION & ENCROACHMENTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Earth disturbance activities are regulated by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and administered in Pike County by the Conservation District (PCCD). Implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent erosion and sediment pollution, written plan, and permit requirements can be assessed utilizing the questionnaire below, or by contacting the Conservation District directly at 570-226-8220.

1. Will the project involve an earth disturbance activity? (circle one) YES NO

If YES, continue:

2. What is the approximate area of the proposed earth disturbance activity? _____ Sq. Ft.

3. Is the earth disturbance activity greater than or equal to 5000 square feet? YES NO

4. Is the earth disturbance activity in a Special Protection Watershed? (*regardless of acreage*) YES NO

5. Is there a municipal requirement for PCCD approval of Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (E&S) (i.e., timber harvest, zoning requirement etc.) YES NO

If YES to 3, 4 or 5, a written E&S Plan is required to be prepared and to be onsite during construction. If 5 is yes, contact PCCD for instructions and continue to question 6 through 9 below.

6. Are there contiguous or adjacent lots (within ¼ mile; including offsite support areas) under construction, or proposed for construction, that are owned or operated by a common individual/developer/contractor, or is the construction part of an approved subdivision? YES NO

7. Is a road, driveway or common utility proposed to service multiple lots or has been built for the proposed construction? YES NO

8. Is the earth disturbance activity currently covered under an NPDES permit or was historically part of an approved NPDES? YES NO

9. Is the earth disturbance activity greater than or equal to one (1) acre (43,560 sq.ft.) over life of the project (total of *all* disturbance activities)? YES NO

If YES, an NPDES Stormwater Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities may be required. (Contact the Conservation District to set up a pre-application meeting).

10. Is the earth disturbance activity in, along or across Waters of the Commonwealth? YES NO

11. Are any other water obstructions or encroachments proposed in, along or across Waters of the Commonwealth? YES NO

If YES, contact the Conservation District for Chapter 105 Permit requirements.

Definitions – Taken from the 25 Pa Code Chapter 102, 105, & 93 (Erosion and Sediment Control regulations):

Earth disturbance activity – Construction or other human activity which disturbs the surface of the land, including but not limited to; clearing and grubbing, grading, excavations, embankments, land development, agricultural plowing or tilling, timber harvesting activities, road maintenance activities, mineral extraction, and the moving, depositing, stockpiling, or storing of soil, rock or earth materials.

Encroachment - A structure or activity which changes, expands, or diminishes the course, current or cross section of a watercourse, floodway or body of water.

E&S Plan—Erosion and Sediment Control Plan — A site-specific plan consisting of both drawings and a narrative that identifies BMPs to minimize accelerated erosion and sedimentation before, during and after earth disturbance activities.

Special Protection Watershed – High Quality (HQ) and Exceptional Value (EV) Surface waters as described in 25 Pa Code Chapter 93. Please refer to <http://www.depgis.state.pa.us/wave/> or <http://www.depgis.state.pa.us/emappa/> for water classifications.

Water obstruction—

(i) A dike, bridge, culvert, wall, wingwall, fill, pier, wharf, embankment, abutment or other structure located in, along or across or projecting into a watercourse, floodway or body of water.

(ii) In the case of ponds, lakes and reservoirs, a water obstruction is considered to be in or along the body of water if, at normal pool elevation, the water obstruction is either in the water or adjacent to and abutting the water's edge.

Waters of the Commonwealth - Rivers, streams, creeks, rivulets, impoundments, ditches, watercourses, storm sewers, lakes, dammed water, wetlands, ponds, springs, and other bodies or channels of conveyance of surface and underground water, or parts thereof, whether natural or artificial, within or on the boundaries of this Commonwealth.

Your signature signifies that the municipality has provided you with this Basic Checklist. This checklist was prepared by the Pike County Conservation District (District) to bring public awareness to the basic permit and plan requirements pertaining to earth disturbance activities in Pennsylvania.

Please note that the Conservation District has legal authority to enter upon properties to perform inspections of earth disturbance activities.

Property Address: _____

County Parcel # _____

Print name: _____

Signature: _____

Witnessed by: _____

Date: _____

The municipality should provide the applicant a copy of the signed document.