Lycoming County Conservation District Application For:

Review of Erosion and Sediment CONTROL plans, National pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) Permits, & Erosion and Sediment CONTROL Permits

Applicant Section:

Responsible Party’s Name:      Project Designer’s Name:

Company Name:

Address:      Address:

Phone #:      Phone #:

Responsible Official:      Responsible Official:

Phone # (if different):      Phone # (if different):

Project Section:

Project Name:      Status: New  Revised

Municipality:      Total Project Acres:

Location:      Disturbed Acres (life of project):

Receiving Stream(s):      Ch. 93 Delegation (Designated/Existing Use):

Project Description:

Anticipated Start Date:      Anticipated Finish Date:

#### Erosion and Sediment Control Plan & National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Review Fee Schedule

##### **\***Small Project < 1ac.

Fee = $225

##### **\***Single LotResidential > 1ac.

***NPDES Permitting Requirements***

*As per Chapter 102, a construction site with earthmoving activities involving more than one (1) acre of earth disturbance over the lifetime of the project will require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit; part of this permitting process also requires the submission of an adequate E&S Control Plan.*

Fee = $225.00 base fee + $50.00/disturbed acre

##### **\***Multi-lot Residential Development

Fee = $225 base fee + $75.00/lot or unit.

**\***Non-Residential Development

## Fee = $275.00 base fee + $50.00/disturbed acre

**\***Linear Projects

Fee = $275 base fee + $75 disturbed acre

**\***Solar Project

Fee = $275 base fee + $75 disturbed acre

**\***Timber Harvest

Fee = $225 for all harvests under 25ac disturbance (over use non-residential rate)

**\*Please refer to Attachment “A” on pg. 2 for a detailed description of each category.**

Filing Fees: $500.00 (General NPDES)  $1,500.00 (Individual NPDES)  $500.00 (E&S Control Permit)

**(Check payable to Lycoming County Clean Water Fund)**

E&S Control Plan Review Fee $      NPDES Standard $100/Disturbed Acre Fee $

**(Check payable to Lycoming County Conservation District) (Check payable to Commonwealth of PA Clean Water Fund)**

Applicant Checklist for complete applications:

Review Fee  NPDES Permit Filing Fee  NPDES Standard Fee  E&S Control Permit Fee

**(2) E&S Control Plan and (2) Narrative** for initial submission (For Timber Harvest Only)

NPDES Notice of Intent and Checklist (or Individual Application Form if applicable)

Signature of Responsible Party: Date:

ATTACHMENT “A”

**Lycoming County Conservation District Fee Schedule**

**All fees are effective 4/1/2022**

**Chapter 102 Erosion and Sediment (E&S) Control Plan**

# **Review Fee Schedule**

**Small Project** (includes new single-family homes, additions, garages, sheds, barns, and soil waste areas with less than 1.0 acre of total earth disturbance).

Fee = $225.00

**Single Lot Residential** (includes new single-family homes, additions, garages, sheds, barns, and soil waste areas with greater than 1.0 acre or more of total earth disturbance).

Fee = $225.00 Base Fee + $50.00/Disturbed Acre

**Multi-Lot Residential Development** (a semi-confined residential community with greater than 1 lot). (*A unit is defined as a dwelling designed to accommodate a single household. This applies to single-family homes within a subdivision, twin unit semi-detached homes within a subdivision, apartment complexes, and townhouses/condominiums (i.e. a twin unit building that contains 2 households will have a fee based on 2 units)).*

Fee = $225 base fee + $75.00/Lot or Unit.

**Non-Residential Development** (any educational, profitable, and/or non-profitable enterprise. Ex. Schools, Retail/Wholesale Businesses, Storage Units, Inventory Warehouses, etc.

Fee = $275.00 Base Fee + $50.00/Disturbed Acre

**Linear Projects** (any federal, state, and/or locally commissioned project that is confined to a specific distance with a minimum of 5,000 sq. ft. of earth disturbance). Ex. Highways, Utility Lines, etc.

Fee =$275.00 base fee + $75 disturbed acres

**Solar Projects** (any project that is creating a solar based energy generation facility)

Fee =$275.00 base fee + $75 disturbed acres

**Timber Harvests** (any operation that is removing timber, but will not be removing stumps or grubbing the site for further development.)

Fee = $225 for all harvests under 25ac disturbance (over use non-residential rate)

**Notes:** Disturbed acres should be rounded to the nearest whole number for fee calculations.

For technical reviews beyond the 2nd review a fee of 25% of the original review fee will be required.

For major permit amendments a review fee of 25% of the original review fee will be required.

For minor permit amendments a review fee of $25 will be required.

# **FEE SCHEDULE FOR TECHNICAL REVIEW OF**

# **EROSION AND SEDIMENT (E&S) CONTROL PLANS**

# **AUTHORITY**

The Lycoming County Conservation District (LCCD) is under a delegation agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to administer the Commonwealth’s Erosion and Sediment (E&S) Control program under PA Code Title 25 Chapter 102 Rules and Regulations, Dam Safety and Waterway Management program under PA Code Title 25 Chapter 105 Rules and Regulations, and the PA Clean Streams Law. In addition, Conservation District Law (Act 217), permits Conservation Districts to charge fees for services, under certain circumstances.

# **APPLICABILITY**

# Review fees will apply to Erosion and Sediment (E&S) Control Plans submitted to LCCD requesting a technical review or determination of Plan adequacy. While an E&S Control Plan may be required for design, implementation, and maintenance under Chapter 102, a technical review prior to construction or land development may not always be mandated under certain circumstances. According to Chapter 102, these circumstances specifically include those projects which will not exceed one (1) acre of earth disturbance over the lifetime of the project. However, upon a complaint or site inspection, the LCCD (at its discretion) may require that the E&S Control Plan be submitted for review and approval. In addition, these circumstances are also primarily dependent upon an agreement between the Conservation District and the municipality in which the construction or land development project will be conducted. The agreement between these two parties is known as a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.). The LCCD welcomes the opportunity to review E&S Control Plans since a technical review can often save the responsible individual(s) both time and money by revealing specific inadequacies associated with the proposed project site.

As per Chapter 102, a construction site with earthmoving activities involving more than one (1) acre of earth disturbance over the lifetime of the project is required to receive a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit; part of this permitting process requires the submission of an adequate E&S Control Plan. It is suggested that the applicant and/or consultant schedule a “formal pre-application meeting” prior to the submission of an NPDES Permit application package, this can save both time and potential additional costs during the review process. This “meeting” will essentially provide the applicant and/or consultant with both an explanation and overview of the number and types of permits required for the project. In addition, it will also provide an opportunity for the applicant and/or consultant to discuss the “Permit Review Process” timeframes and it will allow the LCCD to review and complete the pre-application conference checklist. Upon receiving the NPDES Permit application package, this “Permit Review Process” provides the LCCD with specific guidelines to perform both an administrative completeness review and a technical review.

An Individual NPDES Permit is needed when:

* The project is in a High Quality (HQ) or Exceptional Value (EV) special protection watershed.
* The construction activities discharge toxins.
* The construction activities will violate water quality standards.
* The construction activities are in areas inhabited by Federal or State Endangered Species.

A General NPDES Permit is needed in all other cases where the above-mentioned criteria have not been met or do not apply. State-mandated NPDES Permit filing fees are $500 for a General NPDES Permit and $1,500 for an Individual NPDES Permit. When an NPDES Permit is required, the applicant should include three checks with the submission of the E&S Control Plan: one to **Lycoming County Clean Water Fund** for the NPDES Permit filing fee, one to **Lycoming County Conservation District** for the review fee, and one to the **Commonwealth of PA Clean Water Fund** for the NPDES Standard $100/disturbed acre fee.

Review fees are listed in ATTACHMENT “A” on page 2. Fee schedules are given for Small Project, Non-Commercial, Residential Development, Commercial and Industrial Development, Linear Projects, and Timber Harvest activities.

Review fees are based on disturbed acres, unless otherwise noted. Disturbed acres are those acres affected by excavation, land development, mineral extraction, filling, grading, or where the integrity and/or contour of the land have been changed.

A timber harvest involving 25 acres or more of earth disturbance requires an Erosion and Sediment (E&S) Control Permit. Disturbed acres on a timber harvest are those acres disturbed over the duration of the harvest. These include, but are not limited to, the following: haul roads, skid roads and trails, landing areas, and equipment stockpile areas. Disturbed acres are **not** the same as harvested acres.

Specified fees will cover the initial technical review “deficiency” of an administratively complete NPDES Permit package. Any additional reviews, if needed, shall be covered under the corresponding additional fee. Thus, subsequent “deficiency” reviews will be charged the corresponding fee (see Attachment “A” on page 2 for corresponding fees).