

**RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
ORDINANCE**

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ARTICLE I-GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 101. Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Richmond Township Watershed Stormwater Management Ordinance").

Section 102. Statement of Findings

The governing body of Richmond Township finds that:

- A. Inadequate management of accelerated stormwater runoff resulting from development throughout a watershed increases flood flows and velocities, contributes to erosion and sedimentation, overtakes the carrying capacity of existing streams and storm sewers, greatly increases the cost of public facilities to convey and manage stormwater, undermines floodplain management and flood reduction efforts in upstream and downstream communities, reduces groundwater recharge, and threatens public health and safety.
- B. Inadequate planning and management of stormwater runoff resulting from land development and redevelopment throughout a watershed can also harm surface water resources by changing the natural hydrologic patterns, accelerating stream flows (which increase scour and erosion of stream-beds and stream-banks thereby elevating sedimentation), destroying aquatic habitat and elevating aquatic pollutant concentrations and loadings such as sediments, nutrients, heavy metals and pathogens. Groundwater resources are also impacted through loss of recharge.
- C. A comprehensive program of stormwater management (SWM), including minimization of impacts of development, redevelopment and activities causing accelerated erosion, is fundamental to the public health, safety, welfare, and the protection of the people of Richmond Township and all the people of the Commonwealth, their resources, and the environment.
- D. Inadequate management of accelerated stormwater runoff resulting from development throughout a watershed poses a threat to surface and groundwater quality.
- E. Stormwater can be an important water resource by providing groundwater recharge for water supplies and base flow of streams, which also protects and maintains surface water quality.
- F. Through project design, impacts from stormwater runoff can be minimized to maintain the natural hydrologic regime, and sustain high water quality, groundwater recharge, stream baseflow and aquatic ecosystems. The most cost effective and environmentally advantageous way to manage storm water runoff is through nonstructural project design, minimizing impervious surfaces and sprawl, avoiding sensitive areas (i.e. stream buffers, floodplains, steep slopes), and designing to topography and soils to maintain the natural hydrologic regime.

- G. Public education on the control of pollution from stormwater is an essential component in successfully addressing stormwater.
- H. Federal and state regulations require certain municipalities to implement a program of stormwater controls. These municipalities are required to obtain a permit for stormwater discharges from their separate storm sewer systems under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).
- I. Non-stormwater discharges to municipal separate storm sewer systems can contribute to pollution of waters of the Commonwealth by Richmond Township.

Section 103. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and welfare within Richmond Township by maintaining the natural hydrologic regime by minimizing the impacts described in **Section 102** of this Ordinance through provisions designed to:

- A. Promote alternative project designs and layout that minimizes impacts to surface and ground water.
- B. Promote nonstructural BMPs.
- C. Minimize increases in stormwater volume.
- D. Minimize impervious surfaces.
- E. Manage accelerated runoff and erosion and sedimentation problems at their source by regulating activities that cause these problems.
- F. Utilize and preserve the existing natural drainage systems.
- G. Manage stormwater impacts close to the runoff source, which requires a minimum of structures and relies on natural processes.
- H. Focus on infiltration of stormwater, to maintain groundwater recharge, to prevent degradation of surface and groundwater quality and to otherwise protect water resources.
- I. Strive to maintain existing base flows and quality of streams and watercourses.
- J. Meet legal water quality requirements under state law, including regulations at 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93.4a to protect and maintain "existing uses" and maintain the level of water quality to support those uses in all streams, and to protect and maintain water quality in "special protection" streams.
- K. Address the quality and quantity of stormwater discharges from the development site.
- L. Provide a mechanism to identify controls necessary to meet the NPDES permit requirements.
- M. Implement an illegal discharge detection and elimination program to address non-stormwater discharges into Richmond Township's separate storm sewer system.

- N. Preserve and restore the flood-carrying capacity of streams.
- O. Prevent scour and erosion of streambanks and streambeds.
- P. Provide proper maintenance of all permanent stormwater management facilities and BMPs that are implemented in Richmond Township.
- Q. Provide performance standards and design criteria for watershed-wide stormwater management and planning.
- R. NPDES Requirements

Federal regulations approved October 1999 require operators of small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) to obtain NPDES Phase II permits from DEP by March 2003. (NPDES II is an acronym for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II Stormwater Permitting Regulations.) This program affects all municipalities in "urbanized areas" of the state. This definition applies to all Schuylkill River watershed municipalities identified in Table III-1 of the Schuylkill River Stormwater Management Plan Volume II as NPDES Phase II municipalities. Therefore, these identified municipalities will be subject to the NPDES Phase II requirements mandated by the Federal Clean Water Act as administered by DEP. For more information on NPDES II requirements, contact the DEP Regional Office.

Section 104. Statutory Authority

Primary Authority:

Richmond Township is empowered to regulate these activities by the authority of the Act of October 4, 1978, P.L. 864 (Act 167), 32 P.S. Section 680.1, et seq., as amended, the "Storm Water Management Act" and the Second Class Township Code, 53 PS Section 66501 et seq., 66601 et seq.

Secondary Authority

Richmond Township also is empowered to regulate land use activities that affect runoff by the authority of the Act of July 31, 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, as amended.

Section 105. Applicability/Regulated Activities

- A. All Regulated Activities and all activities that may affect stormwater runoff, including Land Development and Earth Disturbance Activity, are subject to regulation by this Ordinance.

Section 106. Repealer

Any ordinance or ordinance provision of Richmond Township inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency only.

Section 107. Severability

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 108. Compatibility With Other Ordinance Requirements

Approvals issued and actions taken under this Ordinance do not relieve the Applicant of the responsibility to secure required permits or approvals for activities by any other code, law, regulation or ordinance.

ARTICLE II-DEFINITIONS

Section 201. Interpretation

For the purposes of this Ordinance, certain terms and words used herein shall be interpreted as follows:

- A. Words used in the present tense include the future tense; the singular number includes the plural, and the plural number includes the singular; words of masculine gender include feminine gender; and words of feminine gender include masculine gender.
- B. The word "includes" or "including" shall not limit the term to the specific example, but is intended to extend its meaning to all other instances of like kind and character.
- C. The word "person" includes an individual, firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, corporation, unit of government, or any other similar entity.
- D. The words "shall" and "must" are mandatory; the words "may" and "should" are permissive.
- E. The words "used or occupied" include the words "intended, designed, maintained, or arranged to be used, occupied or maintained."

Section 202. Definitions

Accelerated Erosion - The removal of the surface of the land through the combined action of man's activity and the natural processes of a rate greater than would occur because of the natural process alone.

Agricultural Activities - The work of producing crops and raising livestock including tillage, plowing, disking, harrowing, pasturing and installation of conservation measures. For purposes of regulation by this Ordinance construction of new buildings or impervious area is not considered an agricultural activity.

Alteration - As applied to land, a change in topography as a result of the moving of soil and rock from one location or position to another; also the changing of surface conditions by causing the surface to be more or less impervious; land disturbance.

As-built drawings - Those maintained by the Contractor as he constructs the project and upon which he documents the actual locations of the building components and changes to the original contract documents. These, or a copy of same, are turned over to the Engineer at the completion of the project

Applicant - A person who has filed an application for approval to engage in any Regulated Activities as defined in **Section 105** of this Ordinance.

Bankfull - The channel at the top-of-bank or point where water begins to overflow onto a floodplain.

Base Flow - Portion of stream discharge derived from groundwater; the sustained discharge that does not result from direct runoff or from water diversions, reservoir releases, piped discharges, or other human activities.

Bioretention - A stormwater retention area which utilizes woody and herbaceous plants and soils to remove pollutants before infiltration occurs.

BMP (Best Management Practice) - Methods, measures or practices to prevent or reduce surface runoff and/or water pollution, including but not limited to, structural and non-structural stormwater management practices and operation and maintenance procedures. See also Non-structured Best Management Practice (BMP).

Buffer - The area of land immediately adjacent to any stream, measured perpendicular to and horizontally from the top-of-bank on both sides of a stream.

Carbonate Bedrock (Areas) - Rock consisting chiefly of carbonate minerals, such as limestone and dolomite; specifically a sedimentary rock composed of more than 50% by weight of carbonate minerals that underlies soil or other unconsolidated, superficial material.

Channel - A drainage element in which stormwater flows with an open surface. Open channels include, but shall not be limited to, natural and man-made drainage ways, swales, streams, ditches, canals, and pipes flowing partly full.

Channel Erosion - The widening, deepening, and headward cutting of small channels and waterways, caused by stormwater runoff or bankfull flows.

Cistern - An underground reservoir or tank for storing rainwater.

Conservation District - The Berks County Conservation District.

Culvert - A structure with appurtenant works, which carries water under or through an embankment or fill.

Dam - An artificial barrier, together with its appurtenant works, constructed for the purpose of impounding or storing water or another fluid or semifluid, or a refuse bank, fill or structure for highway, railroad or other purposes which does or may impound water or another fluid or semifluid.

Department - The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Designee - The agent of the Berks County Planning Commission, Berks County Conservation District and/or agent of the governing body involved with the administration, review or enforcement of any provisions of this ordinance by contract or memorandum of understanding.

Design Professional (Qualified) - Any person licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of State or otherwise qualified by law to perform the work required by the Ordinance

Design Storm - The magnitude and temporal distribution of precipitation from a storm event measured in probability of occurrence (e.g., a 5-year storm) and duration (e.g., 24-hours), used in the design and evaluation of stormwater management systems.

Designated Watershed (ACT 167) - A Watershed which is listed under the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's "Index of Designated Watersheds (Stormwater Management)" pursuant to the Stormwater Management Act P.L. 864, No. 167, October 4, 1978, and published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on May 31, 1980 and August 9, 1980, as amended on November 19, 1991, April 21, 1992, June 21, 1994, April 16, 1996, April 15, 1997 and December 16, 1997).

Detention Basin - An impoundment designed to collect and retard stormwater runoff by temporarily storing the runoff and releasing it at a predetermined rate. Detention basins are designed to drain completely shortly after any given rainfall event and are dry until the next rainfall event.

Detention District - Those subareas in which some type of detention is required to meet the plan requirements and the goals of Act 167.

Developer - A person that seeks to undertake any Regulated Earth Disturbance activities at a project site in Richmond Township.

Development - See "Earth Disturbance Activity." The term includes redevelopment.

Development Site - The specific tract of land where any Earth Disturbance activities in Richmond Township are planned, conducted or maintained.

Diffused Drainage Discharge - Drainage discharge not confined to a single point location or channel, such as sheet flow or shallow concentrated flow.

Discharge - To release water from a project, site, aquifer, drainage basin or other point of interest (verb); The rate and volume of flow of water such as in a stream, generally expressed in cubic feet per second (volume per unit of time) (noun). See also Peak Discharge.

Discharge Point - The point where stormwater flows into.

Disturbed Areas - Unstabilized land area where an earth disturbance activity is occurring or has occurred.

Ditch - An artificial waterway for irrigation or stormwater conveyance.

Downslope Property Line - That portion of the property line of the lot, tract, or parcels of land being developed located such that overland or pipe flow from the site would be directed towards it.

Drainage Conveyance Facility - A Stormwater Management Facility designed to transmit stormwater runoff and shall include channels, swales, pipes, conduits, culverts, storm sewers, etc.

Drainage Easement - A right granted by a landowner to a grantee, allowing the use of private land for stormwater management purposes.

Drainage Permit - A permit issued by the Township governing body after the drainage plan has been approved.

Drainage Plan - The documentation of the stormwater management system, if any, to be used for a given development site, the contents of which are established in Section 403.

Earth Disturbance Activity - A construction or other human activity which disturbs the surface of 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.

Emergency Spillway - A conveyance area that is used to pass peak discharge greater than the maximum design storm controlled by the stormwater facility.

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

Erosion - The process by which the surface of the land, including channels, is worn away by water, wind, or chemical action.

Erosion and Sediment Control Plan - A plan for a project site which identifies BMPs to minimize accelerated erosion and sedimentation.

Exceptional Value Waters - Surface waters of high quality which satisfy Pennsylvania Code Title 25 Environmental Protection, Chapter 93, Water Quality Standards, § 93.4b(b) (relating to anti-degradation).

Existing Conditions - The initial condition of a project site prior to the proposed alteration. If the initial condition of the site is undeveloped land, the land use shall be considered as "meadow" unless the natural land cover is proven to generate lower curve numbers or Rational "C" value, such as forested lands.

Flood - A temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of land areas from the overflow of streams, rivers, and other waters of this Commonwealth.

Floodplain - Any land area susceptible to inundation by water from any natural source or delineated by applicable Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Insurance Administration Flood Hazard Boundary - Mapped as being a special flood hazard area.

Floodway - The channel of the watercourse and those portions of the adjoining floodplains, which are reasonably required to carry and discharge the 100-year frequency flood. Unless otherwise specified, the boundary of the floodway is as indicated on maps and flood insurance studies provided by FEMA. In an area where no FEMA maps or studies have defined the boundary of the 100-year frequency floodway, it is assumed - absent evidence to the contrary - that the floodway extends from the stream to 50 feet from the top-of-bank.

Fluvial Geomorphology - The study of landforms associated with river channels and the processes that form them.

Forest Management/Timber Operations - Planning and activities necessary for the management of forest land with no change of land use proposed. These include timber inventory

and preparation of forest management plans, silvicultural treatment, cutting budgets, logging road design and construction, timber harvesting and reforestation.

Freeboard - A vertical distance between the elevation of the design high-water and the top of a dam, levee, tank, basin, swale, or diversion berm. The space is required as a safety margin in a pond or basin.

Governing Body - The Board of Supervisors of Richmond Township.

Grade - A slope, usually of a road, channel or natural ground specified in percent and shown on plans as specified herein. (To) Grade - to finish the surface of a roadbed, top of embankment or bottom of excavation.

Grassed Waterway - A natural or constructed waterway, usually broad and shallow, covered with erosion-resistant grasses, used to convey surface water.

Groundwater - Water beneath the earth's surface, often between saturated soil and rock that supplies wells and springs.

Groundwater Recharge - Replenishment of existing natural underground water supplies without degrading groundwater quality.

HEC-HMS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC) - Hydrologic Modeling System (HMS). This model was used to model the Maiden Creek and Sacony Creek watersheds during the ACT 167 Plan development and was the basis for the Standards and Criteria of this Ordinance.

High Quality Waters - Surface waters having quality which exceeds levels necessary to support propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife and recreation in and on the water by satisfying Pennsylvania Code Title 25 Environmental Protection, Chapter 93 Water Quality Standards, § 93.4b(a).

Hotspots - Areas where land use or activities generate highly contaminated runoff, with concentrations of pollutants in excess of those typically found in stormwater.

Hydrograph - A graph of discharge versus time for a selected point in the drainage system.

Hydrologic Regime (natural) - The hydrologic cycle or balance that sustains quality and quantity of stormwater, baseflow, storage, and groundwater supplies under natural conditions.

Hydrologic Soil Group, - A classification of soils by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, formerly the Soil Conservation Service, into four runoff potential groups. The groups range from A soils, which are very permeable and produce little runoff, to D soils, which are not very permeable and produce much more runoff.

Impervious Surface - A surface that prevents the infiltration of water into the ground. Impervious surface includes, but is not limited to, any roof, parking or driveway areas, and any new streets and sidewalks. Any surface areas designed to be gravel or crushed stone shall be assumed to be impervious surfaces.

Impoundment - A retention or detention basin designed to retain stormwater runoff and release it at a controlled rate.

Infill - Development that occurs on smaller parcels that remain undeveloped but are within or very close proximity to urban areas. The development relies on existing infrastructure and does not require an extension of water, sewer or other public utilities.

Infiltration - Movement of surface water into the soil, where it is absorbed by plant roots, evaporated into the atmosphere, or percolates downward to recharge groundwater.

Infiltration Structures - A structure designed to direct runoff into the underground water (e.g., french drains, seepage pits, seepage trench).

Inlet - The upstream end of any structure through which water may flow.

Intermittent Stream - A stream that flows only part of the time. Flow generally occurs for several weeks or months in response to seasonal precipitation, due to groundwater discharge.

Land Development - (i) the improvement of one lot or two or more contiguous lots, tracts, or parcels of land for any purpose involving (a) a group of two or more residential or nonresidential buildings, whether proposed initially or cumulatively, or a single nonresidential building on a lot or lots regardless of the number of occupants or tenure or (b) the division or allocation of land or space, whether initially or cumulatively, between or among two or more existing or prospective occupants by means of, or for the purpose of streets, common areas, leaseholds, condominiums, building groups, or other features; (ii) a subdivision of land; (iii) development in accordance with Section 503(1.1) of the PA Municipalities Planning Code.

Limiting Zone - A soil horizon or condition in the soil profile or underlying strata which includes one of the following:

- (i) A seasonal high water table, whether perched or regional, determined by direct observation of the water table or indicated by soil mottling.
- (ii) A rock with open joints, fracture or solution channels, or masses of loose rock fragments, including gravel, with insufficient fine soil to fill the voids between the fragments.
- (iii) A rock formation, other stratum or soil condition which is so slowly permeable that it effectively limits downward passage of effluent.

Lot - A part of a subdivision or a parcel of land used as a building site or intended to be used for building purposes, whether immediate or future, which would not be further subdivided.

Main Stem (Main Channel) - Any stream segment or other runoff conveyance facility used as a reach in the Maiden Creek and Sacony Creek hydrologic models.

Manning Equation (Manning formula) - A method for calculation of velocity of flow (e.g., feet per second) and flow rate (e.g., cubic feet per second) in open channels based upon channel shape, roughness, depth of flow and slope. "Open channels" may include closed conduits so long as the flow is not under pressure.

Municipality - Richmond Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Natural Hydrologic Regime (see hydrologic regime)

Natural Recharge Area - Undisturbed surface area or depression where stormwater collects, and a portion of which infiltrates and replenishes the underground and groundwater.

Non-point Source Pollution - Pollution that enters a water body from diffuse origins in the watershed and does not result from discernible, confined, or discrete conveyances.

Non Stormwater Discharges - Water flowing in stormwater collection facilities, such as pipes or swales, which is not the result of a rainfall event or snowmelt.

Nonstructural Best Management Practice (BMPs) - Methods of controlling stormwater runoff quantity and quality, such as innovative site planning, impervious area and grading reduction, protection of natural depression areas, temporary ponding on site and other techniques.

NPDES - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, the federal government's system for issuance of permits under the Clean Water Act, which is delegated to DEP in Pennsylvania.

NRCS - Natural Resource Conservation Service (previously SCS).

Outfall - "Point source" as described in 40 CFR § 122.2 at the point where Richmond Township's storm sewer system discharges to surface waters of the Commonwealth.

Outlet - Points of water disposal to a stream, river, lake, tidewater or artificial drain.

Parent Tract - The parcel of land from which a land development or subdivision originates, determined from the date of municipal adoption of this ordinance.

Parking Lot Storage - Involves the use of parking areas as temporary impoundments with controlled release rates during rainstorms.

Peak Discharge - The maximum rate of stormwater runoff from a specific storm event.

Penn State Runoff Model - The computer-based hydrologic model developed at the Pennsylvania State University.

Pipe - A culvert, closed conduit, or similar structure (including appurtenances) that conveys stormwater.

Planning Commission - The Planning Commission of Richmond Township.

Point Source - any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including, but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, or conduit from which stormwater is or may be discharged, as defined in State regulations at 25 Pa. Code § 92.1.

Post Construction - Period after construction where disturbed areas are stabilized, stormwater controls are in place and functioning and all proposed improvements in the approved land development plan are completed.

Predevelopment - Undeveloped/Natural Condition.

Pretreatment - Techniques employed in stormwater BMPs to provide storage or filtering to trap coarse materials and other pollutants before they enter the system, but which do not necessarily meet the water quality volume requirements of **Section 306**.

Project Site - The specific area of land where any Regulated Earth Disturbance activities in Richmond Township are planned, conducted or maintained.

Rational Formula - A rainfall-runoff relation used to estimate peak flow.

Recharge - The replenishment of groundwater through the infiltration of rainfall, other surface waters, or land application of water or treated wastewater.

Record Drawings - Original documents revised to suit the as-built conditions and subsequently provided by the Engineer to the Client. The Engineer takes the Contractor's as-builts, reviews them in detail with his/her own records for completeness, then either turns these over to the Client or transfers the information to a set of reproducibles, in both cases for the Client's permanent records.

Redevelopment - The demolition, construction, reconstruction, alteration, or improvement exceeding 2,000 square feet of land disturbance performed on sites where existing land use is commercial, industrial, institutional, or multifamily residential. Maintenance activities such as top-layer grinding and re-paving are not considered to be redevelopment. Interior remodeling projects and tenant improvements are also not considered to be redevelopment. Utility trenches in streets are not considered redevelopment unless more than 50% of the street width is removed and re-paved.

Regulated Activities - Any actions or proposed actions that involve the alteration or development of land in a manner that may affect stormwater runoff.

Regulated Earth Disturbance Activity - Activity involving Earth Disturbance subject to regulation under 25 PA Code Chapters 92, Chapter 102, or the Clean Streams Law.

Release Rate - The percentage of existing conditions peak rate of runoff from a site or subarea to which the proposed condition peak rate of runoff must be reduced to protect downstream areas.

Retention Basin - A structure in which stormwater is stored and not released during the storm event. Retention basins do not have an outlet other than recharge and must infiltrate stored water in no more than 4 days.

Return Period - The average interval, in years, within which a storm event of a given magnitude can be expected to recur. For example, the 25-year return period rainfall would be expected to recur on the average of once every twenty-five years.

Riser - A vertical pipe extending from the bottom of a pond that is used to control the discharge rate from the pond for a specified design storm.

Road Maintenance - earth disturbance activities within the existing road cross-section, such as grading and repairing existing unpaved road surfaces, cutting road banks, cleaning or clearing drainage ditches and other similar activities.

Roof Drains - A drainage conduit or pipe that collects water runoff from a roof and leads it away from the structure.

Rooftop Detention - Temporary ponding and gradual release of stormwater falling directly onto flat roof surfaces by incorporating controlled-flow roof drains into building designs.

Runoff - Any part of precipitation that flows over the land surface.

SALDO - Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of Richmond Township.

Sediment Basin - A barrier, dam, retention or detention basin located and designed to retain rock, sand, gravel, silt, or other material transported by water during construction.

Sediment Pollution - The placement, discharge or any other introduction of sediment into the waters of the Commonwealth.

Sedimentation - The process by which mineral or organic matter is accumulated or deposited by the movement of water or air.

Seepage Pit/Seepage Trench - An area of excavated earth filled with loose stone or similar coarse material, into which surface water is directed for infiltration into the underground water.

Separate Storm Sewer System - A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, township streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels or storm drains) primarily used for collecting and conveying stormwater runoff.

Shallow Concentrated Flow - Stormwater runoff flowing in shallow, defined ruts prior to entering a defined channel or waterway.

Sheet Flow - A flow process associated with broad, shallow water movement on sloping ground surfaces that is not channelized or concentrated.

Soil-Cover Complex Method - A method of runoff computation developed by the NRCS that is based on relating soil type and land use/cover to a runoff parameter called Curve Number (CN).

Source Water Protection Areas (SWPA) - The zone through which contaminants, if present, are likely to migrate and reach a drinking water well or surface water intake.

Special Geologic Features - Carbonate bedrock features, including but not limited to closed depressions, existing sinkholes, fracture traces, lineaments, joints, faults, caves and pinnacles, which may exist and must be identified on a site when stormwater management BMPs are being considered.

Special Protection Subwatersheds - Watersheds for which the receiving waters are exceptional value (EV) or high quality (HQ) waters.

Spillway - A conveyance that is used to pass the peak discharge of the maximum design storm controlled by the stormwater facility.

State Water Quality Requirements - The regulatory requirements to protect, maintain, reclaim and restore water quality under PA Code Title 25 and the Clean Streams Law.

Storage Indication Method - A reservoir routing procedure based on solution of the continuity equation (inflow minus outflow equals the change in storage) with outflow defined as a function of storage volume and depth.

Storm Frequency - The number of times that a given storm "event" occurs or is exceeded on the average in a stated period of years. See "Return Period".

Storm Sewer - A system of pipes and/or open channels that convey intercepted runoff and stormwater from other sources, but excludes domestic sewage and industrial wastes.

Stormwater - The surface runoff generated by precipitation reaching the ground surface.

Stormwater Management Facility - Any structure, natural or man-made, that, due to its condition, design, or construction, conveys, stores, or otherwise affects stormwater runoff quality, rate or quantity. Typical stormwater management facilities include, but are not limited to, detention and retention basins, open channels, storm sewers, pipes, and infiltration structures.

Stormwater Management Plan, Maiden Creek - The plan for managing those land use activities that will influence stormwater runoff quality and quantity and that would impact the Maiden Creek Watershed adopted by Berks County, and Lehigh County as required by the Act of October 4, 1978, P.L. 864, (Act 167), and known as the "Maiden Creek Watershed Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan".

Stormwater Management Plan, Sacony Creek - The plan for managing those land use activities that will influence stormwater runoff quality and quantity and that would impact the Sacony Creek Watershed adopted by Berks County and Lehigh County as required by the Act of October 4, 1978, P.L. 864, (Act 167), and known as the "Sacony Creek Watershed Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan".

Stormwater Management Site Plan - The plan prepared by the Applicant or his representative indicating how stormwater runoff will be managed at the particular site of interest according to this Ordinance.

Stream - A natural watercourse.

Stream Buffer - The land area adjacent to each side of a stream, essential to maintaining water quality. (See Buffer)

Stream Enclosure - A bridge, culvert or other structure in excess of 100 feet in length upstream to downstream which encloses a regulated water of this Commonwealth.

Subarea (Subwatershed) - The smallest drainage unit of a watershed for which stormwater management criteria have been established in the Stormwater Management Plan.

Subdivision - The division or redivision of a lot, tract, or parcel of land by any means into two or more lots, tracts, parcels or other divisions of land including changes in existing lot lines for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of lease, partition by the court for distribution to heirs or devisees, transfer of ownership, or building or lot development: Provided, however, that the

subdivision by lease of land for agricultural purposes into parcels of more than ten acres, not involving any new street or easement of access or any residential dwelling, shall be exempted.

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

Swale - A low lying stretch of land which gathers or carries surface water runoff.

Timber Operations - See Forest Management.

Time-of-Concentration (Tc) - The time for surface runoff to travel from the hydraulically most distant point of the watershed to a point of interest within the watershed. This time is the combined total of overland flow time and flow time in pipes or channels, if any.

Top-of-Bank - Highest point of elevation in a stream channel cross section at which a rising water level just begins to flow out of the channel and over the floodplain.

Township Engineer - A professional engineer licensed as such in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, duly appointed as the engineer for a municipality, planning agency or joint planning commission.

Vernal Pond - Seasonal depressional wetlands that are covered by shallow water for variable periods from winter to spring, but may be completely dry for most of the summer and fall.

Watercourse - A channel or conveyance of surface water having defined bed and banks, whether natural or artificial, with perennial or intermittent flow.

Waters of the Commonwealth - Any and all rivers, streams, creeks, rivulets, ditches, watercourses, storm sewers, lakes, dammed water, wetlands, ponds, springs, and all 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.

Watershed - Region or area drained by a river, watercourse or other body of water, whether natural or artificial.

Wellhead - 1. a structure built over a well, 2. the source of water for a well.

Wellhead Protection Area - The surface and subsurface area surrounding a water supply well, well field, spring or infiltration gallery supplying a public water system, through which contaminants are reasonably likely to move toward and reach the water source.

Wet Basin - Pond for urban runoff management that is designed to detain urban runoff and always contains water.

Wetland - Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, including swamps, marshes, bogs, fens, and similar areas.

ARTICLE III-STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Section 301. General Requirements

- A. Applicants proposing regulated activities in Richmond Township which do not fall under the exemption criteria shown in **Section 402** shall submit a drainage plan consistent with this Ordinance to Richmond Township for review. These criteria shall apply to the total proposed development even if development is to take place in stages
- B. The Applicant is required to evaluate practicable alternatives to the surface discharge of stormwater, the creation of impervious surfaces and the degradation of waters of the Commonwealth, and must maintain as much as possible the natural hydrologic regime
- C. The Drainage Plan must be designed consistent with the sequencing provisions of **Section 304** to ensure maintenance of the natural hydrologic regime and to promote groundwater recharge and protect groundwater and surface water quality and quantity. The Drainage Plan designer must proceed sequentially in accordance with Article III of this ordinance.
- D. The existing points of concentrated drainage that discharge onto adjacent property shall not be altered in any manner which could cause property damage without permission of the affected property owner(s) and shall be subject to any applicable discharge criteria specified in this Ordinance.
- E. Areas of existing diffused drainage discharge shall be subject to any applicable discharge criteria in the general direction of existing discharge, whether proposed to be concentrated or maintained as diffused drainage areas, except as otherwise provided by this ordinance. If diffused drainage discharge is proposed to be concentrated and discharged onto adjacent property, the Applicant must document that adequate downstream conveyance facilities exist to safely transport the concentrated discharge, or otherwise prove that no erosion, sedimentation, flooding or other impacts will result from the concentrated discharge.
- F. Where a development site is traversed by existing watercourses, drainage easements shall be provided conforming to the line of such watercourses. The terms of the easement shall conform to the stream buffer requirements contained in **Section 306.D** of this Ordinance.
- G. Any stormwater management facilities regulated by this Ordinance that would be located in or adjacent to waters of the Commonwealth or wetlands shall be subject to approval by PaDEP through the Joint Permit Application process, or, where deemed appropriate by PaDEP, the General Permit process. When there is a question whether wetlands may be involved, it is the responsibility of the Applicant or his agent to show that the land in question cannot be classified as wetlands, otherwise approval to work in the area must be obtained from PaDEP.
- H. Any alteration that affects stormwater flow directly or indirectly toward a PennDOT facility shall be subject to PennDOT regulations.

- I. Minimization of impervious surfaces and infiltration of runoff through seepage beds, infiltration trenches, etc. are encouraged, where soil conditions permit, to reduce the size or eliminate the need for detention facilities or other structural BMPs.
- J. Roof drains shall not be connected to impervious surfaces in order to promote overland flow and infiltration/ percolation of stormwater where advantageous to do so. When site conditions preclude infiltration/percolation, then it shall be permitted on a case by case basis by Richmond Township.
- K. All stormwater runoff shall be treated for water quality.
- L. Transference of runoff to or from an EV/HQ watershed is prohibited unless otherwise authorized by DEP, DRBC or SRBC.

Section 302. Permit Requirements by Other Government Entities

Permits must comply with any and all applicable local, county, state and federal regulations.

Section 303. Erosion and Sediment Control During Regulated Earth Disturbance Activities

- A. No Regulated Earth Disturbance activities within Richmond Township shall commence until Richmond Township receives an approval from the Conservation District of an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for construction activities.
- B. DEP has regulations that require an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for any earth disturbance activity of 5,000 square feet or more, under 25 Pa. Code § 102.4(b).
- C. In addition, under 25 Pa. Code Chapter 92, a DEP "NPDES Construction Activities" permit is required for Regulated Earth Disturbance activities.
- D. Evidence of any necessary permit(s) for Regulated Earth Disturbance activities from the appropriate DEP regional office or County Conservation District must be provided to Richmond Township. The issuance of an NPDES Construction Permit (or permit coverage under the statewide General Permit (PAG-2) satisfies the requirements Subsection 303.A.
- E. A copy of the Erosion and Sediment Control plan and any required permit, as required by DEP regulations, shall be available at the project site at all times.
- F. Additional erosion and sediment control design standards and criteria are recommended to be applied where infiltration BMPs are proposed shall include the following:
 - 1. Areas proposed for infiltration BMPs shall be protected from sedimentation and compaction during the construction phase to maintain maximum infiltration capacity.

2. Infiltration BMPs shall not be constructed nor receive runoff until the entire contributory drainage area to the infiltration BMP has achieved final stabilization

Section 304. Nonstructural Project Design (Sequencing to Minimize Stormwater Impacts)

- A. For projects disturbing one (1) acre or more, the design of all Regulated Activities shall include evaluation of practicable alternatives to the surface discharge of stormwater, the creation of impervious surfaces, and the degradation of waters of the Commonwealth, and must maintain as much as possible the natural hydrologic regime of the site.
 1. An alternative is practicable if it is available and capable of being done after taking into consideration cost, existing technology and logistics in light of overall project purposes, and other Township requirements.
 2. All practicable alternatives to the discharge of stormwater are presumed to have less adverse impact on quantity and quality of waters of the Commonwealth unless otherwise demonstrated.
- B. The Applicant shall demonstrate that they designed the Regulated Activities that disturb one (1) acre or more included consideration of the following issues:
 1. Prepare an Existing Resource and Site Analysis Map (ERSAM), showing environmentally sensitive areas including, but not limited to, steep slopes, ponds, lakes, streams, wetlands, hydric soils, vernal pools, flood plains, stream buffer zones, hydrologic soil groups A and B (areas conducive to infiltration), special geologic features, any existing recharge areas and any other requirements outlined in the Richmond Township Subdivision and Land Development ordinance.
 2. Establish appropriate buffers for each of the delineated environmentally sensitive areas per the Richmond Township Zoning Ordinance (See Section 306.D. for stream buffers and Section 310.B.2 for special geologic feature buffers).
 3. Prepare a draft project layout avoiding sensitive areas identified in **Section 304.B.1.**
 4. Identify site specific existing conditions drainage areas, discharge points, recharge areas and hydrologic soil groups A and B.
 5. Evaluate Nonstructural Stormwater Management Alternatives to
 - a. Minimize earth disturbance
 - b. Minimize impervious surfaces
 - c. Break up large impervious surfaces.
 6. Satisfy infiltration objective (Section 305) and provide for stormwater pretreatment prior to infiltration. Pretreatment may not be necessary for rooftop runoff which enters the infiltration facility directly from a roof leader (rain spout/drain).

7. Satisfy Water Quality (Section 306) and Streambank Erosion Protection Objective (Section 307).
8. Determine what Management District the site falls into (Appendix D) and conduct an existing conditions runoff analysis.
9. Prepare final project design to maintain existing conditions drainage areas and discharge points, to minimize earth disturbance and impervious surfaces, and to the maximum extent possible, to ensure the remaining site development has no surface or point discharge.
10. Conduct a proposed condition runoff analysis based on the final design and to meet the release rate and in turn the overbank flow and extreme event requirements (**Section 308**).
11. Manage any remaining runoff through treatment prior to discharge, as part of detention, bioretention, direct discharge or other structural control.

Section 305. Ground Water Recharge (Infiltration/Recharge/Bioretention)

Maximizing the ground water recharge capacity of the area being developed is required. Design of the infiltration stormwater management facilities shall give consideration to providing ground water recharge to compensate for the reduction in the percolation that occurs when the ground surface is disturbed or impervious surface is created. It is recommended that roof runoff be directed to infiltration BMPs which can be over-designed to compensate for the infiltration requirements of the parking areas. However, the runoff from the parking lot would still be required to meet the water quality provisions of this ordinance, Section 306. These measures are required to be consistent with **Section 103**, and take advantage of utilizing any existing recharge areas.

Infiltration may not be feasible on every site due to site-specific limitations such as soil type. If it cannot be physically accomplished, due to seasonal high water table, soil permeability rate, soil depth or setback distances from special geologic features, then the design professional shall be responsible to show that this cannot be **physically** accomplished. If it can be physically accomplished, then the volume of runoff to be infiltrated shall be determined from Section 305.A.3 depending on demonstrated site conditions and shall be the greater of the two volumes.

A. Infiltration BMPs shall meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Infiltration Requirements:
 - a. Regulated activities will be required to infiltrate, where site conditions permit, a portion of the runoff created by the development as part of an overall stormwater management plan designed for the site. The volume of runoff to be infiltrated shall be determined from Sections 305.A.3.a. or 305.A.3.b, depending upon demonstrated site conditions.

2. Infiltration BMPs intended to receive runoff from developed areas shall be selected based on suitability of soils and site conditions and shall be constructed on soils that have the following characteristics:
- a. A minimum depth of thirty-six (36) inches between the bottom of the BMP and the limiting zone.
 - b. An infiltration and/or percolation rate sufficient to accept the additional stormwater load and drain completely as determined by field tests conducted by the Applicant's design professional.
 - c. The infiltration facility shall be capable of completely infiltrating the required retention (infiltration) volume within 4 days (96 hours).
 - d. Pretreatment shall be provided prior to infiltration.
3. The size of the infiltration facility shall be based upon the following volume criteria:
- a. NRCS Curve Number equation.

The NRCS runoff equation shall be utilized to calculate infiltration requirements (I) in inches.

$I \text{ (Infiltration requirement, in inches)} = (200 / CN) - 2$	Eqn:
305.1	

Where:

CN = SCS (NRCS) curve number of existing conditions contributing to the infiltration facility.

This equation is displayed graphically in, and the infiltration requirement can be determined from Figure 305.1.

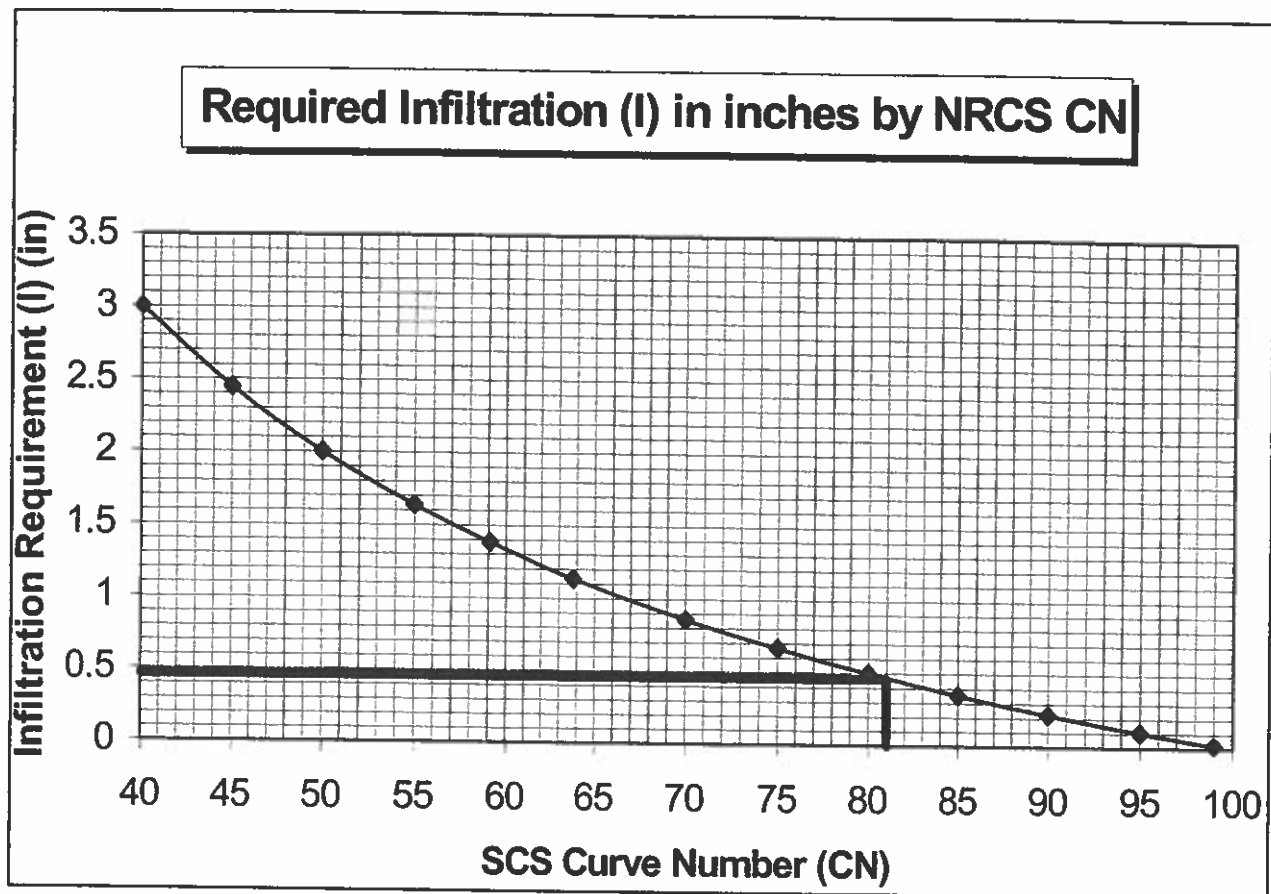


Figure 305.1. Infiltration requirement based upon NRCS Curve Number.

The retention (infiltration) volume (Re_v) required to meet the infiltration requirement would therefore be computed as:

$$Re_v (\text{Cubic Feet}) = I * \text{impervious area (square feet)} / (12 \text{ in/ft}) \quad \text{Eqn: 305.2}$$

Where:

I = infiltration requirement (in inches)

b. Annual Recharge – Water Budget Approach.

It has been determined that infiltrating 0.46 inches of runoff from the impervious areas will aid in maintaining the hydrologic regime of the watershed. If the goals of Sections 305.A.2.a cannot be achieved, then 0.46 inches of rainfall shall be infiltrated from all impervious areas, up to an existing site conditions curve number of 81. Above a curve number of 81, Equation 305.1 or the curve in Figure 305.1 should be used to determine the infiltration requirement.

- B. Soils - A detailed soils evaluation of the project site shall be required where practicable to determine the suitability of infiltration facilities. The evaluation shall be performed by a qualified design professional, and at a minimum, address soil permeability, depth to bedrock and subgrade stability. The general process for designing the infiltration BMP shall be:
1. Analyze hydrologic soil groups as well as natural and man-made features within the site to determine general areas of suitability for infiltration practices. In areas where development on fill material is under consideration, conduct geotechnical investigations of sub-grade stability; infiltration is not permitted to be ruled out without conducting these tests.
 2. Provide field tests such as double ring infiltrometer or hydraulic conductivity tests (at the level of the proposed infiltration surface) to determine the appropriate hydraulic conductivity rate. Percolation tests are not recommended for design purposes.
 3. Design the infiltration structure for the required retention (Re_v) volume based on field determined capacity at the level of the proposed infiltration surface.
 4. If on-lot infiltration structures are proposed by the Applicant's design professional, it must be demonstrated to Richmond Township that the soils are conducive to infiltrate on the lots identified.
- C. Carbonate Areas – The Applicant shall investigate non-carbonate areas of the site for the suitability of infiltration and, if feasible, proceed to undertake infiltration pursuant to Section 305.A. If infiltration in non-carbonate areas is not feasible, the Applicant shall investigate areas of the site underlain by carbonate bedrock for infiltration purposes. If a suitable area is identified that meets the requirements of this provision and Table B-5, infiltration shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of this Ordinance. Only if infiltration proves infeasible in both carbonate and non-carbonate areas of the site may the applicant be granted a waiver from the infiltration requirements of the Ordinance; however, the calculated infiltration volume (Section 305.A) shall be treated by a facility which prevents the required volume of runoff from being discharged off-site. Acceptable methods for treating this volume are storage and reuse, bio-retention, wet ponds, and soil composting. Other methods may be acceptable and all methods should generally follow the design guidelines outlined in the Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practice Manual, latest edition.

Infiltration BMP loading rate percentages in Table B-5 in Ordinance Appendix B shall be calculated as follows:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Area tributary to the infiltration BMP}}{\text{Base Area of the infiltration BMP}} \right) * 100\%$$

The area tributary to the infiltration BMP shall be weighted as follows:

Area Description	Weighting
All disturbed area to be made impervious	100%
All disturbed areas to be made pervious	50%
All undisturbed impervious areas	100%
All undisturbed pervious areas	0%

Soil thickness is to be measured from the bottom of any proposed infiltration BMP. The effective soil thickness in Table B-5 in Ordinance Appendix B is the measured soil thickness multiplied by the thickness factor based on soil permeability, as follows:

Permeability Range	Thickness Factor
6.0 to 12.0 inches/hr	0.8
2.0 to 6.0 inches / hr	1.0
1.0 to 2.0 inches/hr	1.4
0.75 to 1.0 inches/hr	1.2
0.5 to 0.75 inches/hr	1.0

The design of all facilities over Karst shall include an evaluation of measures to minimize adverse effects.

- D. Stormwater Hotspots – Following is a list of examples of designated hotspots. If a site is designated as a hotspot, it has important implications for how stormwater is managed. First and foremost, untreated stormwater runoff from hotspots shall not be allowed to recharge into groundwater where it may contaminate water supplies. Therefore, the Rev requirement shall NOT applied to development sites that fit into the hotspot category (the entire WQv must still be treated). Second, a greater level of stormwater treatment shall be considered at hotspot sites to prevent pollutant washoff after construction. EPA's NPDES stormwater program requires some industrial sites as well as 923 municipalities and other entities to prepare and implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan.

Examples of Hotspots:

- Vehicle salvage yards and recycling facilities
- Vehicle fueling stations
- Vehicle service and maintenance facilities
- Vehicle and equipment cleaning facilities
- Fleet storage areas (bus, truck, etc.)
- Industrial sites (based on Standard Industrial Codes)
- Marinas (service and maintenance)
- Outdoor liquid container storage
- Outdoor loading/unloading facilities
- Public works storage areas
- Facilities that generate or store hazardous materials

- Commercial container nursery
- Other land uses and activities as designated by an appropriate review authority

The following land uses and activities are not normally considered hotspots:

- Residential streets and rural highways
- Residential development
- Institutional development
- Office developments
- Non-industrial rooftops
- Pervious areas, except golf courses and nurseries (which may need an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan).

While large highways (average daily traffic volume (ADT) greater than 30,000) are not designated as a stormwater hotspot; however, it is important to ensure that highway stormwater management plans adequately protect groundwater.

- E. Caution shall be exercised where infiltration is proposed in Source Water Protection Areas as defined by Richmond Township or a Water Authority.
- F. Infiltration facilities shall be used in conjunction with other innovative or traditional stormwater control facilities that are found within the PADEP State BMP Manual.
- G. Caution shall be exercised where salt or chloride (municipal salt storage) would be a pollutant since soils do little to filter this pollutant and it may contaminate the groundwater. The qualified design professional shall evaluate the possibility of groundwater contamination from the proposed infiltration facility and perform a hydrogeologic justification study if necessary. A hydrogeologic justification study would entail: Field reconnaissance, in which local geology, topographic features, local well characteristics, surface water flows, potential contamination, and nature of impermeable areas are determined. Data review of collected pertinent information such as geologic information, hydrologic data concerning both surface and groundwater, and geophysical data. With the collected data, a hydrologic model may be developed to determine the extent to which salt or chloride affects the groundwater.
- H. The infiltration requirement in High Quality or Exceptional Value waters shall be subject to the Department's Chapter 93 Antidegradation Regulations.
- I. Dependant upon certain land use or hotspots an impermeable liner will be required in detention basins where the possibility of groundwater contamination exists. A detailed hydrogeologic investigation may be required by Richmond Township.
- J. Richmond Township shall require the Applicant to provide safeguards against groundwater contamination for land uses that may cause groundwater contamination should there be a mishap or spill.

- K. For projects that disturb one (1) acre or more, unless otherwise specified in the zoning ordinance, the following setbacks for infiltration facilities shall apply:
1. 100 feet from water supply wells;
 2. 10 feet downslope or 100 feet upslope from building foundations;
 3. 50 feet from septic system drainfields;
 4. 50 feet from a geologic contact with carbonate bedrock, unless a preliminary site investigation is done in the carbonate bedrock to show the absence of special geologic features within 50 feet of the proposed infiltration area;
 5. 100 feet from the property line unless documentation is provided to show all setbacks from wells, foundations and drainfields on the neighboring property will be met.

Section 306. Water Quality Requirements

The applicant shall comply with the following water quality requirements of this Article.

- A. Developed areas shall provide adequate storage and treatment facilities necessary to capture and treat stormwater runoff. The infiltration volume computed under Section 305 may be a component of the water quality volume if the Applicant chooses to manage both components in a single facility. If the infiltration volume is less than the water quality volume, the remaining water quality volume may be captured and treated by methods other than infiltration BMPs. The required water quality volume (WQ_v) is the storage capacity needed to capture and treat a portion of stormwater runoff from the developed areas of the site.

To achieve this goal, the following criterion is established:

The following calculation formula is to be used to determine the water quality storage volume, (WQ_v), in acre-feet of storage in Richmond Township:

$WQ_v = [(P)(R_v)(A)]/12$	Eqn: 306.1
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Where:

WQ_v = Water Quality Volume (acre-feet)

P = 1 inch

A = Total contributing drainage area to the water quality BMP (acres)

$R_v = 0.05 + 0.009(I)$ where I is the percent of the area that is impervious surface ((impervious area/A)*100)

This volume requirement can be accomplished by the permanent volume of a wet basin or the detained volume from other BMPs.

Release of water can begin at the start of the storm (i.e., the invert of the water quality orifice is at the invert of the facility). The design of the facility shall provide for protection from clogging and unwanted sedimentation.

- B. For areas within defined Special Protection subwatersheds which include Exceptional Value (EV) and High Quality (HQ) waters, Cold Water Fishery (CWF) the temperature and quality of water and streams shall be maintained.
- C. To accomplish the above, the Applicant shall use innovative or traditional stormwater control facilities that are found within the PADEP State BMP Manual.
- D. If a perennial or intermittent stream passes through the site, the applicant shall create a stream buffer extending a minimum of fifty (50) feet to either side of the top-of-bank of the channel. The buffer area shall be maintained with appropriate native vegetation (Reference to Appendix F of Pennsylvania Handbook of Best Management Practices for Developing Area for plant lists). If the applicable rear or side yard setback is less than fifty (50) feet, the buffer width may be reduced to twenty-five (25) feet. If an existing buffer is legally prescribed (i.e. deed, covenant, easement, etc.) and it exceeds the requirements of this Ordinance, the existing buffer shall be maintained. This does not include lakes or wetlands.
- E. Evidence of any necessary permit(s) for regulated earth disturbance activities from the appropriate DEP regional office must be provided to Richmond Township. The issuance of an NPDES Construction Permit (or permit coverage under the statewide General Permit (PAG-2) satisfies the requirements of subsection 306.A.

Section 307. Streambank Erosion Requirements

In addition to control of the water quality volume, in order to minimize the impact of stormwater runoff on downstream streambank erosion, the primary requirement is to design a BMP to detain the proposed condition 2-year, 24-hour design storm to the existing conditions 1-year peak flow using the SCS Type II distribution. Additionally, provisions shall be made (such as adding a small orifice at the bottom of the outlet structure) so that the proposed condition 1-year storm takes a minimum of 24 hours to drain from the facility from a point where the maximum volume of water from the 1-year storm is captured. (i.e., the maximum water surface elevation is achieved in the facility). Release of water can begin at the start of the storm (i.e., the invert of the water quality orifice is at the invert of the facility).

The minimum orifice size in the outlet structure to the BMP shall be a three (3) inch diameter orifice and a trash rack shall be installed to prevent clogging. On sites with small contributing drainage areas to this BMP that do not provide enough runoff volume to allow a 24 hour attenuation with the 3 inch orifice, the calculations shall be submitted showing this condition.

Orifice sizes less than 3 inches can be utilized provided that the design will prevent clogging of the intake.

Section 308. Stormwater Management Districts

A. Maiden Creek Watershed

1. The Maiden Creek Watershed has been divided into stormwater management districts as shown on the Management District Map in Appendix D. Corresponding release rate percentages associated with each Stormwater Management District is provided as well.

In addition to the requirements specified in Table 308.1 below, the groundwater recharge (Section 305), water quality (Section 306), and streambank erosion control (Section 307), requirements shall be implemented.

Standards for managing runoff from each subarea in the Maiden Creek Watershed for the 2.33, 10 and 50-year design storms are shown in Table 308.1. Development sites located in each of the Districts must control proposed condition runoff rates to existing conditions runoff rates for the design storms in accordance with Table 308.1.

**TABLE 308.1 – Water Quantity Requirements
Maiden Creek Watershed**

Management District	Proposed Condition Design Storm		Existing Condition Design Storm	Equivalent Release Rate
A	2 - year	Reduce To	1 - year	-
	5 - year		5 - year	100 %
	10 - year		10 - year	100 %
	25 - year		25 - year	100 %
	100 - year		100 - year	100 %
B-1	2 - year	Reduce To	1 - year	-
	10 - year		5 - year	75 %
	25 - year		10 - year	75 %
	50 - year		25 - year	75 %
	100 - year		100 - year	100 %
B-2	2 - year	Reduce To	1 - year	-
	5 - year		2 - year	30 %
	25 - year		5 - year	50 %
	50 - year		10 - year	50 %
	100 - year		100 - year	100 %
B-3	2 - year	Reduce To	1 - year	-
	5 - year		2 - year	30 %
	10 - year		5 - year	75 %
	50 - year		25 - year	75 %
	100 - year		100 - year	100 %
C	2-year	Reduce To	1-year	-
	5-year		5-year	100%
	10-year		10-year	100%
	25-year		25-year	100%
	50-year		50-year	100%
	100-year		100-year	100%

All areas, regardless of the release rate, must still meet the requirements of the Groundwater Recharge Criteria (Section 305), Water Quality Criteria (Section 306), and Streambank Erosion Criteria (Section 307).

2. General - Proposed condition rates of runoff from any regulated activity shall not exceed the peak release rates of runoff prior to development for the design storms specified on the Maiden Creek Stormwater Management District Watershed Map (Ordinance Appendix D) and **Section 308.A**, of this Ordinance.
3. District Boundaries - The boundaries of the Stormwater Management Districts are shown on an official map that is available for inspection at the Richmond Township office. A copy of the official map at a reduced scale is included in the Ordinance Appendix D. The exact location of the Maiden Creek Stormwater Management District boundaries as they apply to a given development site shall be determined by mapping the boundaries using the two-foot topographic contours (or most accurate data required) provided as part of the Drainage Plan.
4. Sites Located in More Than One District - For a proposed development site located within two or more stormwater management district category subareas, the peak discharge rate from any subarea shall meet the Management District Criteria for which the discharge is located, as indicated in **Section 308**. The calculated peak discharges shall apply regardless of whether the grading plan changes the drainage area by subarea. An exception to the above may be granted if discharges from multiple subareas recombine in proximity to the discharge site. In this case, peak discharge in any direction shall follow Management District A criteria provided that the overall site discharge meets the Management District Criteria for which the discharge is located.
5. Off-Site Areas - Off-site areas that drain through a proposed development site are not subject to release rate criteria when determining allowable peak runoff rates. However, on-site drainage facilities shall be designed to safely convey off-site flows through the development site.
6. Site Areas - Where the site area to be impacted by a proposed development activity differs significantly from the total site area, only the proposed impact area utilizing stormwater management measures shall be subject to the Management District Criteria. In other words, unimpacted areas bypassing the stormwater management facilities would not be subject to the Management District Criteria.

B. Sacony Creek Watershed

1. The Sacony Creek Watershed has been divided into stormwater management districts as shown on the Management District Map in Appendix D.

In addition to the requirements specified in Table 308.2 below, the Groundwater Recharge (**Section 305**), Water Quality (**Section 306**), and Streambank Erosion Control (**Section 307**), requirements shall be implemented.

Standards for managing runoff from each subarea in the Sacony Creek Watershed for the 2.33, 10 and 50-year design storms are shown in Table 308.2. Development sites located in each of the Districts must control post-development runoff rates to existing conditions runoff rates for the design storms in accord with Table 308.2.

**TABLE 308.2 – Water Quantity Requirements
Sacony Creek Watershed**

Management District	Proposed Condition Design Storm		Existing Condition Design Storm	Equivalent Release Rate
A	2 - year	Reduce To	1 - year	-
	10 - year		10 - year	100 %
	50 - year		50 - year	100 %
B	2 - year	Reduce To	1 - year	-
	10 - year		2.33 - year	50 %
	50 - year		10 - year	50 %
C	2 - year	Reduce To	1 - year	-
	10 - year		2.33 - year	50 %
	50 - year		50 - year	100 %
D *	2 - year	Reduce To	1 - year	-
	5 - year		2 - year	30 %
	10 - year		5 - year	75 %
	50 - year		25 - year	75 %
	100 - year		100 - year	100 %
E *	2-year	Reduce To	1-year	-
	5-year		5-year	100 %
	10-year		10-year	100 %
	25-year		25-year	100 %
	50-year		50-year	100 %
	100-year		100-year	100 %

* The minimum performance standard for development sites in Districts D and E is that stormwater management controls must be provided to limit the post-development peak rate of stormwater runoff to a rate that is equal to or less than the existing peak rate of stormwater runoff. This minimum performance criteria was set through a policy directive of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

All areas, regardless of the release rate, must still meet the requirements of the Groundwater Recharge criteria (**Section 305**), Water Quality criteria (**Section 306**), and Streambank Erosion criteria (**Section 307**).

2. **General - Post-development rates of runoff from any regulated activity shall not exceed the peak release rates of runoff prior to development for the design storms specified on the Stormwater Management District Watershed Map (Ordinance Appendix D) and Section 308, of this Ordinance.**
3. **District Boundaries - The boundaries of the Stormwater Management Districts are shown on an official map that is available for inspection at the Richmond Township office. A copy of the official map at a reduced scale is included in the Ordinance Appendix D. The exact location of the Stormwater Management District boundaries as they apply to a given development site shall be determined by mapping the boundaries using the two-foot topographic contours (or most accurate data required) provided as part of the Drainage Plan.**
4. **Sites Located in More Than One District - For a proposed development site located within two or more stormwater management district category subareas, the peak discharge rate from any subarea shall meet the Management District Criteria for which the discharge is located, as indicated in Section 308. The calculated peak discharges shall apply regardless of whether the grading plan changes the drainage area by subarea. An exception to the above may be granted if discharges from multiple subareas recombine in proximity to the discharge site. In this case, peak discharge in any direction shall follow Management District A criteria provided that the overall site discharge meets the Management District Criteria for which the discharge is located.**
5. **Off-Site Areas - Off-site areas that drain through a proposed development site are not subject to release rate criteria when determining allowable peak runoff rates. However, on-site drainage facilities shall be designed to safely convey off-site flows through the development site.**
6. **Site Areas - Where the site area to be impacted by a proposed development activity differs significantly from the total site area, only the proposed impact area utilizing stormwater management measures shall be subject to the Management District Criteria. In other words, unimpacted areas bypassing the stormwater management facilities would not be subject to the Management District Criteria.**

Section 309. Calculation Methodology

- A. **Stormwater runoff from all development sites with a drainage area of greater than 200 acres shall be calculated using a generally accepted calculation technique that is based on the NRCS soil cover complex method. Table 309-1 summarizes acceptable computation methods and the method selected by the design professional shall be based on the individual limitations and suitability of each method for a particular site. The Rational Method shall be used to estimate peak discharges from drainage areas that contain less than 200 acres. The Soil Complex Method shall be used for drainage areas greater than 200 acres.**

TABLE 309-1
Acceptable Computation Methodologies For
Stormwater Management Plans

<u>METHOD</u>	<u>METHOD DEVELOPED BY</u>	<u>APPLICABILITY</u>
TR-20 (or commercial computer package based on TR-20)	USDA NRCS	Applicable where use of full hydrology computer model is desirable or necessary.
TR-55 (or commercial computer package based on TR-55)	USDA NRCS	Applicable for land development plans within limitations described in TR-55.
HEC-1 / HEC-HMS	US Army Corps of Engineers	Applicable where use of full hydrologic computer model is desirable or necessary.
PSRM	Penn State University	Applicable where use of a hydrologic computer model is desirable or necessary; simpler than TR-20 or HEC-1.
Rational Method or commercial computer package based on Rational Method)	Emil Kuichling(1889)	For sites less than 200 acres and with time of concentration less than 60 minutes (tc< 60 min), or as approved by Richmond Township upon recommendation by the Township Engineer.
Other Methods	Varies	Other computation methodologies approved by Richmond Township upon recommendation by the Township Engineer.

*** Note: Successors to the above methods are also acceptable. These successors include WINNTR55 for TR55 and WINTR20 for TR20 and SWMM.**

- B. All calculations consistent with this Ordinance using the soil cover complex method shall use the appropriate design rainfall depths for the various return period storms according to the region in which they are located as presented in Table B-1 in Appendix B of this Ordinance. If a hydrologic computer model such as PSRM or HEC-1 / HEC-HMS is used for stormwater runoff calculations, then the duration of rainfall shall be 24 hours. The SCS 'S' curve shown in Figure B-1, Appendix B of this Ordinance shall be used for the rainfall distribution.
- C. For the purposes of existing conditions flow rate determination, undeveloped land shall be considered as "meadow" in good condition, unless the natural ground cover generates a lower curve number or Rational 'C' value (i.e., forest), as listed in Table B-2 or B-3 in Appendix B of this Ordinance.
- D. All calculations using the Rational Method shall use rainfall intensities consistent with appropriate times-of-concentration for overland flow and return periods from the Design Storm Curves from PA Department of Transportation Design Rainfall Curves (1986) and NOAA Atlas 14 (Figures B-2 to B-3). Times-of-concentration for overland flow

shall be calculated using the methodology presented in Chapter 3 of Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds, NRCS, TR-55 (as amended or replaced from time to time by NRCS). Times-of-concentration for channel and pipe flow shall be computed using Manning's equation. NRCS lag equation divided by 0.6 as acceptable method for Tc in undeveloped areas.

- E. Runoff Curve Numbers (CN) for both existing and proposed conditions to be used in the soil cover complex method shall be obtained from Table B-2 in Appendix B of this Ordinance.
- F. Runoff coefficients (c) for both existing and proposed conditions for use in the Rational method shall be obtained from Table B-3 in Appendix B of this Ordinance.
- G. Where uniform flow is anticipated, the Manning equation shall be used for hydraulic computations, and to determine the capacity of open channels, pipes, and storm sewers. Values for Manning's roughness coefficient (n) shall be consistent with Table B-4 in Appendix B of the Ordinance. Full flow shall be assumed for closed conduits.
- H. Outlet structures for stormwater management facilities shall be designed to meet the performance standards of this Ordinance using any generally accepted hydraulic analysis technique or method.
- I. The design of any stormwater detention facilities intended to meet the performance standards of this Ordinance shall be verified by routing the design storm hydrograph through these facilities using the Storage-Indication Method. For drainage areas greater than 200 acres in size, the design storm hydrograph shall be computed using a calculation method that produces a full hydrograph (i.e. TR-20, TR-55, HEC-1, PSRM). Richmond Township may approve the use of any generally accepted full hydrograph approximation technique that shall use a total runoff volume that is consistent with the volume from a method that produces a full hydrograph.

Section 310. Other Requirements

A. General Regulations

- 1. Any facilities that constitute water obstructions (e.g., culverts, bridges, outfalls, or stream enclosures), water encroachments, and any work involving wetlands governed by PaDEP Chapter 105 regulations (as amended or replaced from time to time by PaDEP), are subject to PaDEP Chapter 105 regulations.
- 2. Adequate erosion protection shall be provided along all open channels, and at all points of discharge (DEP erosion and Erosion, Sediment and Pollution Control Manual).
- 3. The Township reserves the right to disapprove any design that would result in the construction in or continuation of a stormwater problem area.

B. Detention and Retention Basins

1. All wet basin designs shall incorporate biologic minimization controls consistent with the West Nile Guidance found in Appendix F.
2. No stormwater detention facility shall be placed within fifty (50) feet of a special geologic feature. No stormwater conveyance facility shall be constructed within fifty feet (50') of a special geologic feature, unless it is constructed of durable pipe utilizing watertight joints.
3. Privately owned detention facilities and BMPs should be situated such that lot lines do not divide the facility. Maintenance of an individual facility shall be the responsibility of only one lot owner unless the facility is located in a common area maintained by a homeowner's association.
4. Any stormwater management facility (i.e., detention basin) designed to store runoff and requiring a berm or earthen embankment required or regulated by this Chapter shall be designed to provide an emergency spillway to handle flow up to and including the one hundred (100) year proposed conditions and may be subject to PaDEP Chapter 105 regulations. The emergency spillway shall either be placed in undisturbed earth or constructed of concrete.
5. Minimum grades for turf areas inside detention basins shall be 1% and maximum side slopes of retention/ detention basins shall be 33% (three units horizontally to one unit vertically). Depending upon the location and the intended use of the detention facilities during nonfunctioning times, a side slope of less than 33% for one or both slopes may be required by the Board of Supervisors. Side slopes shall be kept as close to the natural land contours as practical, but when a detention basin is to be maintained by a future residential lot owner, the maximum side slope shall be 25% (four units horizontally to one unit vertically).
6. Where the outfall point of a proposed detention facility is located at a point subject to tailwater conditions, a tailwater elevation at the outfall point will need to be assumed when performing the detention facility routing calculations. The tailwater elevation assumed shall be based on the frequency of the storm being routed. For example, if a 10-year storm is being routed through the facility, the 10-year water surface elevation needs to be determined at the discharge point and assumed as the downstream tailwater condition.
7. Outlet structures for underground detention facilities shall be provided within a reinforced concrete junction box. Flows through the junction box shall be attenuated with a concrete weir wall with adequately sized orifices. The dimensions of the weir wall should be designed to allow passage of the 100-year post-development inflow without surcharging the junction box.

8. Underground detention facilities which propose pipe storage as a means of detention shall be constructed of reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) or smooth-lined corrugated plastic pipe (SLCPP).
9. Wet ponds shall be designed in accordance with the design parameters as found in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, latest edition and the following:
 - a. Water surface area shall not exceed 1/10 of the tributary drainage area,
 - b. Shoreline protection shall be provided to prevent erosion from wave action.
 - c. Minimum normal water depth shall be 4 feet. If fish are to be used to keep the pond clean, a minimum of 1/4 of the pond area shall be a minimum of 10 feet deep.
 - d. Facilities shall be provided to allow the pond level to be lowered by gravity flow for cleaning purposes and shoreline maintenance.
 - e. Aeration facilities as may be required to prevent pond stagnation shall be provided. Design calculations to substantiate the effectiveness of these aeration facilities shall be submitted with final engineering plans. Agreements for the perpetual operation and maintenance of aeration facilities shall be prepared to the satisfaction of Richmond Township.
 - f. In the event that the water surface of the pond is to be raised for the purposes of storing water for irrigation or in anticipation of the evapotranspiration demands of dry weather, the volume remaining for storage of excess stormwater runoff shall still be sufficient to contain the design year storm runoff.
10. Retention and/or detention basins which are designed with earth fill dams shall incorporate the following minimum standards:
 - a. The height of the dam shall not exceed 15 feet, unless approved by Richmond Township and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.
 - b. The minimum top width of dams up to 15 feet in height shall be equal to 2/3 of the dam height, but in no case shall the top width be less than 8 feet.
 - c. The side slopes of the settled earth fill shall not be less than three horizontal to one vertical.

- d. A key trench at least 2 feet deep, or extending down to stable subgrade, whichever is deeper, of compacted relatively impervious material (Unified Soil Classification CL or ML). Minimum bottom width for the key trench shall be 4 feet. Maximum side slopes for the key trench shall be one horizontal to one vertical. A compacted impervious core at least 8 feet wide at the top, having a maximum side slope of one horizontal to one vertical, shall extend for the full length of the embankment, and the top elevation shall be set at the design year water surface elevation.
 - e. All pipes and culverts through dams shall have properly spaced anti-seep collars (minimum 6 inch thick).
 - f. Whenever a basin will be located in an area underlain by limestone, a geological evaluation of the proposed location shall be conducted to determine susceptibility to sinkhole formations. The design of all facilities over limestone formations shall include measures to prevent groundwater contamination and, where necessary, sinkhole formation. Soils used for the construction of basins shall have low-erodibility factors ("K" factors). Richmond Township may require the installation of an impermeable liner in detention basins.
11. The following standards shall apply to all low volume detention basins. A low volume detention basin is considered any man-made surface impoundment designed to provide no more than 0.10 acre-ft. of storage between the lowest outlet elevation to the top of berm elevation, and a maximum 100-year ponding depth no greater than 3'.
- a. The minimum berm width shall be 5'.
 - b. The side slopes of both the interior and exterior embankments shall be no steeper than two horizontal units to one vertical unit.
 - c. Low volume detention basins shall be designed to accommodate the 100-year post-development storm such that the maximum water surface elevation is less than the emergency spillway elevation.
 - d. Emergency spillways shall be designed to safely convey to 100-year post-development basin inflow with a minimum 6" of freeboard above the water surface elevation.
12. The following standards shall apply to all stormwater management facilities proposing infiltration as a method to reduce the proposed condition runoff to the existing condition design storm as required by Section 308.
- a. Infiltration testing shall be conducted in accordance with Section 305.B

- b. A minimum depth of 36 inches between the bottom of the infiltration facility and the limiting zone.
- c. The infiltration and/or percolation rate sufficient to accept the additional stormwater load and drain completely as determined by field tests conducted by the Applicant's design professional.
- d. The infiltration facility shall be capable of completely infiltrating the required retention/detention volume within twenty-four (24) hours.
- e. Pretreatment shall be provided prior to infiltration.
- f. When stormwater runoff accesses the infiltration bed or trench via surface flow, the volume of runoff controlled by infiltration shall be limited to 25 percent of the detention volume required to satisfy Section 308. This is in consideration of loss of function during freezing weather.
- g. When runoff is piped underground to the infiltration facility; 50 percent of the detention volume required to satisfy Section 308 may be infiltrated providing the following conditions are also met:
 - (i) There exists at least eighteen (18) inches between the top of the infiltration facility and the ground surface.
 - (ii) An emergency overflow is provided capable of controlling the maximum year design storm for the watershed and district in which the facility is located when the infiltration facility is independent of the detention facility.
 - (iii) The point of discharge of the emergency overflow shall be in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance. The preferred point of discharge is into a detention or retention facility.

C. Storm Sewers

- 1. Any proposed roadway drainage facilities shall be designed according to the more restrictive of PennDOT Design Manual Part II or the Richmond Township standards.
- 2. Storm sewers must be able to convey proposed conditions runoff from a twenty-five (25) year design storm without flooding inlets. At Richmond Township's discretion drainage facilities shall be designed to convey proposed conditions runoff from the one hundred (100) year design storm without flooding inlets in sag areas of streets.

3. When designing storm sewers that discharge into a detention facility, a tailwater condition at the storm sewer discharge point needs to be assumed where applicable. The assumed tailwater elevation should be the equal to the detention facility water surface elevation resulting from whatever year design storm was used to design the storm sewer. For example, if the storm sewer is being designed to convey a 25-year storm, the downstream tailwater elevation should be assumed as the 25-year stormwater surface elevation of the detention facility.
4. Subsurface drainage systems shall have manholes spaced at intervals not exceeding 400' and located wherever branches are connected or sizes are changed and wherever there is a change in alignment or grade. Inlets may be used instead of manholes when approved by the Township Engineer.
5. Storm sewer lines within street rights-of-way shall be located next to the curb line and shall parallel the curb line as far as practical.
6. Subsurface drainage systems shall have curb inlets located at curb tangents on the uphill side of street intersections and at other locations as may be required by the Township as necessary to intercept runoff. Design and location of curb inlets shall be in accordance with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Design Manual Part 2 and be approved by the Township Engineer.
7. All proposed inlets within curbed streets shall be designed such that the top of grate elevations are equal to the top of base course elevation to permit proper drainage of the streets prior to wearing course placement.
8. Inlets shall be designed and located to prevent hazards to vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.
9. Reinforced concrete culvert pipe Class III or better, with rubber "O" ring joints shall be used for all storm sewer lines to be constructed within street rights-of-way. Minimum diameter shall be 15- inches. Smooth lined corrugated polyethylene pipe (SLCPP) may be used at the option of the subdivider for lines to be located on private property that will not be offered for dedication to the Township.
10. If SLCPP is being proposed, as permitted in Section 310.(c)(9), in areas underlain with limestone geology, water-tight joints will be required within the storm sewer system. Only pipe joints which are capable of meeting the testing criteria outlined by ASTM D-3212 will be considered "water-tight."
11. All drainage facilities shall be maintained to retain their design capacity.
12. Drainage facilities, including detention ponds, shall not convey water onto any existing or proposed public road right-of-way.

13. Pipes and storm sewer shall have a minimum slope not less than 0.005 ft/ft.
14. Permissible Velocities in Storm Pipe at Design Flow.
 - a. Minimum 2.5 feet per second.
 - b. Maximum 12.0 feet per second.
15. The inflow inverts of the proposed inlets shall be no less than 0.2' above the outflow invert elevation. The inflow pipe(s) crown elevation(s) shall be equal to or above the crown elevation of the outflow pipe. In specific cases, this requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Township Engineer.
16. All proposed inlets within curbed streets shall be designed such that the top of grate elevations are equal to the top of base course elevation to permit proper drainage of the streets prior to wearing course placement.
17. Storm sewer inlets proposed to be sumped shall be a minimum of 6' long and no deeper than 6'.

D. Open Channels

1. Open channels shall be designed in accordance with the Channel Design procedures found in the Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality Protection, Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Program Manual.
2. All open channels shall be designed to convey the 25-year stormwater flow. In addition, open channels shall be design to convey the 100-year stormwater flow from emergency spillways and areas where damage to property would result.
3. Open channels located adjacent to residential streets shall be limited to a top width of 6-feet, depth of 1.5-feet, and if trapezoidal in cross section, a minimum bottom width of 2-feet.
4. Open channels located along non-residential streets, in side yards, rear yards, or open space shall be limited to a top width of 12-feet, depth of 3-feet, and if trapezoidal in cross section, a minimum bottom width of 2-feet. Open channels located in side yards, rear yards, or open space shall provide a minimum of 6-inches of freeboard.
5. The minimum longitudinal slope shall not be less than 0.010 ft/ft nor greater than 0.100 ft/ft.

- E. Any infiltration and water quality facilities proposed to meet the requirements of Sections 305 and 306 should be designed in a manner consistent with the requirements of the NPDES Permit, if one is required. Design of the infiltration and water quality facilities

should be in accordance with the guidelines provided in the Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, latest edition.

F. Construction of Streets

1. All streets shall be designed as to provide for the discharge of surface water from their rights-of-way.
2. The slope of the crown on proposed streets shall be 1/4" per foot.
3. Cross drainage in intersections or in tangent sections of roadway will not be permitted.
4. Gutter flow shall not exceed 1/2 of the travel lane width.

ARTICLE IV-DRAINAGE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Section 401. General Requirements

For any of the activities regulated by this Ordinance, the preliminary or final approval of subdivision and/or land development plans, the issuance of any building or occupancy permit, or the commencement of any earth disturbance activity may not proceed until the Property Owner or Applicant or his/her agent has received written approval of a Drainage Plan from Richmond Township unless the project qualifies for an exemption from the requirements to submit a Drainage Plan.

Section 402. Exemptions

A. General Exemptions

The following land use activities are exempt from the drainage plan submission requirements of this ordinance.

1. Use of land for gardening for home consumption.
2. Agricultural plowing and tilling are exempt from the rate control and SWM site plan preparation requirements of this ordinance provided the activities are performed according to the requirements of 25 PA Code, Chapter 102.
3. Forest Management and timber operations are exempt from the rate control and SWM site plan preparation requirements of this ordinance provided the activities are performed according to the requirements of 25 PA Code, Chapter 102.

B. Stormwater Quantity Control Exemption

Any Regulated Activity that meets the impervious area exemption criteria in Table 402-1 shall not be required to implement the stormwater quantity controls, specified in Section 308 of this Ordinance. These criteria shall apply to the total development even if development is to take place in phases. The date of the municipal Ordinance adoption shall be the starting point from which to consider tracts as "parent tracts" in which future subdivisions and respective impervious area computations shall be cumulatively considered. Impervious areas existing on the "parent tract" prior to adoption of this Ordinance shall not be considered in cumulative impervious area calculations for exemption purposes.

**TABLE 402-1
Impervious Area Exemption Criteria**

Total Parcel Size	Impervious Area Exemption (sq.ft.)	Minimum Distance* (feet)
0 to <0.125 ac	1,000 sq. ft.	10 ft.
0.125 to <0.5 ac	2,500 sq. ft.	15 ft.
0.5 to <1 ac	5,000 sq. ft.	20 ft.
1 to <2 ac	7,500 sq. ft.	25 ft.
2 to <3 ac	10,000 sq. ft.	50 ft.
3 to <4 ac	12,500 sq. ft.	100 ft.
≥ 4 ac	15,000 sq. ft.	150 ft.

* Note : The minimum distance between the proposed impervious area and / or stormwater controls / structures discharge point to the downstream property line.

Submissions for projects that utilize the exemption under section 402.B shall reference Ordinance Appendix I to meet the requirements of groundwater recharge (Section 305), water quality (Section 306), and streambank erosion (Section 307) controls of this Ordinance. Drainage plans in accordance with Sections 403 A.2, 403 B.7, 8, 11, 15, and 22 and 403.D.2. must still be submitted. Any exemption must first be approved by Richmond Township.

C. Additional Exemption Requirement:

1. Exemption does not relieve the Applicant from the responsibility to secure required permits or approvals for activities regulated by any other applicable code, rule, act, or ordinance. Nor does exemption relieve the Applicant from meeting the water quality requirements of this Ordinance.
2. Exemption responsibilities – An exemption shall not relieve the Applicant from implementing such measures as are necessary to protect the public health, safety, and property. An exemption shall not relieve the Applicant from providing adequate stormwater management for Regulated Activities to meet the purpose of this Ordinance; however, drainage plans will not have to be submitted to Richmond Township.
3. HQ and EV streams - This exemption shall not relieve the Applicant from meeting the special requirements for watersheds draining to high quality (HQ) or exceptional value (EV) waters, identified and Source Water Protection Areas (SWPA) and requirements for nonstructural project design sequencing (Section 304), groundwater recharge (Section 305), water quality (Section 306), and streambank erosion (Section 307). The volume and rate of the net increase in stormwater runoff from Regulated Activities must be managed to prevent the physical degradation of receiving waters from such effects as scour and streambank destabilization, to satisfy State Water Quality Requirements;

All regulated activities occurring in drainage areas tributary to waters designated HQ/EV pursuant to 25 PA Code, Chapter 93, shall not change any biological, chemical, or physical characteristics, including volume, rate, velocity, course, current, cross section, or temperature of the waters, unless the activity is specifically permitted in accordance with the environmental laws of the Commonwealth.

4. Drainage Problems - If a drainage problem is documented or known to exist downstream of, or expected from the proposed activity, then Richmond Township may require a drainage plan submittal.
5. Subdivision plans for three lots or fewer are exempt from the requirement to submit a Drainage Plan at the time of the subdivision; however, development of the individual lots created by the subdivision is subject to all other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 403. Drainage Plan Contents

The Drainage Plan shall consist of a general description of the project including sequencing items described in **Section 304**, calculations, maps and plans. A note on the maps shall refer to the associated computations and erosion and sediment control plan by title and date. The cover sheet of the computations and erosion and sediment control plan shall refer to the associated maps by title and date. All Drainage Plan materials shall be submitted to Richmond Township in a format that is clear, concise, legible, neat, and well organized; otherwise, the Drainage Plan shall not be accepted for review and shall be returned to the Applicant.

The following items shall be included in the Drainage Plan:

A. General

1. General description of the project including those areas described in **Section 304**.
2. General description of permanent stormwater management techniques, including construction specifications of the materials to be used for stormwater management facilities.
3. Complete hydrologic, hydraulic, and structural computations for all stormwater management facilities.
4. An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, including all reviews and approvals by the Conservation District.
5. A general description of nonpoint source pollution controls.
6. Regulated activities that create disconnected Impervious Areas smaller than (x)sq feet are exempt from the Peak Rate Control and the SWM Site Plan preparation requirements of this ordinance. Use of a value for (x) between 250 sq. ft. to 1000 sq. ft. is suggested in the instructions to DEP's draft model ordinance.

B. Maps

Map(s) of the project area shall be submitted on 24-inch x 36-inch sheets and/or shall be prepared in a form that meets the requirements for recording at the offices of the Recorder of Deeds of Berks County. If the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) has more stringent criteria then the more stringent criteria shall apply. The contents of the map(s) shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The location of the project relative to highways, municipalities or other identifiable landmarks.
2. Existing contours at intervals of two feet. In areas of steep slopes (greater than 15 percent), five-foot contour intervals may be used.
3. Existing streams, lakes, ponds or other Waters of the Commonwealth within the project area.
4. Other physical features including flood hazard boundaries, stream buffers, existing drainage courses, areas of natural vegetation to be preserved, and the total extent of the upstream area draining through the site.
5. The locations of all existing and proposed utilities, sanitary sewers, and water lines within fifty (50) feet of property lines.
6. An overlay showing soil names and boundaries.
7. Limits of earth disturbance, including the type and amount of impervious area that would be added.
8. Proposed structures, roads, paved areas, and buildings.
9. Final contours at intervals of two feet. In areas of steep slopes (greater than 15 percent), five-foot contour intervals may be used.
10. The name of the development, the name and address of the owner of the property, and the name of the individual or firm preparing the plan.
11. The date of submission.
12. A graphic and written scale of one (1) inch equals no more than fifty (50) feet; for tracts of twenty (20) acres or more, the scale shall be one (1) inch equals no more than one hundred (100) feet.
13. A north arrow.
14. The total tract boundary and size with distances marked to the nearest foot and bearings to the nearest degree.
15. Existing and proposed land use(s).
16. A key map showing all existing man-made features beyond the property boundary that would be affected by the project.

17. Location of all open channels.
18. Overland drainage patterns and swales.
19. A fifteen foot wide access easement around all stormwater management facilities that would provide ingress to and egress from a public right-of-way.
20. The location of all erosion and sediment control facilities.
21. A note on the plan indicating the location and responsibility for maintenance of stormwater management facilities that would be located on/off-site. All on/off-site facilities shall meet the performance standards and design criteria specified in this Ordinance.
22. A statement, signed by the landowner, acknowledging that any revision to the approved Drainage Plan must be approved by Richmond Township and the Conservation District.
23. The following signature block for the Design Engineer:

I, (Design Engineer), on this date (date of signature), hereby certify that the Drainage Plan meets all design standards and criteria of the Richmond Township Stormwater Management Ordinance."

C. Supplemental Information

1. A written description of the following information shall be submitted.
 - a. The overall stormwater management concept for the project designed in accordance with **Section 304**.
 - b. Stormwater runoff computations as specified in this Ordinance.
 - c. Stormwater management techniques to be applied both during and after development.
 - d. Expected project time schedule.
 - e. Development stages (project phases) if so proposed.
 - f. An operation and maintenance plan in accordance with **Section 702** of this Ordinance.
2. An erosion and sediment control plan.
3. The effect of the project (in terms of runoff volumes and peak flows) on adjacent properties and on any existing municipal stormwater collection system that may receive runoff from the project site.

D. Stormwater Management Facilities

1. All stormwater management facilities must be located on a plan, described in detail, and details/cross-sections provided illustrating their construction.
2. Profiles shall be provided for all storm sewers and underground detention/retention facilities at one of the following sets of scales:
 - a. One inch (1") equals ten feet (10') horizontal and one inch (1") equals one foot (1') vertical, or
 - b. One inch (1") equals twenty feet (20') horizontal and one inch (1") equals two feet (2') vertical, or
 - c. One inch (1") equals forty feet (40') horizontal and one inch (1") equals four feet (4') vertical, or
 - d. One inch (1") equals fifty feet (50') horizontal and one inch (1") equals five feet (5') vertical, or
3. When infiltration facilities such as seepage pits, beds or trenches are used, the locations of existing and proposed septic tank infiltration areas and wells must be shown.
4. All calculations, assumptions, and criteria used in the design of the stormwater management facilities must be shown.

E. Responsibilities for Operations and Maintenance of Stormwater Controls and BMPs

1. No Regulated Earth Disturbance activities within Richmond Township shall commence until approval by Richmond Township of a Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance plan which describes how the permanent (e.g., post-construction) stormwater controls and BMPs will be properly operated and maintained.
2. The following items shall be included in the Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan:
 - a. Map(s) of the project area, in a form that meets the requirements for recording at the offices of the Recorder of Deeds of Berks County, and shall be submitted on 24-inch x 36-inch or 36-inch x 48-inch sheets. The contents of the maps(s) shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (i) Clear identification of the location and nature of permanent stormwater controls and BMPs,
 - (ii) The location of the project site relative to highways, municipal boundaries or other identifiable landmarks,

- (iii) Existing and final contours at intervals of two feet, or others as appropriate,
 - (iv) Existing streams, lakes, ponds, or other bodies of water within the project site area,
 - (v) Other physical features including flood hazard boundaries, sinkholes, streams, existing drainage courses, and areas of natural vegetation to be preserved,
 - (vi) The locations of all existing and proposed utilities, sanitary sewers, and water lines within 50 feet of property lines of the project site,
 - (vii) Proposed final changes to the land surface and vegetative cover, including the type and amount of impervious area that would be added,
 - (viii) Proposed final structures, roads, paved areas, and buildings, and
 - (ix) A fifteen-foot wide access easement around all stormwater controls and BMPs that would provide ingress to and egress from a public right-of-way.
- b. A description of how each permanent stormwater control and BMP will be operated and maintained, and the identity of the person(s) responsible for operations and maintenance,
 - c. The name of the project site, the name and address of the owner of the property, and the name of the individual or firm preparing the plan, and
 - d. A statement, signed by the landowner, acknowledging that the stormwater controls and BMPs are fixtures that can be altered or removed only after approval by Richmond Township.
3. The Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan for the project site shall establish responsibilities for the continuing operation and maintenance of all permanent stormwater controls and BMPs, as follows:
- a. If a plan includes structures or lots which are to be separately owned and in which streets, sewers and other public improvements are to be dedicated to Richmond Township, stormwater controls and BMPs may also be dedicated to and maintained by Richmond Township;
 - b. If a plan includes operations and maintenance by a single ownership, or if sewers and other public improvements are to be privately owned and maintained, then the operation and maintenance of stormwater controls and BMPs shall be the responsibility of the owner or private management entity.

4. Richmond Township shall make the final determination on the continuing operations and maintenance responsibilities. Richmond Township reserves the right to accept or reject the operations and maintenance responsibility for any or all of the stormwater controls and BMPs.

F. Township Review of Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan

1. The Township Engineer shall review the Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan for consistency with the purposes and requirements of this ordinance, and any permits issued by DEP.
2. Richmond Township shall notify the Applicant in writing whether the Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan is approved.
3. Richmond Township may require a "Record Drawing" of all stormwater controls and BMPs, and an explanation of any discrepancies with the Operations and Maintenance Plan.

Section 404. Plan Submission

Richmond Township shall require receipt of a complete plan, as specified in this Ordinance.

For any activities that require an NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities, a PaDEP Joint Permit Application, a PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit, or any other permit under applicable state or federal regulations are regulated under Chapter 105 (Dam Safety and Waterway Management) or Chapter 106 (Floodplain Management) of PaDEP's Rules and Regulations, or, the proof of application for said permit(s) or approvals shall be part of the plan. The plan shall be coordinated with the state and federal permit process and the Richmond Township SALDO review process.

- A. For projects which require SALDO approval, the Drainage Plan shall be submitted by the Applicant as part of the Preliminary Plan submission where applicable for the Regulated Activity.
- B. For these regulated activities that do not require SALDO approval, See **Section 401, General Requirements**.
- C. Six (6) copies of the Drainage Plan shall be submitted and distributed as follows:
 1. Two (2) copies to Richmond Township accompanied by the requisite Richmond Township Review Fee.
 2. Two (2) copies to the Conservation District.
 3. One (1) copy to the Township Engineer.
 4. One (1) copy to the County Planning Commission/Department.

Section 405. Drainage Plan Review

- A. The Township Engineer shall review the Drainage Plan for consistency with this Ordinance. Any found incomplete shall not be accepted for review and shall be returned to the Applicant.
- B. For activities regulated by this Ordinance, Richmond Township shall notify the Applicant in writing, within ninety 90 calendar days, whether the Drainage Plan is consistent with the Stormwater Management Plan.
 - 1. Should the Drainage Plan be determined to be consistent with the Stormwater Management Plan, the Township Engineer shall forward an approval letter to the Richmond Township Secretary who will then forward a copy to the Applicant.
 - 2. Should the Drainage Plan be determined to be inconsistent with the Stormwater Management Plan, the Township Engineer shall forward a disapproval letter to the Richmond Township Secretary who will then forward a copy to the Applicant. The disapproval letter shall cite the reason(s) and specific Ordinance sections for the disapproval. Disapproval may be due to inadequate information to make a reasonable judgment as to compliance with the stormwater management plan. Any disapproved Drainage Plans may be revised by the Applicant and resubmitted consistent with this Ordinance.
- C. For Regulated Activities specified in **Section 104** of this Ordinance, which require a building permit, the Township Engineer shall notify the Richmond Township Building Permit Officer in writing, within a time frame consistent with the Richmond Township Building Code and/or Richmond Township Subdivision Ordinance, whether the Drainage Plan is consistent with the Stormwater Management Plan and forward a copy of the approval/disapproval letter to the Applicant. Any disapproved drainage plan may be revised by the Applicant and resubmitted consistent with this Ordinance.
- D. For regulated activities under this ordinance that require an NPDES Permit Application, the Applicant shall forward a copy of the Township Engineer's letter stating that the Drainage Plan is consistent with the stormwater management plan to the Conservation District. PaDEP and the Conservation District may consider the Township Engineer's review comments in determining whether to issue a permit. The issuing of the Letter of Consistency by the Township Engineer shall be proceeded by authorization from the Board of Supervisors.
- E. Richmond Township shall not grant approval or grant preliminary approval to any subdivision or land development for Regulated Activities specified in **Section 105** of this Ordinance if the Drainage Plan has been found to be inconsistent with the Stormwater Management Plan, as determined by the Township Engineer. All required permits from PaDEP must be obtained prior to approval of any subdivision or land development.
- F. No building permits for any Regulated Activity specified in of this Ordinance shall be issued if the Drainage Plan has been found to be inconsistent with the Stormwater

Management Plan, as determined by the Township Engineer, or without considering the comments of the Township Engineer. All required permits from PaDEP must be obtained prior to issuance of a building permit.

- G. The Applicant shall be responsible for completing record drawings of all stormwater management facilities included in the approved Drainage Plan. The record drawings and an explanation of any discrepancies with the design plans shall be submitted to Richmond Township for final review and approval by the Township Engineer. Richmond Township may withhold approval of the record drawings until Richmond Township receives a copy of an approved Highway Occupancy Permit from the PennDOT District Office, NPDES Permit, and any other applicable permits or approvals, from PaDEP or the Conservation District. The above permits and approvals must be based on the record drawings.
- H. Richmond Township's approval of a Drainage Plan shall be valid for a period not to exceed five (5) years, commencing on the date that Richmond Township signs the approved Drainage Plan. If stormwater management facilities included in the approved Drainage plan have not been constructed, or if constructed, and record drawings of these facilities have not been approved within this five (5) year time period, then Richmond Township may consider the Drainage plan disapproved and may revoke any and all permits. Drainage Plans that are considered disapproved by Richmond Township shall be resubmitted in accordance with **Section 407** of this Ordinance.

Section 406. Modification of Plans

- A. A modification to a Drainage Plan under review by Richmond Township for a development site that involves a change in stormwater management facilities or techniques, or that involves the relocation or re-design of stormwater management facilities, or that is necessary because soil or other conditions are not as stated on the Drainage Plan as determined by the Township Engineer, shall require a resubmission of the modified Drainage Plan consistent with **Section 404** of this Ordinance and be subject to review as specified in **Section 405** of this Ordinance.
- B. A modification to an already approved or disapproved Drainage Plan shall be submitted to Richmond Township, accompanied by the applicable Municipal Review and Inspection Fee. A modification to a Drainage Plan for which a formal action has not been taken by Richmond Township shall be submitted to Richmond Township, accompanied by the applicable Richmond Township Review and Inspection Fee.

Section 407. Resubmission of Disapproved Drainage Plans

A disapproved Drainage Plan may be resubmitted with the revisions addressing the Township Engineer's concerns documented in writing and addressed to the Richmond Township Secretary in accordance with **Section 404** of this Ordinance and distributed accordingly and be subject to review as specified in **Section 405** of this Ordinance. The applicable Richmond Township Review and Inspection Fee must accompany a resubmission of a disapproved Drainage Plan.

ARTICLE V-INSPECTIONS

Section 501. Schedule of Inspections

- A. The Township Engineer shall inspect all phases of the installation of the permanent stormwater management facilities as deemed appropriate by the Township Engineer.
- B. During any stage of the work, if the Township Engineer or his designee determines that the permanent stormwater management facilities are not being installed in accordance with the approved Stormwater Management Plan, Richmond Township shall revoke any existing building permits and issue a cease and desist order until a revised Drainage Plan is submitted and approved, as specified in this Ordinance.
- C. A final inspection of all stormwater management facilities shall be conducted by the Township Engineer or his designee to confirm compliance with the approved Drainage Plan prior to the issuance of any Occupancy Permit.

ARTICLE VI-FEES AND EXPENSES

Section 601. Township Drainage Plan Review and Inspection Fee

Fees shall be established by Richmond Township to defray plan review and construction inspection costs incurred by Richmond Township. All fees shall be paid by the Applicant at the time of Drainage Plan submission. Review and Inspection Fee Schedule shall be established by resolution of the Richmond Township governing body based on the size of the Regulated Activity and based on Richmond Township's costs for reviewing Drainage Plans and conducting inspections pursuant to **Section 501**. Richmond Township shall periodically update the Review and Inspection Fee Schedule to ensure that review costs are adequately reimbursed.

Section 602. Expenses Covered by Fees

The fees required by this Ordinance shall at a minimum cover:

- A. Administrative costs.
- B. The review of the Drainage Plan by Richmond Township and the Township Engineer.
- C. The site inspections.
- D. The inspection of stormwater management facilities and drainage improvements during construction.
- E. The final inspection upon completion of the stormwater management facilities and drainage improvements presented in the Drainage Plan.
- F. Any additional work required to enforce any permit provisions regulated by this Ordinance, correct violations, and assure proper completion of stipulated remedial actions.

ARTICLE VII-MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 701. Performance Guarantee

- A. For subdivisions and land developments the Applicant shall provide a financial guarantee to Richmond Township for the timely installation and proper construction of all stormwater management controls as: 1) Required by the approved drainage plan equal to or greater than the full construction cost of the required controls or 2) in the amount and method of payment provided for in the subdivision and land development ordinance.
- B. For other regulated activities, Richmond Township may require a financial guarantee from the Applicant.
- C. At the completion of the project, and as a prerequisite for the release of the performance guarantee, the Applicant or his representatives shall:
 - 1. Provide a certification of completion from an engineer, architect, surveyor or other qualified person verifying that all permanent facilities have been constructed according to the plans and specifications and approved revisions thereto.
 - 2. Provide a set of record drawings.
- D. After Richmond Township receives the certification, a final inspection shall be conducted by the Township Engineer or his designee to certify compliance with this ordinance.

Section 702. Adherence to Approved Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan

It shall be unlawful to alter or remove any permanent stormwater control and BMP required by an approved Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan, or to allow the property to remain in a condition which does not conform to an approved Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan.

Section 703. Operations and Maintenance Agreement for Privately Owned Stormwater Controls and BMPs

- A. The property owner shall sign an operations and maintenance agreement with Richmond Township covering all stormwater controls and BMPs that are to be privately owned. The agreement shall be substantially the same as the agreement in Appendix A of this Ordinance.

- B. Other items may be included in the agreement where determined necessary to guarantee the satisfactory operation and maintenance of all permanent stormwater controls and BMPs. The agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of Richmond Township.

Section 704. Stormwater Management Easements

- A. Stormwater management easements are required for all areas used for off-site stormwater control, unless a waiver is granted by Richmond Township.
- B. Stormwater management easements shall be provided by the property owner if necessary for (1) access for inspections and maintenance, or (2) preservation of stormwater runoff conveyance, infiltration, and detention areas and other stormwater controls and BMPs, by persons other than the property owner. The purpose of the easement shall be specified in any agreement under **Section 705**.

Section 705. Maintenance Agreement for Privately Owned Stormwater Facilities

- A. Prior to final approval of the site's Drainage Plan, the Applicant shall sign and record the Maintenance Agreement contained in Appendix A which is attached and made part hereof, covering all stormwater control facilities that are to be privately owned.
- B. Other items may be included in the agreement where determined necessary to guarantee the satisfactory maintenance of all facilities. The Maintenance Agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of the Richmond Township solicitor and governing body.

Section 706. Recording of Approved Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan and Related Agreements

- A. The owner of any land upon which permanent stormwater controls and BMPs will be placed, constructed or implemented, as described in the Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan, shall record the following documents in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Berks County, within 15 days of approval of the Stormwater Control and BMP Operations Plan by Richmond Township:
 - 1. The Operations and Maintenance Plan, or a summary thereof,
 - 2. Operations and Maintenance Agreements under **Section 705**, and
 - 3. Easements under **Section 706**.
- B. Richmond Township may suspend or revoke any approvals granted for the project site upon discovery of the failure of the owner to comply with this Section.

Section 707. Township Stormwater Control and BMP Operation and Maintenance Fund

- A. Persons installing stormwater controls or BMPs shall be required to pay a specified amount to the Richmond Township Stormwater Control and BMP Operation and Maintenance Fund to help defray costs of periodic inspections and maintenance expenses. The amount of the deposit shall be determined as follows:
 - 1. If the stormwater control or BMP is to be privately owned and maintained, the deposit shall cover the cost of periodic inspections performed by the Township Engineer for a period of ten (10) years, as estimated by the Township Engineer. After that period of time, inspections will be performed at the expense of Richmond Township.
 - 2. If the stormwater control or BMP is to be owned and maintained by Richmond Township, the deposit shall cover the estimated costs for maintenance and inspections for ten (10) years. The Township Engineer will establish the estimated costs utilizing information submitted by the Applicant.
 - 3. The amount of the deposit to the fund shall be converted to present worth of the annual series values. The Township Engineer shall determine the present worth equivalents, which shall be subject to the approval of the governing body.
- B. If a stormwater control or BMP is proposed that also serves as a recreation facility (e.g., ballfield, lake), Richmond Township may reduce or waive the amount of the maintenance fund deposit based upon the value of the land for public recreation purpose.
- C. If at some future time a stormwater control or BMP (whether publicly or privately owned) is eliminated due to the installation of storm sewers or other storage facility, the unused portion of the maintenance fund deposit will be applied to the cost of abandoning the facility and connecting to the storm sewer system or other facility. Any amount of the deposit remaining after the costs of abandonment are paid will be returned to the depositor.
- D. If stormwater controls or BMPs are accepted by Richmond Township for dedication, Richmond Township may require persons installing stormwater controls or BMPs to pay a specified amount to the Richmond Township Stormwater Control and BMP Operation and Maintenance Fund, to help defray costs of operations and maintenance activities. The amount may be determined as follows:
 - 1. If the stormwater control or BMP is to be owned and maintained by Richmond Township, the amount shall cover the estimated costs for operations and maintenance for ten (10) years, as determined by the Township Engineer.
 - 2. The amount shall then be converted to present worth of the annual series values.
- E. If a stormwater control or BMP is proposed that also serves as a recreation facility (e.g. ball field, lake), Richmond Township may adjust the amount due accordingly.

- F. Long-Term Maintenance – Richmond Township shall require applicants to pay a fee to the Richmond Township Stormwater Maintenance Fund to cover long term maintenance of stormwater control and best management practices.
- G. Stormwater Related Problems - Richmond Township may require applicants to pay a fee to the Richmond Township Stormwater Maintenance Fund to cover stormwater related problems which may arise from the land development and earth disturbance

ARTICLE VIII-PROHIBITIONS

Section 801. Prohibited Discharges and Connections

- A. Any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, which allows any non-stormwater discharge including sewage, process wastewater, and wash water to enter the waters of this Commonwealth is prohibited.
- B. No person shall allow, or cause to allow, discharges into surface waters of this Commonwealth which are not composed entirely of stormwater, except (1) as provided in subsection C below, and (2) discharges allowed under a state or federal permit.
- C. The following discharges are authorized unless they are determined to be significant contributors to pollution to the waters of this Commonwealth:

- Discharges from fire fighting activities	- Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands
- Potable water sources including water line flushing	- Uncontaminated water from foundations or from footing drains
- Irrigation drainage	- Lawn watering
- Air conditioning condensate	- Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges
- Springs	- Uncontaminated groundwater
- Water from crawl space pumps	- Water from individual residential car washing
- Pavement wash waters where spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred (unless all spill material has been removed) and where detergents are not used	- Routine external building wash down (which does not use detergents or other compounds)

- D. In the event that Richmond Township or DEP determines that any of the discharges identified in Subsection C, significantly contribute to pollution of the waters of this Commonwealth, Richmond Township or DEP will notify the responsible person(s) to cease the discharge.

Section 802. Roof Drains

Roof drains and sump pumps shall discharge to infiltration or vegetative BMPs and to the maximum extent practicable satisfy the criteria for Disconnected Impervious Areas.

Section 803. Alteration of SWM BMPs

No person shall modify, remove, fill, landscape, or alter any SWM BMPs, facilities, areas, or structures, without the written approval of Richmond Township.

ARTICLE IX-ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Section 901. Right-of-Entry

- A. Upon presentation of proper credentials, duly authorized representatives of Richmond Township may enter at reasonable times upon any property within Richmond Township to inspect the implementation, condition, or operation and maintenance of the stormwater controls or BMPs in regard to any aspect governed by this Ordinance.
- B. Stormwater control and BMP owners and operators shall allow persons working on behalf of Richmond Township ready access to all parts of the premises for the purposes of determining compliance with this Ordinance.
- C. Persons working on behalf of Richmond Township shall have the right to temporarily locate on any stormwater control or BMP in Richmond Township such devices as are necessary to conduct monitoring and/or sampling of the discharges from such stormwater control or BMP.
- D. Unreasonable delays (>24 hrs.) in allowing Richmond Township access to a stormwater control or BMP is a violation of this Article.

Section 902. Public Nuisance

- A. The violation of any provision of this ordinance is hereby deemed a Public Nuisance.
- B. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

Section 903. Enforcement Generally

- A. Whenever Richmond Township finds that a person has violated a prohibition or failed to meet a requirement of this Ordinance, Richmond Township may order compliance by written notice to the responsible person. Such notice may require without limitation:
 - 1. The performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting;
 - 2. The elimination of prohibited connections or discharges;
 - 3. Cessation of any violating discharges, practices, or operations;
 - 4. The abatement or remediation of stormwater pollution or contamination hazards and the restoration of any affected property;
 - 5. Payment of a fine to cover administrative and remediation costs;
 - 6. The implementation of stormwater controls and BMPs; and
 - 7. Operation and maintenance of stormwater controls and BMPs.

- B. Such notification shall set forth the nature of the violation(s) and establish a time limit for correction of these violations(s). Said notice may further advise that, if applicable, should the violator fail to take the required action within the established deadline, the work will be done by Richmond Township or designee and the expense thereof shall be charged to the violator.
- C. Failure to comply within the time specified shall also subject such person to the penalty provisions of this Ordinance. All such penalties shall be deemed cumulative and shall not prevent Richmond Township from pursuing any and all other remedies available in law or equity.

Section 904. Suspension and Revocation of Permits and Approvals

- A. Any building, land development or other permit or approval issued by Richmond Township may be suspended or revoked, in whole or in part, by Richmond Township for:
 - 1. Non-compliance with or failure to implement any provision of the permit;
 - 2. A violation of any provision of this Ordinance; or
 - 3. The creation of any condition or the commission of any act during construction or development which constitutes or creates a hazard or nuisance, pollution or which endangers the life or property of others.
- B. A suspended permit or approval may be reinstated by Richmond Township, in whole or in part, when:
 - 1. The Township Engineer has inspected and approved the corrections to the stormwater controls and BMPs, or the elimination of the hazard or nuisance, and/or;
 - 2. Richmond Township is satisfied that the violation of the Ordinance, law, or rule and regulation has been corrected.
- C. A permit or approval which has been revoked, in whole or in part, by Richmond Township cannot be reinstated. The applicant may apply for a new permit under the procedures outlined in this Ordinance.

Section 905. Penalties

- A. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00 for each violation, recoverable with costs. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense and the applicable fines are cumulative.

- B. Richmond Township may institute injunctive, mandamus, or any other appropriate action or proceeding at law in equity for the enforcement of the ordinance with the court of competent jurisdiction to obtain restraining orders, temporary or permanent injunctions, mandamus or other appropriate forms of remedy or relief.

Section 906. Notification

In the event that a person fails to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance, or fails to conform to the requirements of any permit issued hereunder, Richmond Township will provide notification of the violation. After notice is provided, failure to correct violations in a timely manner may result in additional violations.

Section 908. Appeals

- A. Any person aggrieved by any action of the Township Engineer may appeal to Richmond Township's governing body within thirty (30) days of that action.
- B. Any person aggrieved by any decision of Richmond Township's governing body may appeal to the County Court of Common Pleas of Berks County within thirty (30) days of the township decision.

ENACTED and ORDAINED at a regular meeting of the Richmond Twp
Board of Supervisors on the 10th of March, 2008. This
Ordinance shall take effect five days after enactment.

[Name]

Chairman

[Title]

[Name]

Glenn Godshall

[Title]

Donald Brumbach

[Name]

[Title]

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[Title]

[Name]

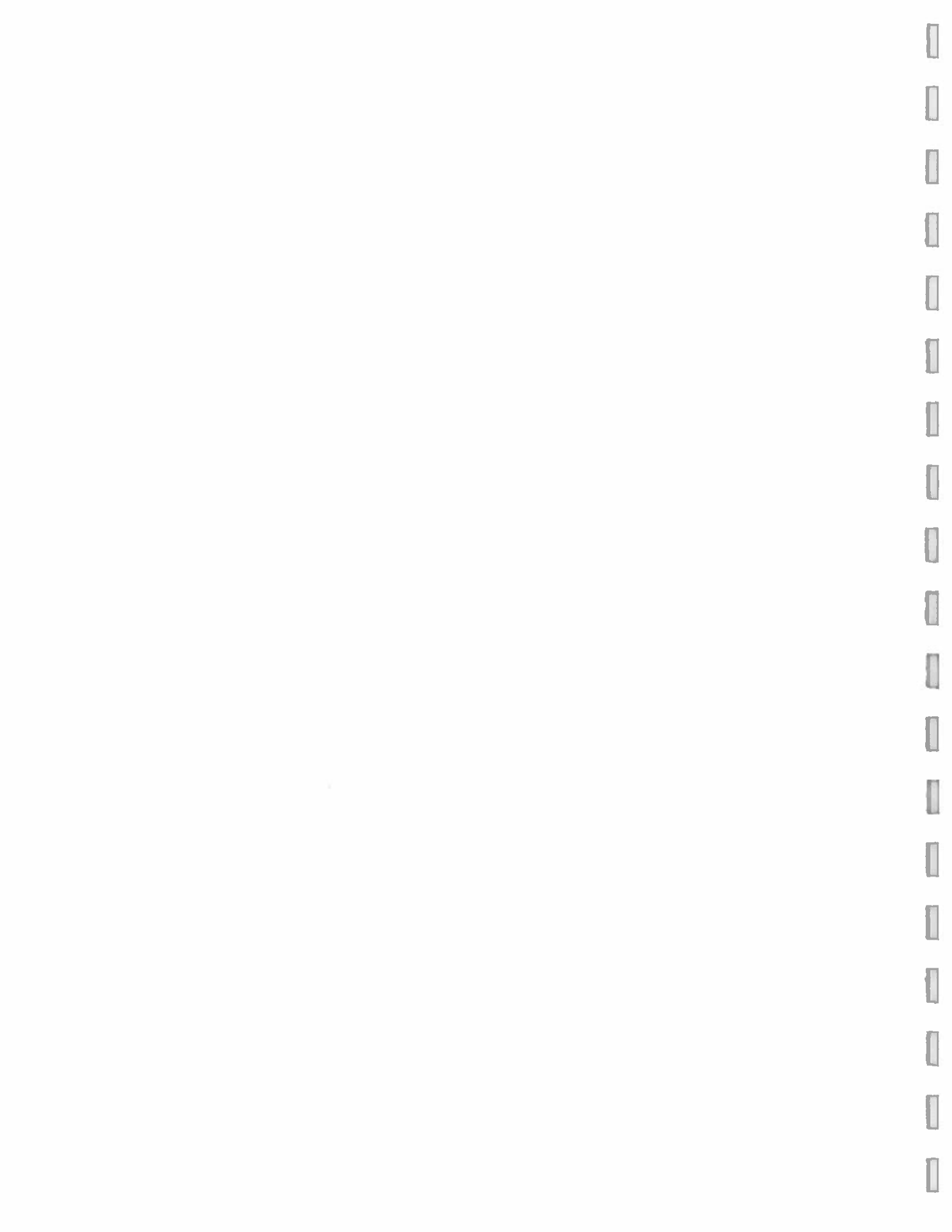
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ATTEST:

Norah L. Munkessel
Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was advertised in the
Reading Eagle on March 2, 2008, a newspaper of general
circulation in Richmond Township and was duly enacted and approved as set forth at a regular
meeting of Richmond Township's governing body held on March 10, 2008.

Norah L. Munkessel
Secretary



ORDINANCE APPENDIX A

STORMWATER CONTROLS AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 200__, by and between _____, (hereinafter the "Landowner"), and Richmond Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, (hereinafter "Municipality");

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Landowner is the owner of certain real property as recorded by deed in the land records of Berks County, Pennsylvania, Record Book _____ at Page _____, (hereinafter "Property").

WHEREAS, the Landowner is proceeding to build and develop the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Controls and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan approved by Richmond Township (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan") for the property identified herein, which is attached hereto as Appendix A and made part hereof, as approved by Richmond Township, provides for management of stormwater within the confines of the Property through the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs); and

WHEREAS, Richmond Township, and the Landowner, his successors and assigns, agree that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Richmond Township and the protection and maintenance of water quality require that on-site stormwater Best Management Practices be constructed and maintained on the Property; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

BMP – "Best Management Practice;" activities, facilities, designs, measures or procedures used to manage stormwater impacts from land development, to protect and maintain water quality and groundwater recharge and to otherwise meet the purposes of the Richmond

Township Stormwater Management Ordinance, including but not limited to infiltration trenches, seepage pits, filter strips, bioretention, wet ponds, permeable paving, rain gardens, grassed swales, forested buffers, sand filters and detention basins.

- Infiltration Trench – A BMP surface structure designed, constructed, and maintained for the purpose of providing infiltration or recharge of stormwater into the soil and/or groundwater aquifer,
- Seepage Pit – An underground BMP structure designed, constructed, and maintained for the purpose of providing infiltration or recharge of stormwater into the soil and/or groundwater aquifer,
- Rain Garden – A BMP overlain with appropriate mulch and suitable vegetation designed, constructed, and maintained for the purpose of providing infiltration or recharge of stormwater into the soil and/or underground aquifer, and

WHEREAS, Richmond Township requires, through the implementation of the Plan, that stormwater management BMPs as required by said Plan and the Richmond Township Stormwater Management Ordinance be constructed and adequately operated and maintained by the Landowner, his successors and assigns.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing promises, the mutual covenants contained herein, and the following terms and conditions, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby, agree as follows:

1. The BMPs shall be constructed by the Landowner in accordance with the plans and specifications identified in the Plan.
2. The Landowner shall operate and maintain the BMP(s) as shown on the Plan in good working order acceptable to Richmond Township and in accordance with the specific maintenance requirements noted on the Plan.

3. The Landowner hereby grants permission to Richmond Township, its authorized agents and employees, to enter upon the property, at reasonable times and upon presentation of proper identification, to inspect the BMP(s) whenever it deems necessary. Whenever possible, Richmond Township shall notify the Landowner prior to entering the property.
4. In the event the Landowner fails to operate and maintain the BMP(s) as shown on the Plan in good working order acceptable to Richmond Township, Richmond Township or its representatives may enter upon the Property and take whatever action is deemed necessary to maintain said BMP(s). This provision shall not be construed to allow Richmond Township to erect any permanent structure on the land of the Landowner. It is expressly understood and agreed that Richmond Township is under no obligation to maintain or repair said facilities, and in no event shall this Agreement be construed to impose any such obligation on Richmond Township.
5. In the event Richmond Township, pursuant to this Agreement, performs work of any nature, or expends any funds in performance of said work for labor, use of equipment, supplies, materials, and the like, the Landowner shall reimburse Richmond Township for all expenses (direct and indirect) incurred within 10 days of receipt of invoice from Richmond Township.
6. The intent and purpose of this Agreement is to ensure the proper maintenance of the onsite BMP(s) by the Landowner; provided, however, that this Agreement shall not be deemed to create or effect any additional liability of any party for damage alleged to result from or be caused by stormwater runoff.
7. The Landowner, its executors, administrators, assigns, and other successors in interests, shall release Richmond Township's employees and designated representatives from all damages, accidents, casualties, occurrences or claims which might arise or be asserted against said employees and representatives from the construction, presence, existence, or maintenance of the BMP(s) by the Landowner or Richmond Township. In the event that a claim is asserted against Richmond Township, its designated representatives or employees, Richmond Township shall promptly notify the Landowner and the Landowner shall defend, at his own expense, any suit based on the claim. If any judgment or claims

against Richmond Township's employees or designated representatives shall be allowed, the Landowner shall pay said judgment or claim and all associated costs and expenses.

8. The Township Engineer shall inspect the BMP(s) at a minimum of once every three years to ensure their continued functioning.

This Agreement shall be recorded at the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Berks County, Pennsylvania, and shall constitute a covenant running with the Property and/or equitable servitude, and shall be binding on the Landowner, his administrators, executors, assigns, heirs and any other successors in interests, in perpetuity.

ATTEST:

WITNESS the following signatures and seals:

(SEAL)

For Richmond Township:

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

For the Landowner:

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

_____ (City, Borough, Township)

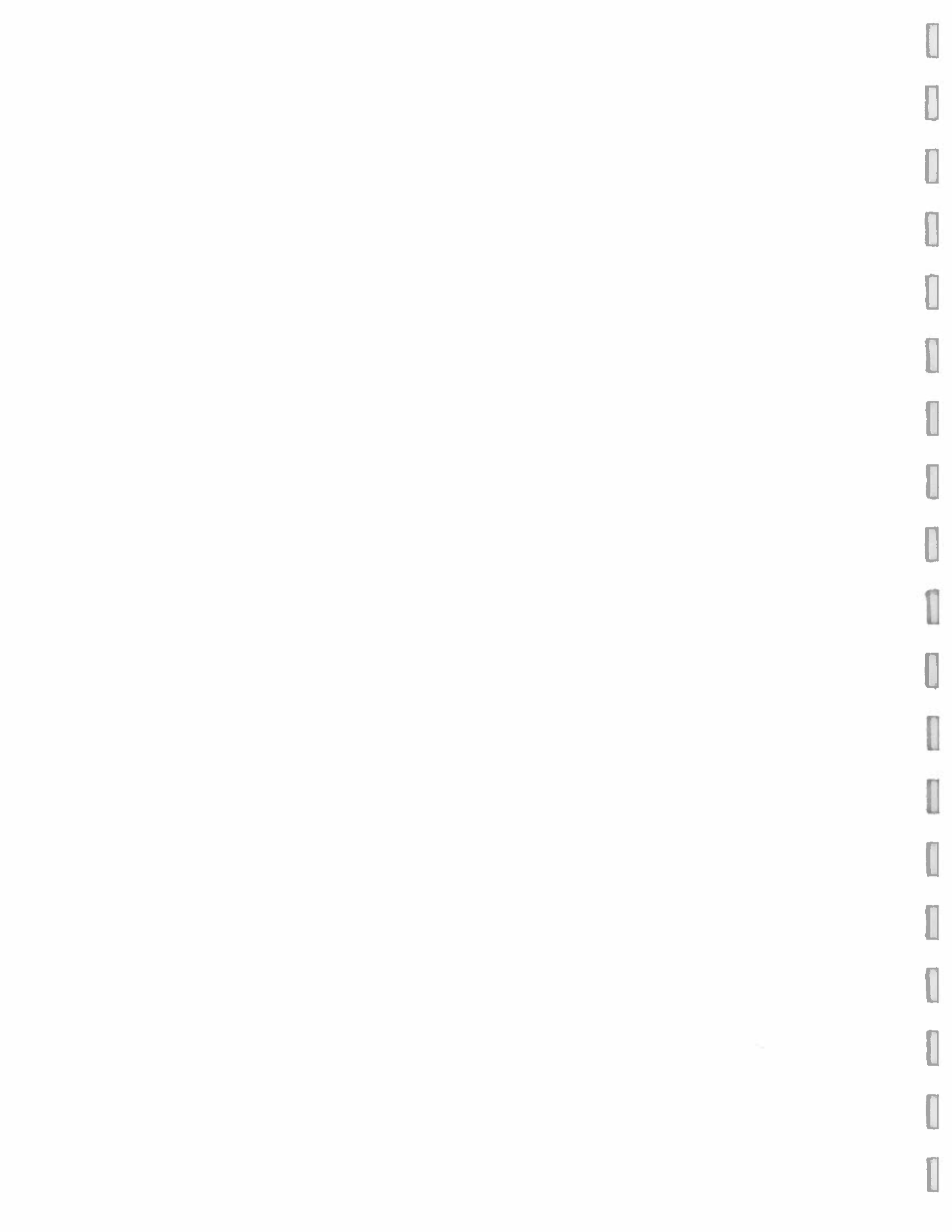
County of _____, Pennsylvania

I, _____, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, whose commission expires on the _____ day of _____, 20__, do hereby certify that _____ whose name(s) is/are signed to the foregoing Agreement bearing date of the _____ day of _____, 20__, has acknowledged the same before me in my said County and State.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS _____ day of _____, 200__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)



ORDINANCE APPENDIX B

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DESIGN CRITERIA

TABLE B-1

REGION 4 - DESIGN STORM RAINFALL AMOUNT

Source: "Field Manual of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation"
STORM INTENSITY-DURATION-FREQUENCY CHARTS
P D T - I D F May 1986.

FIGURE B-1

NRCS TYPE II RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION - S CURVE

Source: NRCS, TR-55, June 1986

FIGURE B-2

PENNDOT DELINEATED REGIONS

Source: "Field Manual of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation"
STORM INTENSITY-DURATION-FREQUENCY CHARTS
P D T - I D F May 1986.

FIGURE B-3

PENNDOT REGION 4 STORM INTENSITY-DURATION-FREQUENCY CURVE

Source: "Field Manual of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation"
STORM INTENSITY-DURATION-FREQUENCY CHARTS
P D T - I D F May 1986.

TABLE B-2

RUNOFF CURVE NUMBERS

Source: NRCS (SCS) TR-55

TABLE B-3

RATIONAL RUNOFF COEFFICIENTS

TABLE B-4

MANNING ROUGHNESS COEFFICIENTS

TABLE B-5

INFILTRATION REQUIREMENTS IN CARBONATE AREAS



TABLE B-1
DESIGN STORM RAINFALL AMOUNT (INCHES)

The design storm rainfall amount chosen for design should be obtained from the PennDOT region in which the site is located according to Figure B-2.

Source: "Field Manual of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation"
STORM INTENSITY-DURATION-FREQUENCY CHARTS
P D T - I D F May 1986.

Duration	Region 4							
	Precipitation Depth (in)							
	1 Yr	1.5 Yr	2 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	25 Yr	50 Yr	100 Yr
5 min	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.41	0.45	0.50	0.55	0.61
15 min	0.58	0.63	0.68	0.80	0.93	1.03	1.13	1.25
1 hr	1.01	1.12	1.22	1.48	1.70	1.91	2.16	2.41
2 hr	1.24	1.37	1.50	1.84	2.14	2.46	2.80	3.18
3 hr	1.38	1.55	1.71	2.10	2.43	2.82	3.24	3.69
6 hr	1.68	1.86	2.04	2.52	3.06	3.60	4.14	4.74
12 hr	2.04	2.28	2.52	3.00	3.84	4.56	5.16	6.00
24 hr	2.40	2.64	2.88	3.60	4.56	5.76	6.48	7.44

TABLE B-2
Runoff Curve Numbers
(From NRCS (SCS) TR-55)

LAND USE DESCRIPTION		HYDROLOGIC SOIL GROUP			
		A	B	C	D
Open Space		44	65	77	82
Meadow / Orchard		30	58	71	78
Agricultural		59	71	79	83
Forest		36	60	73	79
Commercial	(85% Impervious)	89	92	94	95
Industrial	(72% Impervious)	81	88	91	93
Institutional	(50% Impervious)	71	82	88	90
Residential					
Average Lot Size	% impervious				
1/8 acre or less*	65	77	85	90	92
1/8 - 1/3 acre	34	59	74	82	87
1/3 - 1 acre	23	53	69	80	85
1 - 4 acres	12	46	66	78	82
Farmstead		59	74	82	86
Smooth Surfaces (Concrete, Asphalt, Gravel or Bare Compacted Soil)		98	98	98	98
Water		98	98	98	98
Mining/Newly Graded Areas (Pervious Areas Only)		77	86	91	94

* Includes Multi-Family Housing unless justified lower density can be provided.

Note: Existing site conditions of bare earth or fallow ground shall be considered as meadow when choosing a CN value.

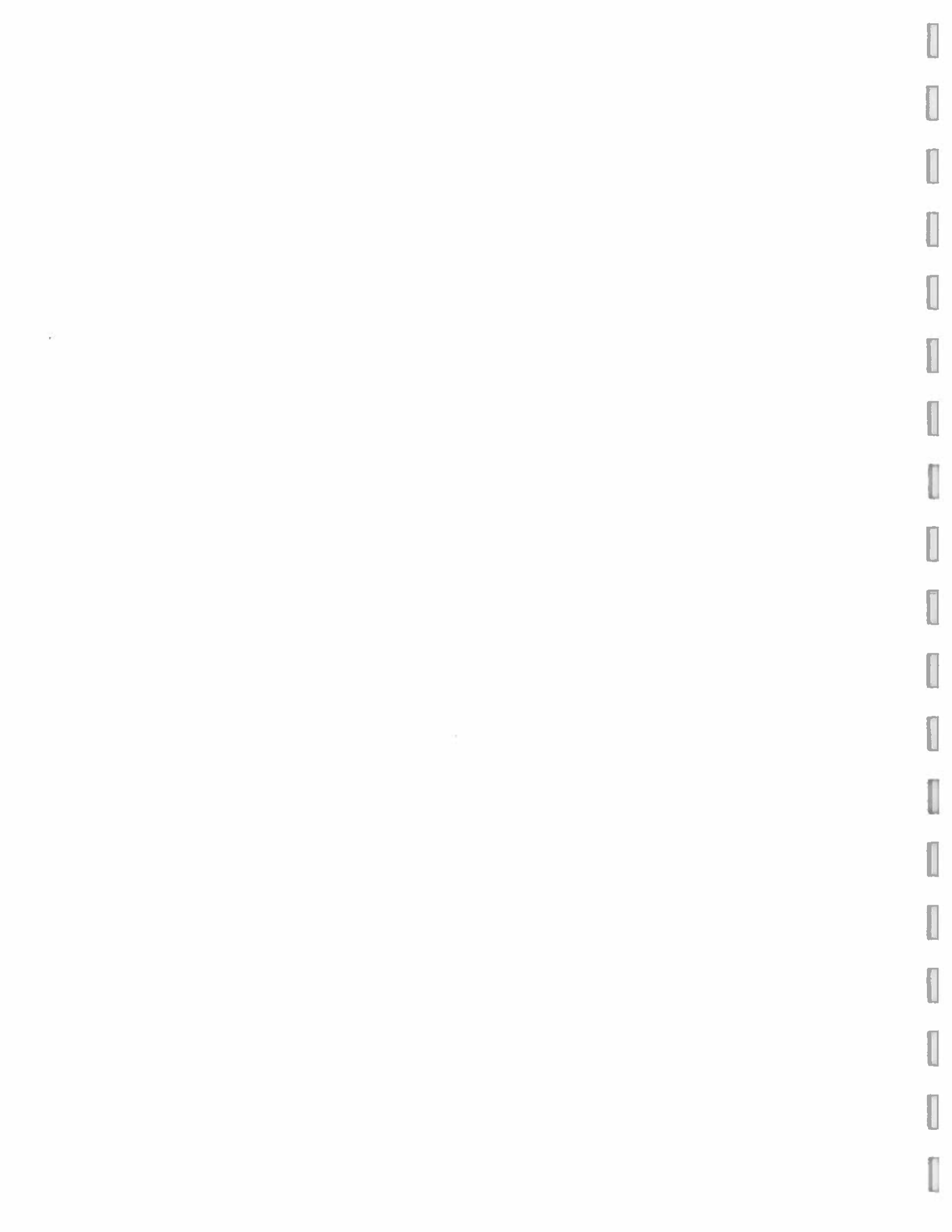


TABLE B-3
RATIONAL RUNOFF COEFFICIENTS
By Hydrologic Soils Group and Overland Slope (%)

Land Use	A			B			C			D		
	0-2%	2-6%	6%+	0-2%	2-6%	6%+	0-2%	2-6%	6%+	0-2%	2-6%	6%+
Cultivated Land	0.08 ^a	0.13	0.16	0.11	0.15	0.21	0.14	0.19	0.26	0.18	0.23	0.31
	0.14 ^b	0.18	0.22	0.16	0.21	0.28	0.20	0.25	0.34	0.24	0.29	0.41
Pasture	0.12	0.20	0.30	0.18	0.28	0.37	0.24	0.34	0.44	0.30	0.40	0.50
	0.15	0.25	0.37	0.23	0.34	0.45	0.30	0.42	0.52	0.37	0.50	0.62
Meadow	0.10	0.16	0.25	0.14	0.22	0.30	0.20	0.28	0.36	0.24	0.30	0.40
	0.14	0.22	0.30	0.20	0.28	0.37	0.26	0.35	0.44	0.30	0.40	0.50
Forest	0.05	0.08	0.11	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.10	0.13	0.16	0.12	0.16	0.20
	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.10	0.14	0.18	0.12	0.16	0.20	0.15	0.20	0.25
Residential	0.30	0.36	0.44	0.33	0.40	0.47	0.38	0.44	0.51	0.40	0.46	0.53
Lot Size 1/8 Acre	0.36	0.44	0.51	0.40	0.47	0.55	0.45	0.53	0.60	0.48	0.56	0.64
[25% Impervious]												
Lot Size 1/4 Acre	0.28	0.34	0.42	0.31	0.38	0.46	0.36	0.42	0.50	0.38	0.44	0.52
[22% Impervious]	0.33	0.41	0.49	0.38	0.45	0.53	0.43	0.51	0.59	0.46	0.54	0.63
Lot Size 1/3 Acre	0.26	0.32	0.40	0.29	0.37	0.44	0.34	0.41	0.48	0.36	0.42	0.51
[19% Impervious]	0.31	0.38	0.47	0.36	0.43	0.52	0.41	0.49	0.57	0.44	0.52	0.61
Lot Size 1/2 Acre	0.23	0.29	0.38	0.26	0.34	0.42	0.31	0.38	0.46	0.34	0.40	0.49
[15% Impervious]	0.28	0.37	0.44	0.33	0.41	0.49	0.38	0.47	0.55	0.41	0.50	0.60
Lot Size 1 Acre	0.21	0.27	0.36	0.24	0.32	0.40	0.30	0.37	0.45	0.32	0.38	0.47
[12% Impervious]	0.25	0.34	0.42	0.31	0.39	0.48	0.36	0.45	0.54	0.40	0.48	0.58
Industrial	0.70	0.73	0.75	0.71	0.74	0.76	0.72	0.75	0.77	0.73	0.75	0.78
[80% Impervious]	0.79	0.82	0.85	0.80	0.83	0.86	0.82	0.84	0.87	0.82	0.85	0.88
Commercial	0.74	0.76	0.78	0.75	0.77	0.79	0.76	0.78	0.80	0.76	0.78	0.80
[85% Impervious]	0.83	0.86	0.88	0.84	0.86	0.89	0.85	0.87	0.90	0.86	0.88	0.90
Lawn	0.12	0.19	0.29	0.16	0.25	0.34	0.22	0.30	0.39	0.25	0.32	0.42
	0.16	0.26	0.35	0.22	0.31	0.41	0.28	0.38	0.48	0.32	0.42	0.53
Impervious	0.85	0.86	0.87	0.85	0.86	0.87	0.85	0.86	0.87	0.85	0.86	0.87
	0.95	0.96	0.97	0.95	0.96	0.97	0.95	0.96	0.97	0.95	0.96	0.97

^a Runoff coefficients for storm recurrence intervals less than 25 years.

^b Runoff coefficients for storm recurrence intervals of 25 years or more.



Roughness Coefficients (Manning's "n") For Overland Flow (U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers, HEC-1 Users Manual)

Surface Description	n
Dense Growth	0.4
Pasture	0.3
Lawns	0.2
Bluegrass Sod	0.2
Short Grass Prairie	0.1
Sparse Vegetation	0.05
Bare Clay-Loam Soil (eroded)	0.01
Concrete/Asphalt - very shallow depths (less than 1/4 inch)	0.10
- small depths (1/4 inch to several inches)	0.05

Roughness Coefficients (Manning's "n") For Channel Flow

Reach Description	n
Natural stream, clean, straight, no rifts or pools	0.03
Natural stream, clean, winding, some pools or shoals	0.04
Natural stream, winding, pools, shoals, stony with some weeds	0.05
Natural stream, sluggish deep pools and weeds	0.07
Natural stream or swale, very weedy or with timber underbrush	0.10
Concrete pipe, culvert or channel	0.012
Corrugated metal pipe	0.012-0.027 ⁽¹⁾
High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Pipe	
Corrugated	0.021-0.029 ⁽²⁾
Smooth Lined	0.012-0.020 ⁽²⁾

(1) Depending upon type, coating and diameter

(2) Values recommended by the American Concrete Pipe Association, check Manufacturer's recommended value.



TABLE B-5
INFILTRATION REQUIREMENTS IN CARBONATE AREAS

Recommendation Chart for Infiltration Stormwater Management BMP's in Carbonate Bedrock

CARBONATE BEDROCK												
Geology Type		2 to 4 Feet				Over 4 Feet to 8 Feet				Over 8 Feet		
SITE RISK FACTORS	Effective Soil Thickness	Less than 2 Feet										
	Special Geologic Features*	Low and High Buffer		Low Buffer		Medium Buffer		Low Buffer		Medium Buffer		High Buffer
DESIGN FACTORS	SITE INVESTIGATION RECOMMENDED	Preliminary		Preliminary		Preliminary		Preliminary		Preliminary		Preliminary
		0-100% 300%	100 - 300% 600%	100 - 300% 300%	300 - 600% 600%	100 - 300% 300%	300 - 600% 600%	100 - 300% 300%	300 - 600% 600%	100 - 300% 300%	300 - 600% 600%	100 - 300% 300%
PROGRAM SUMMARY GUIDANCE --		1		2		3		4		5		6

NOT RECOMMENDED

RECOMMEND NO ED

- **Special Geologic Feature Buffer widths are as follows:**

Low Buffer to Less than 50 mil

Medium Buffer is 50 feet to 100 feet

High Buffer is greater than 100 feet

Rate greater than 500% not recommended.

... Assumed adequately permeable soils and lack of natural constraints as required for all infiltration systems.

1. Infiltration systems may be allowed at the determination of the Engineer and/or Geologist, provided that a Detailed Site Investigation is undertaken which confirms nature of rock, location of Special Geologic Features, and adequacy of the buffer between the SGF and the proposed stormwater system(s).

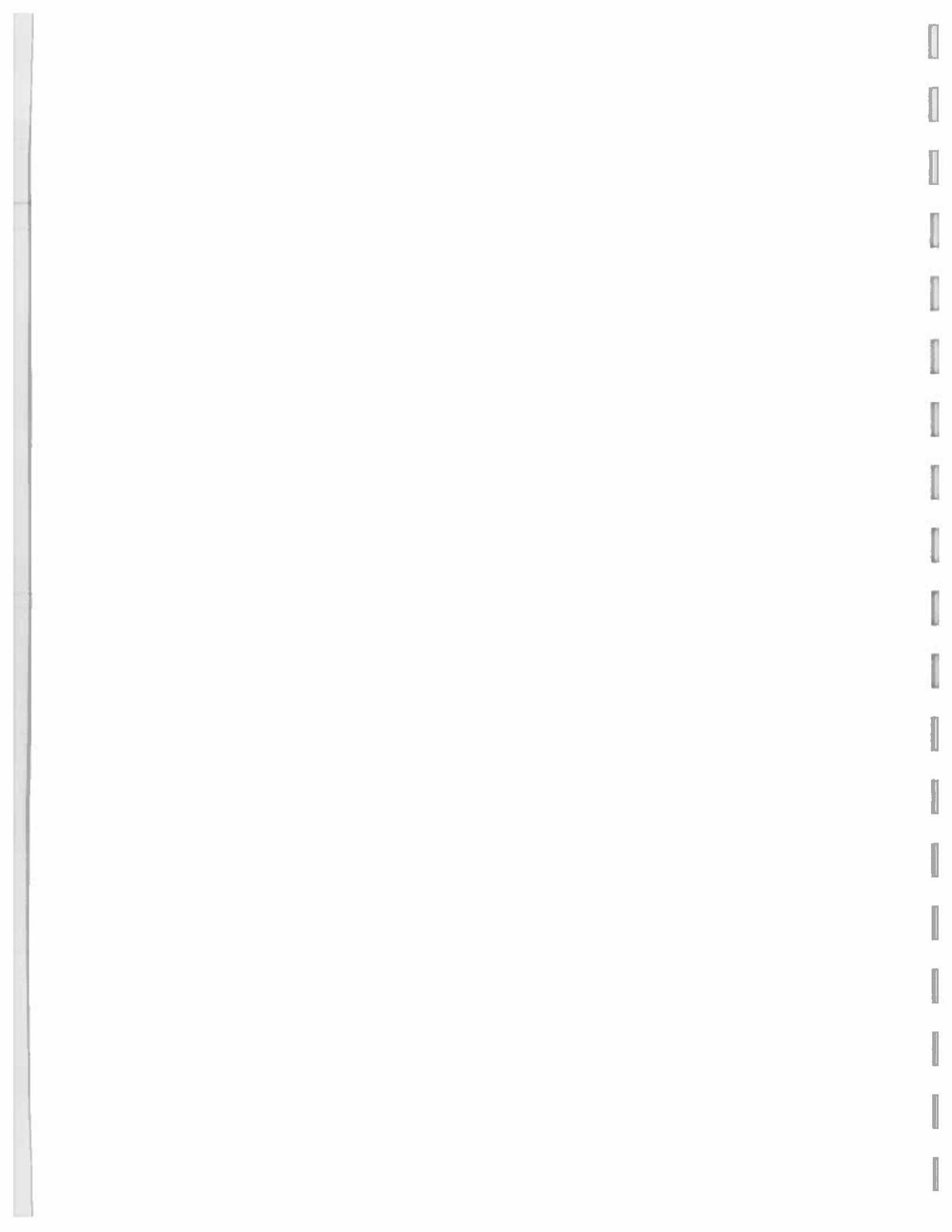
2. In these Special Geologic Features: Low Buffer situations, infiltration systems may be allowed at the determination of the Engineer and/or Geologist, provided that a Detailed Site Investigation is undertaken and a 28 foot buffer from SGFs is maintained.



Effective Soil Thickness (ft.)	Test Pit Density (per acre of proposed infiltration area)*	Percolation Tests (per acre of proposed infiltration area)**	Auger Grid Spacing (Feet On-Center)
8	4	8	50
4 to 8	6	12	35
2 to 4	8	16	25

*No. of Test Pits required = Infiltration sq. ft./43,560 x test pit density from chart rounded up to the nearest whole number

**No. of Percolation Tests required = Infiltration sq. ft./43,560 x percolation tests from chart rounded up to the nearest whole number



ORDINANCE APPENDIX C DRAINAGE PLAN APPLICATION

(To be attached to the "land subdivision plan or development plan review application or "minor land subdivision plan review application")

Application is hereby made for review of the Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan and related data as submitted herewith in accordance with the Richmond Township Stormwater Management and Earth Disturbance Ordinance.

_____ Final Plan _____ Preliminary Plan _____ Sketch
Plan

Date of Submission _____ Submission No. _____

1. Name of subdivision or development _____

2. Name of Applicant _____ Telephone No. _____

(if corporation, list the corporation's name and the names of two officers of the corporation)

_____ Officer 1

_____ Officer 2

Address _____

Zip _____

Applicant's interest in subdivision or development
(if other than property owner give owners name and address)

3. Name of property owner _____ Telephone No. _____

Address _____

Zip _____

4. Name of engineer or surveyor _____ Telephone No. _____

Address _____

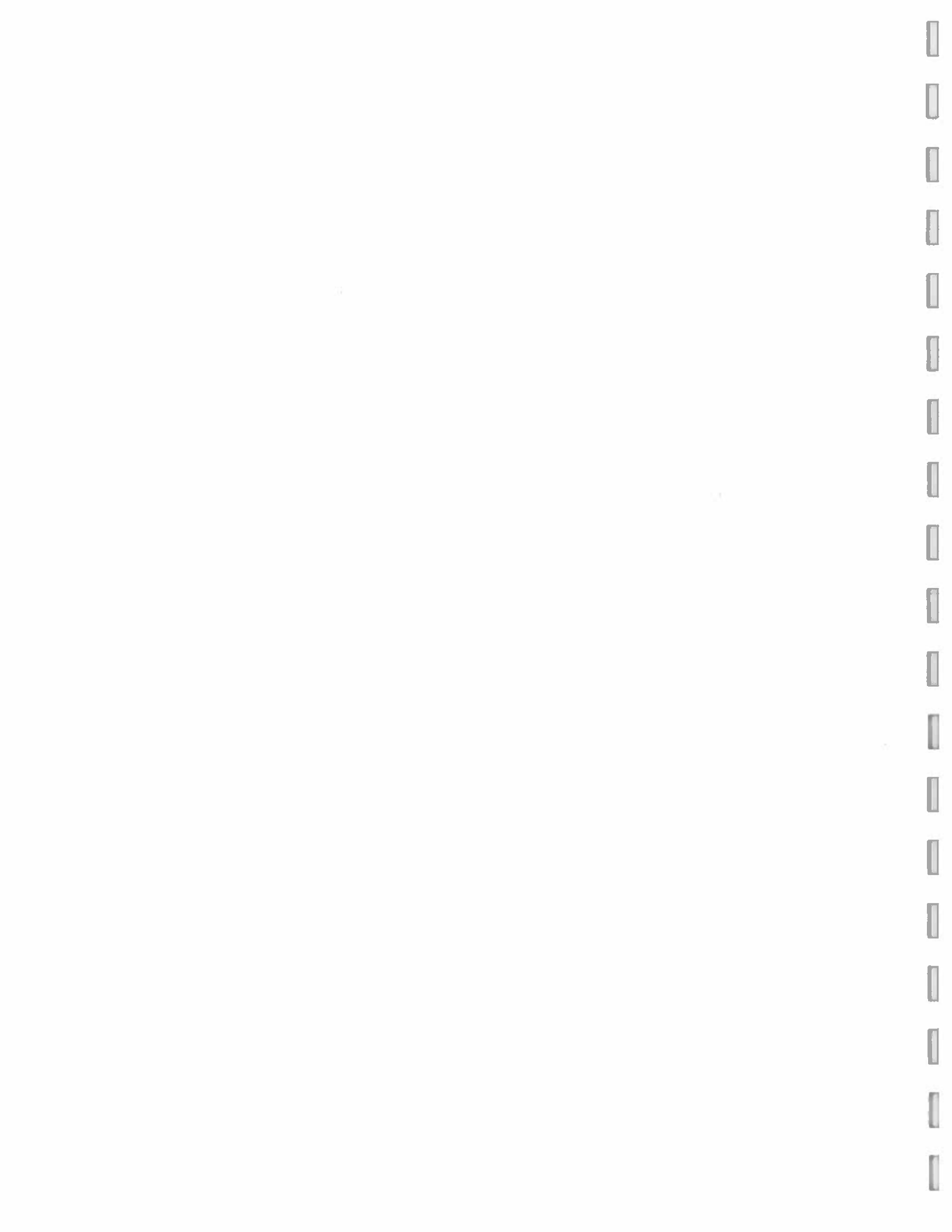
Zip _____

5. Type of subdivision or development proposed:

_____ Single-Family Lots
_____ Two Family Lots
_____ Multi-Family Lots
_____ Cluster Type Lots
_____ Planned Residential
Development

_____ Townhouses
_____ Garden Apartments
_____ Mobile-Home Park
_____ Campground
_____ Other (_____)

_____ Commercial (Multi-Lot)
_____ Commercial (One-Lot)
_____ Industrial (Multi-Lot)
_____ Industrial (One-Lot)



6. Lineal feet of new road proposed _____ L.F.

7. Area of proposed and existing impervious area on entire tract.

a. Existing (to remain) _____ S.F. _____ % of Property

b. Proposed _____ S.F. _____ % of Property

8. Stormwater

a. Does the peak rate of runoff from proposed conditions exceed that flow which occurred for existing conditions for the designated design storm? _____

b. Design storm utilized (on-site conveyance systems) (24 hr.) _____

No. of Subarea _____

Watershed Name _____

Explain: _____

c. Does the submission and/or district meet the release rate criteria for the applicable subarea? _____

d. Number of subarea(s) from Ordinance Appendix D of the Maiden Creek and Sacony Creek Watershed Stormwater Management Plans. _____

e. Type of proposed runoff control _____

f. Does the proposed stormwater control criteria meet the requirement/guidelines of the Stormwater Ordinances? _____

If not, what variances/waivers are requested? _____

g. Does the plan meet the requirements of Article III of the Stormwater Ordinances? _____

If not, what variances/waivers are requested? _____

Reasons Why _____

h. Was TR-55, June 1986 utilized in determining the time of concentration? _____

i. What hydrologic method was used in the stormwater computations? _____



j. Is a hydraulic routing through the stormwater control structure submitted? _____

k. Is a construction schedule or staging attached? _____

l. Is a recommended maintenance program attached? _____

9. Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control (E&S):

a. Has the stormwater management and E&S plan, supporting documentation and narrative been submitted to the _____ Berks _____ County Conservation District? _____

b. Total area of earth disturbance _____ S.F.

10. Wetlands

a. Have the wetlands been delineated by someone trained in wetland delineation? _____

b. Have the wetland lines been verified by a state or federal permitting authority? _____

c. Have the wetland lines been surveyed? _____

d. Total acreage of wetland within the property _____

e. Total acreage of wetland disturbed _____

f. Supporting documentation _____

11. Filing

a. Has the required fee been submitted? _____

Amount _____

b. Has the proposed schedule of construction inspection to be performed by the Applicant's engineer been submitted? _____

c. Name of individual who will be making the inspections _____

d. General comments about stormwater management at the development _____



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF [County Name].

Property Owner

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF THE INFORMATION AND STATEMENTS GIVEN ABOVE ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

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Richmond Township official submission receipt:

Date complete application received _____ Plan Number _____

Fees _____ date fees paid _____ received by _____

Official submission receipt date _____

Received by _____

Richmond Township



**ORDINANCE APPENDIX D
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
WATERSHED MAP**

ORDINANCE APPENDIX E

LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) PRACTICES

ALTERNATIVE APPROACH FOR MANAGING STORMWATER RUNOFF

Natural hydrologic conditions may be altered radically by poorly planned development practices, such as introducing unneeded impervious surfaces, destroying existing drainage swales, constructing unnecessary storm sewers, and changing local topography. A traditional drainage approach of development has been to remove runoff from a site as quickly as possible and capture it in a detention basin. This approach leads ultimately to the degradation of water quality as well as expenditure of additional resources for detaining and managing concentrated runoff at some downstream location.

The recommended alternative approach is to promote practices that will minimize proposed condition runoff rates and volumes, which will minimize needs for artificial conveyance and storage facilities. To simulate predevelopment hydrologic conditions, infiltration is often necessary to offset the loss of infiltration by creation of impervious surfaces. The ability of the ground to infiltrate depends upon the soil types and its conditions.

Preserving natural hydrologic conditions requires careful alternative site design considerations. Site design practices include preserving natural drainage features, minimizing impervious surface area, reducing the hydraulic connectivity of impervious surfaces, and protecting natural depression storage. A well-designed site will contain a mix of all those features. The following describes various techniques to achieve the alternative approach:

- **Preserving Natural Drainage Features.** Protecting natural drainage features, particularly vegetated drainage swales and channels, is desirable because of their ability to infiltrate and attenuate flows and to filter pollutants. However, this objective is often not accomplished in land development. In fact, commonly held drainage philosophy encourages just the opposite pattern -- streets and adjacent storm sewers typically are located in the natural headwater valleys and swales, thereby replacing natural drainage functions with a completely impervious system. As a result, runoff and pollutants generated from impervious surfaces flow directly into storm sewers with no opportunity for attenuation, infiltration, or filtration. Developments designed to fit site topography also minimizes the amount of grading on site.
- **Protecting Natural Depression Storage Areas.** Depressional storage areas have no surface outlet, or drain very slowly following a storm event. They can be commonly seen as ponded areas in farm fields during the wet season or after large runoff events. Traditional development practices eliminate these depressions by filling or draining, thereby obliterating their ability to reduce surface runoff volumes and trap pollutants. The volume and release-rate characteristics of depressions should be protected in the design of the development site. The depressions can be protected by simply avoiding the

ORDINANCE APPENDIX F

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California

California Stormwater BMP Handbook: New Development and Redevelopment (January 2003) – separate file available at <http://www.cabmphandbooks.org/Development.asp>

Georgia

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Volume 2: Technical Handbook (August 2001) separate file (<http://www.georgiastormwater.com/>)

Maryland

2000 Maryland Stormwater Design Manual –

<http://www.mde.state.md.us/Programs/Waterprograms/SedimentandStormwater/stormwaterdesign/index.asp>

Massachusetts

Stormwater Management, Volume Two: Stormwater Technical Handbook (Massachusetts, 1997) – separate file available at <http://www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/stormwtr/stormpub.htm>

Minnesota

Minnesota Urban Small Sites BMP Manual: Stormwater Best Management Practices for Cold Climates (July 2001) – <http://www.metrocouncil.org/environment/Watershed/BMP/manual.htm>

New Jersey

Revised Manual for New Jersey: Best Management Practices for Control of Non-point Source Pollution from Stormwater (Fifth Draft May 2000) –

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmgt/bmpmanual.htm>

New York

New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual (2001) –

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ORDINANCE APPENDIX G

West Nile Virus Guidance

(This source is from the Monroe County, PA Conservation District who researched the potential of West Nile Virus problems from BMPs due to a number of calls they were receiving)

Monroe County Conservation District Guidance: Stormwater Management and West Nile Virus

**Source: Brodhead McMichaels Creeks Watershed Act 167 Stormwater Management
Ordinance Final Draft 2/23/04**

The Monroe County Conservation District recognizes the need to address the problem of non-point source pollution impacts caused by runoff from impervious surfaces. The new stormwater policy being integrated into Act 167 Stormwater Management regulations by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will make non-point pollution controls an important component of all future plans and updates to existing plans. In addition, to meet post-construction anti-degradation standards under the state National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program, applicants will be required to employ Best Management Practices (BMPs) to address non-point pollution concerns.

Studies conducted throughout the United States have shown that wet basins and in particular constructed wetlands are effective in traditional stormwater management areas such as channel stability and flood control, and are one of the most effective ways to remove stormwater pollutants (United States Environmental Protection Agency 1991, Center for Watershed Protection 2000). From Maryland to Oregon, studies have shown that as urbanization and impervious surface increase in a watershed, the streams in those watersheds become degraded (CWP 2000). Although there is debate over the threshold of impervious cover when degradation becomes apparent (some studies show as little as 6% while others show closer to 20%), there is agreement that impervious surfaces cause non-point pollution in urban and urbanizing watersheds, and that degradation is ensured if stormwater BMPs are not implemented.

Although constructed wetlands and ponds are desirable from a water quality perspective there may be concerns about the possibility of these stormwater management structures becoming breeding grounds for mosquitoes. The Conservation District feels that although it may be a valid concern, **municipalities should not adopt ordinance provisions prohibiting wet basins for stormwater management.**

Mosquitoes

The questions surrounding mosquito production in wetlands and ponds have intensified in recent years by the outbreak of the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus. As is the case with all vector-borne maladies, the life cycle of West Nile Virus is complicated, traveling from mosquito to bird, back to mosquito and then to other animals including humans. *Culex pipiens* was identified as the vector species in the first documented cases from New York in 1999. This species is still considered the primary transmitter of the disease across its range. Today there are some 60 species of mosquitoes that inhabit Pennsylvania. Along with *C. pipiens*, three other species have been identified as vectors of West Nile Virus while four more have been identified as potential vectors.

The four known vectors in NE Pennsylvania are *Culex pipiens*, *C. restuans*, *C. salinarius* and *Ochlerotatus japonicus*. All four of these species prefer, and almost exclusively use, artificial containers (old tires, rain gutters, birdbaths, etc.) as larval habitats. In the case of *C. pipiens*, the most notorious of the vector mosquitoes, the dirtier the water the better they like it. The important factor is that these species do not thrive in functioning wetlands where competition for resources and predation by larger aquatic and terrestrial organisms is high.

The remaining four species, *Aedes vexans*, *Ochlerotatus Canadensis*, *O. triseriatus* and *O. trivittatus* are currently considered potential vectors due to laboratory tests (except the *O. trivittatus*, which did have one confirmed vector pool for West Nile Virus in PA during 2002). All four of these species prefer vernal habitats and ponded woodland areas following heavy summer rains. These species may be the greatest threat of disease transmission around stormwater basins that pond water for more than four days. This can be mitigated however by establishing ecologically functioning wetlands.

Stormwater Facilities

If a stormwater wetland or pond is constructed properly and a diverse ecological community develops, mosquitoes should not become a problem. Wet basins and wetlands constructed as stormwater management facilities, should be designed to attract a diverse wildlife community. If a wetland is planned, proper hydrologic soil conditions and the establishment of hydrophytic vegetation will promote the population of the wetland by amphibians and other mosquito predators. In natural wetlands, predatory insects and amphibians are effective at keeping mosquito populations in check during the larval stage of development while birds and bats prey on adult mosquitoes.

The design of a stormwater wetland must include the selection of hydrophytic plant species for their pollutant uptake capabilities and for not contributing to the potential for vector mosquito breeding. In particular, species of emergent vegetation with little submerged growth are preferable. By limiting the vegetation growing below the water surface, larvae lose protective cover and there is less chance of anaerobic conditions occurring in the water.

Stormwater ponds can be designed for multiple purposes. When incorporated into an open space design a pond can serve as a stormwater management facility and a community amenity. Aeration fountains and stocked fish should be added to keep larval mosquito populations in check.

Publications from the PA Department of Health and the Penn State Cooperative Extension concerning West Nile Virus identify aggressive public education about the risks posed by standing water in artificial containers (tires, trash cans, rain gutters, bird baths) as the most effective method to control vector mosquitoes.

Conclusion

The Conservation District understands the pressure faced by municipalities when dealing with multifaceted issues such as stormwater management and encourages the incorporation of water quality management techniques into stormwater designs. As Monroe County continues to grow, conservation design, groundwater recharge and constructed wetlands and ponds should be among the preferred design options to reduce the impacts of increases in impervious surfaces. When designed and constructed appropriately, the runoff mitigation benefits to the community from these design options will far out weigh their potential to become breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

**ORDINANCE APPENDIX H
IMPLEMENTATION FLOW CHART**

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**ORDINANCE APPENDIX I
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR PROJECTS
WHICH ARE EXEMPT UNDER
SECTION 402 OF THIS ORDINANCE**

DESIGN OPTION FOR PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM RATE CONTROL DESIGN

All projects involving the addition of impervious surface are required to provide stormwater management facilities addressing the requirements of the Richmond Township Stormwater Management Ordinance. Projects creating a limited amount of new impervious surface may be exempted from the requirement to provide complete rate control for the entire array of design storms in accordance with Section 402, but projects qualifying for exemption are still required to provide stormwater management facilities designed to meet the requirements of ordinance Sections 305 (Ground Water Recharge), 306 Water Quality) and 307 (Stream Bank Erosion). Completion of a site specific design is recommended for each project including soils testing, site grading, evaluation of options appropriate for the site / proposed conditions and designed verification justifying the proposed features. Experience has proven that this approach provides the installation best suited for the site and generally proves to be the most economical.

In lieu of completion of a full design, applicants may elect to consider the more conservative generic design approach included here. It must be recognized that facilities resulting from use of this approach are likely based on design assumptions which are more conservative than may be necessary in a site specific design because of the generic nature of this approach. Applicants choosing to employ this generic approach are not required to obtain the services of a licensed design professional; however, strict conformance with the procedures and installation requirements outlined is required. Any variation from this approach requires verification from a qualified design professional.

STEP 1 – PROJECT DATA

Applicant Name _____

Project Address _____

Telephone Number _____

e-Mail Address _____

Project Description _____

STEP 2 – RATE CONTROL EXEMPTION VERIFICATION

Determine the following:

Site Area _____ acres

Proposed Impervious Surface Area _____ sq. ft.

Distance from discharge point to property line _____ feet

Next, compare the data listed above to the exemption criteria listed in Table 402-1 below to verify eligibility for exemption. Do this by entering the proper line under Total Parcel Size. Qualification for exemption means that the proposed new Impervious Area entered above is less than the area listed in the middle column of the chart and that the Distance entered above is greater than the distance listed in the table for the corresponding tract area.

**TABLE 402-1
Impervious Area Exemption Criteria**

Total Parcel Size	Impervious Area Exemption (sq.ft.)	Minimum Distance* (feet)
0 to <0.125 ac	1,000 sq. ft.	10 ft.
0.125 to <0.5 ac	2,500 sq. ft.	15 ft.
0.5 to <1 ac	5,000 sq. ft.	20 ft.
1 to <2 ac	7,500 sq. ft.	25 ft.
2 to <3 ac	10,000 sq. ft.	50 ft.
3 to <4 ac	12,500 sq. ft.	100ft.
≥ 4 ac	15,000 sq. ft.	150 ft.

* Note: The minimum distance between the proposed impervious surface area and / or stormwater controls / structures discharge point to the downstream property line.

Check one:

- ☐ Proposal meets the Exemption Criteria – move to Step 3
- ☐ Proposal exceeds Exemption criteria limits – Project not exempt / rate control design required.

STEP 3 – FACILITY DESIGN

The following design is based upon construction of a rock-filled seepage facility with a total depth of 2 feet. A void ratio of 40% is assumed. Accordingly, the required facility surface area is:

$$A = [\frac{\text{IMPervious AREA FROM ABOVE}}{\text{IMPervious AREA FROM ABOVE}}] \times (0.28) = \text{_____ sq. ft.}$$

The exact shape of the seepage facility may be determined by the Applicant. For example, if the required area is 100 sq. ft., the Applicant may choose to propose a facility of any size that totals 100 sq. ft. (eg; 5' x 20' or 4' x 25' or 10' x 10')

NOTE THAT FOR LARGER NEW IMPERVIOUS AREAS, THE USE OF THIS OPTIONAL PROCEEDURE MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE DUE TO THE RESULTING SIZE AND SURFACE AREA. ACCORDINGLY, FOR LARGER FACILITIES, A PROFESSIONALLY DESIGNED FACILITY IS RECOMMENDED.

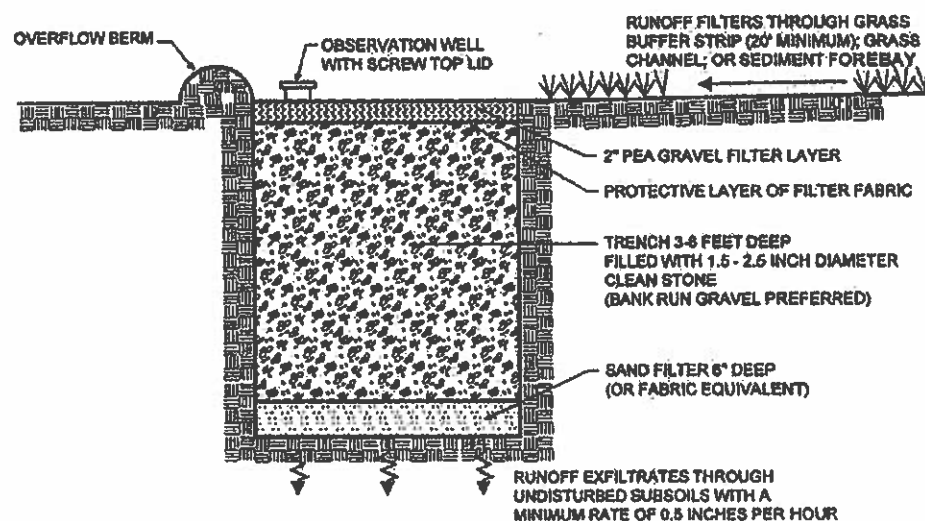
The proposed facility must be positioned to receive the entire runoff from the proposed new impervious surface. The Applicant must attach a sketch of the site indicating the following:

- Property lines
- Existing structures / features
- Proposed features
- Location of proposed stormwater facility
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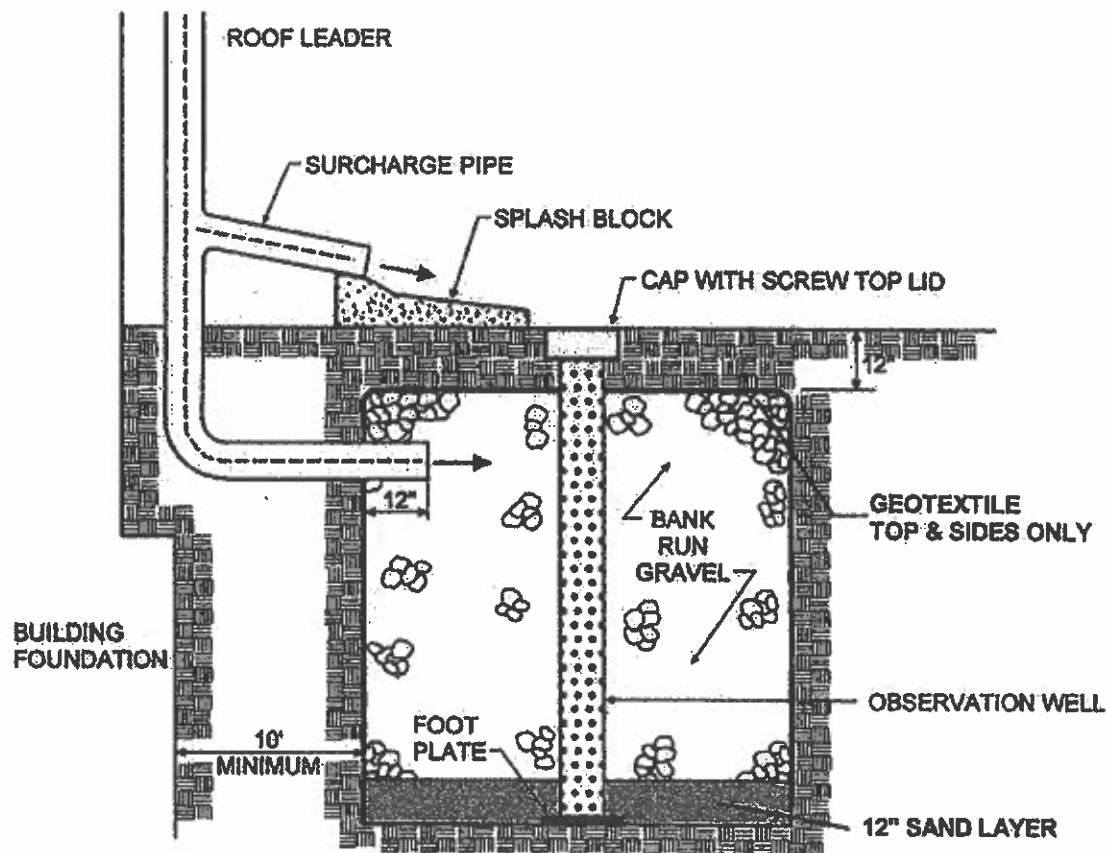
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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1486 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY ZIMMERMAN, FEE, CAUSER, BOBACK, B. MILLER,
HICKERNELL, GREINER, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, KAUFFMAN, PICKETT,
IRVIN, RAPP, WARD, TALLMAN, PASHINSKI, JOZWIAK, WHEELAND,
LAWRENCE, KAVULICH, RADER, M. K. KELLER, MENTZER, CORBIN,
CUTLER AND BLOOM, JUNE 2, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
JUNE 2, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.864, No.167), entitled
2 "An act providing for the regulation of land and water use
3 for flood control and storm water management purposes,
4 imposing duties and conferring powers on the Department of
5 Environmental Resources, municipalities and counties,
6 providing for enforcement, and making appropriations,"
7 further providing for definitions and for effect of watershed
8 storm water plans.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.864,
12 No.167), known as the Storm Water Management Act, is amended by
13 adding a definition to read:

14 Section 4. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
16 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 * * *

19 "High tunnel." A structure which meets the following:

1 (1) Is used for the production, processing, keeping,
2 storing, sale or shelter of an agricultural commodity as
3 defined in section 2 of the act of December 19, 1974
4 (P.L.973, No.319), known as the Pennsylvania Farmland and
5 Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, or for the storage of
6 agricultural equipment or supplies.

7 (2) Is constructed consistent with all of the following:

8 (i) Has a metal, wood or plastic frame.

9 (ii) When covered, has a plastic, woven textile or
10 other flexible covering.

11 (iii) Has a floor made of soil, crushed stone,
12 matting, pavers or a floating concrete slab.

13 * * *

14 Section 2. Section 11 of the act is amended by adding a
15 subsection to read:

16 Section 11. Effect of watershed storm water plans.

17 * * *

18 (c) Exemption.--The following shall apply:

19 (1) A high tunnel shall be exempted from the provisions
20 of this act if:

21 (i) the high tunnel or its flooring does not result
22 in an impervious area exceeding 25% of all structures
23 located on the owner's total contiguous land area; and

24 (ii) the high tunnel meets one of the following:

25 (A) The high tunnel is located at least 100 feet
26 from any perennial stream or watercourse, public road
27 or neighboring property line.

28 (B) The high tunnel is located at least 35 feet
29 from any perennial stream or watercourse, public road
30 or neighboring property line and located on land with

1 a slope not greater than 7%.

2 (C) The high tunnel is supported with a buffer
3 or diversion system that does not directly drain into
4 a stream or other watercourse by managing storm water
5 runoff in a manner consistent with requirements of
6 this act.

7 (2) A municipality that has adopted a local ordinance or
8 regulation that regulates high tunnels pursuant to a
9 watershed storm water plan under this section prior to the
10 effective date of this subsection shall amend the ordinance
11 or regulation to comply with this subsection.

12 (3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
13 exempt high tunnels from other requirements applicable under
14 Federal, State or municipal laws.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**DESIGN OPTION FOR PROJECTS
EXEMPT FROM RATE CONTROL DESIGN**

All projects involving the addition of impervious surface are required to provide stormwater management facilities addressing the requirements of the Richmond Township Stormwater Management Ordinance. Projects creating a limited amount of new impervious surface may be exempted from the requirement to provide complete rate control for the entire array of design storms in accordance with Section 402, but projects qualifying for exemption are still required to provide stormwater management facilities designed to meet the requirements of ordinance Sections 305 (Ground Water Recharge), 306 Water Quality) and 307 (Stream Bank Erosion). Completion of a site specific design is recommended for each project including soils testing, site grading, evaluation of options appropriate for the site / proposed conditions and designed verification justifying the proposed features. Experience has proven that this approach provides the installation best suited for the site and generally proves to be the most economical.

In lieu of completion of a full design, applicants may elect to consider the more conservative generic design approach included here. It must be recognized that facilities resulting from use of this approach are likely based on design assumptions which are more conservative than may be necessary in a site specific design because of the generic nature of this approach. Applicants choosing to employ this generic approach are not required to obtain the services of a licensed design professional; however, strict conformance with the procedures and installation requirements outlined is required. Any variation from this approach requires verification from a qualified design professional.

STEP 1 -- PROJECT DATA

Applicant Name _____

Project Address _____

Telephone Number _____

e-Mail Address _____

Project Description _____

STEP 2 – RATE CONTROL EXEMPTION VERIFICATION

Determine the following:

Site Area _____ acres

Proposed Impervious Surface Area _____ sq. ft.

Distance from discharge point to property line _____ feet

Next, compare the data listed above to the exemption criteria listed in Table 402-1 below to verify eligibility for exemption. Do this by entering the proper line under Total Parcel Size. Qualification for exemption means that the proposed new Impervious Area entered above is less than the area listed in the middle column of the chart and that the Distance entered above is greater than the distance listed in the table for the corresponding tract area.

**TABLE 402-1
Impervious Area Exemption Criteria**

Total Parcel Size	Impervious Area Exemption (sq.ft.)	Minimum Distance* (feet)
0 to <0.125 ac	1,000 sq. ft.	10 ft.
0.125 to <0.5 ac	2,500 sq. ft.	15 ft.
0.5 to <1 ac	5,000 sq. ft.	20 ft.
1 to <2 ac	7,500 sq. ft.	25 ft.
2 to <3 ac	10,000 sq. ft.	50 ft.
3 to <4 ac	12,500 sq. ft.	100ft.
≥ 4 ac	15,000 sq. ft.	150 ft.

* Note: The minimum distance between the proposed impervious surface area and / or stormwater controls / structures discharge point to the downstream property line.

Check one:

- ☐ Proposal meets the Exemption Criteria – move to Step 3
- ☐ Proposal exceeds Exemption criteria limits – Project not exempt / rate control design required.

STEP 3 – FACILITY DESIGN

The following design is based upon construction of a rock-filled seepage facility with a total depth of 2 feet. A void ratio of 40% is assumed. Accordingly, the required facility surface area is:

$$A = [\text{_____}] \times (0.28) = \text{_____} \text{ sq. ft.}$$

[IMPERVIOUS AREA FROM ABOVE]

The exact shape of the seepage facility may be determined by the Applicant. For example, if the required area is 100 sq. ft., the Applicant may choose to propose a facility of any size that totals 100 sq. ft. (eg: 5' x 20' or 4' x 25' or 10' x 10')

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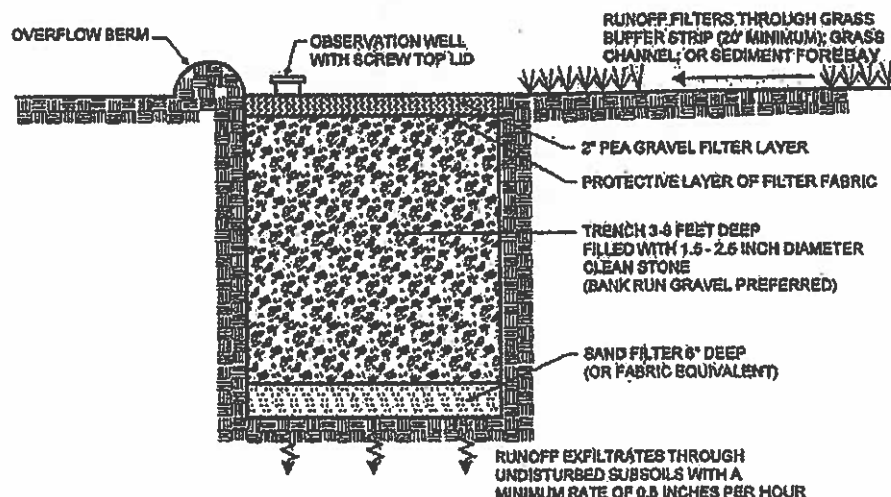
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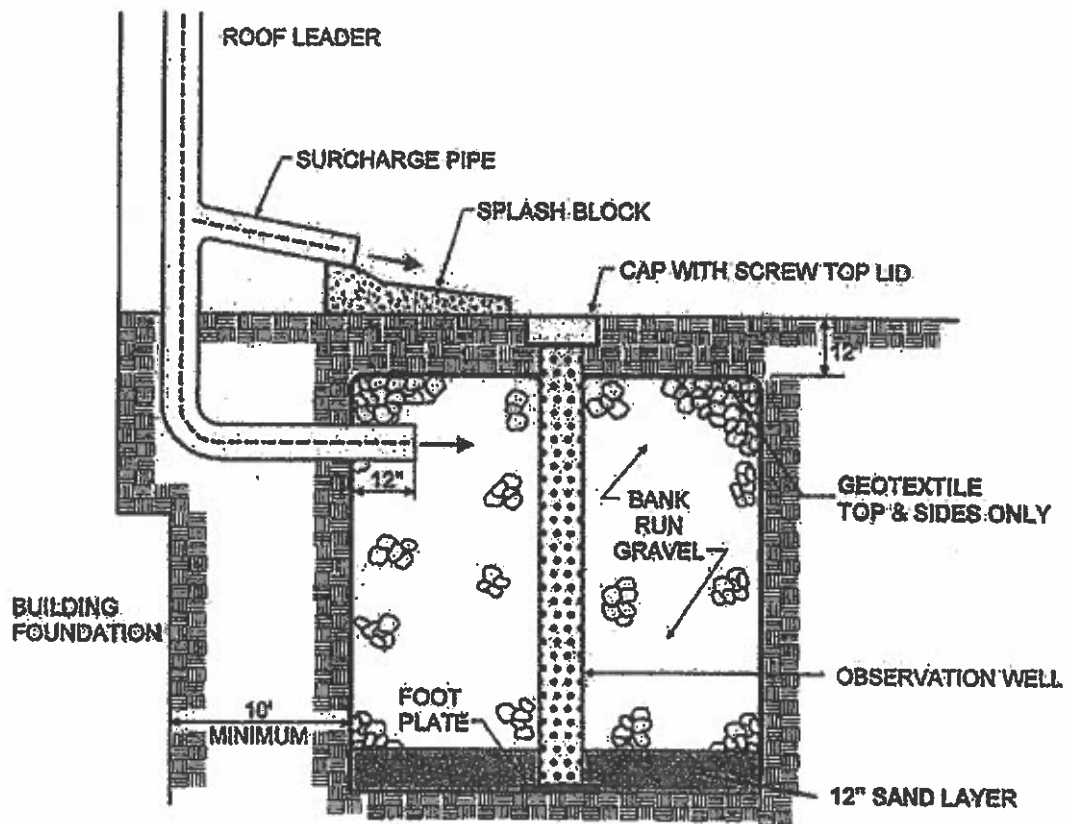
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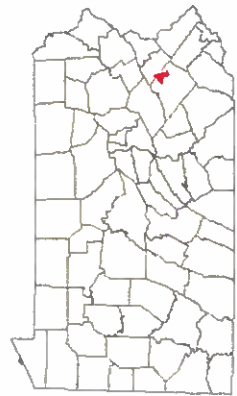


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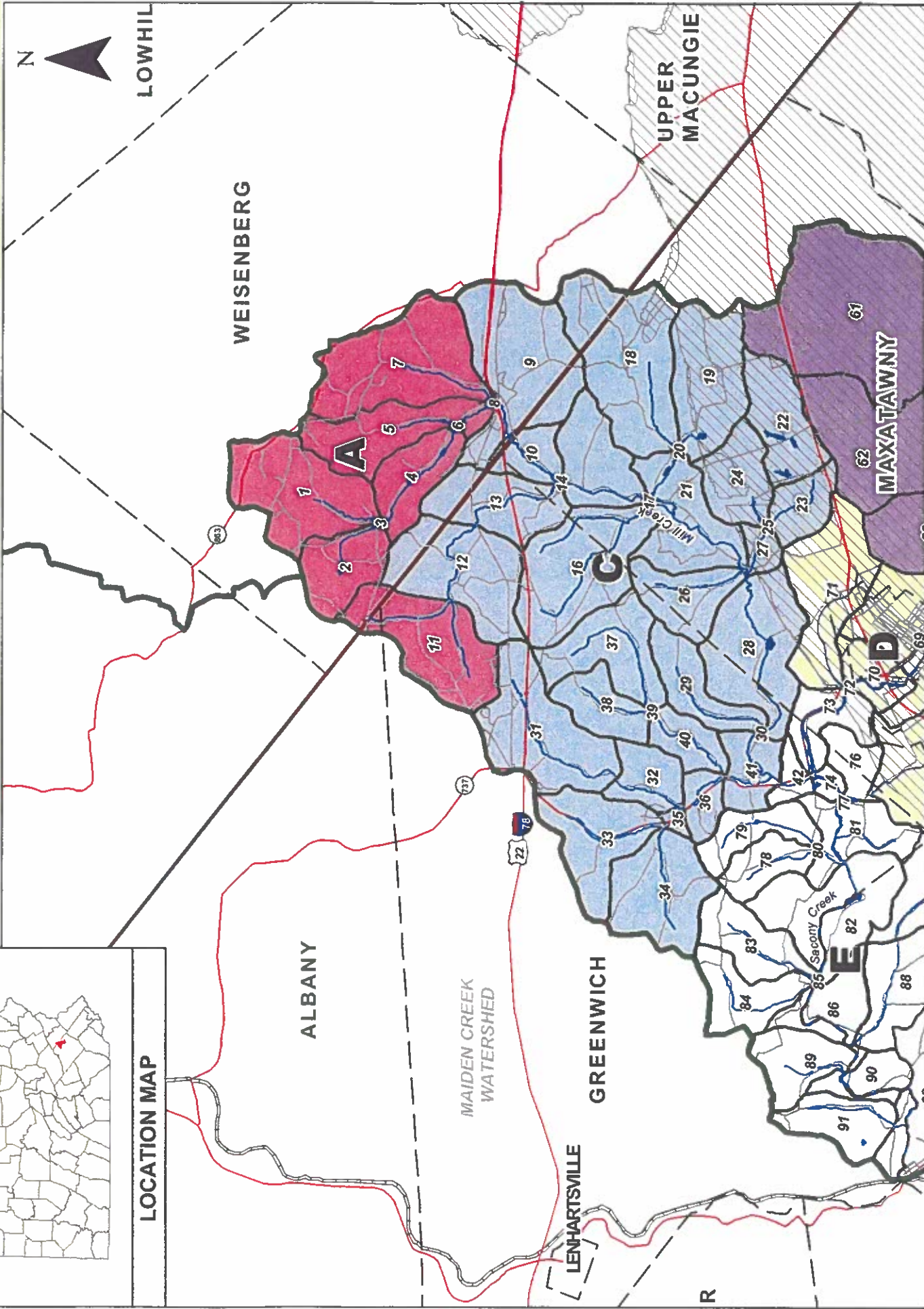
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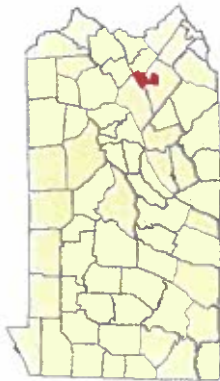
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LOCATION MAP



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Management District Legend

District	Equivalent Release Rate	Design Storm Proposed Conditions	Design Storm Existing Conditions
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B2	75 %	2-Year Reduce To 5-Year	1-Year 10-Year
B3	50 %	2-Year Reduce To 5-Year	1-Year 10-Year
C*	30 %	2-Year Reduce To 5-Year	1-Year 10-Year

100% Release Rate

