



WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT FEE SCHEDULES
 (Effective June 16, 2023)

EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLAN REVIEWS

Disturbed Acreage	Fee
0 – 0.99	\$900
1 – 4.99	\$1,680
5 – 9.99	\$2,255
10 – 14.99	\$2,850
15 – 19.99	\$3,405
20 – 24.99	\$3,975
25 – 29.99	\$4,535
30 – 39.99	\$4,835
40 – 49.99	\$6,935
50 – 74.99	\$8,315
75 – 99.99	\$10,615
100+	\$12,735 +25 each acre over 100

A \$350 fee is charged for a non-commercial single family residence with disturbance of 5,000 sq. ft. up to 0.99-acre.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEWS

Disturbed Acreage	Fee
0 – 0.99	\$900
1 – 1.99	\$1,200
2 – 4.99	\$1,490
5 – 9.99	\$1,805
10 – 19.99	\$2,120
20 – 49.99	\$3,085
50 – 99.99	\$4,010
100+	\$4,935 +25 each acre over 100

A baseline fee of \$250 is charged for plans that do not request stormwater approval but require an NPDES/ESCGP-3 permit (including Major Amendments). Example: utility lines.

A \$350 fee is charged for a non-commercial single family residence with disturbance of 5,000 sq. ft. up to 0.99-acre.

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT LETTER OF CONSISTENCY
 ASSOCIATED WITH 2020 ACT 167 ORDINANCE**

Exemptions	\$50
No-Harm	\$100
Demonstrated Equivalency	\$250
Small Project	\$250

STREAM/WETLAND ENCROACHMENT EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLAN REVIEWS

Total Cumulative Stream/Wetland Length Impacted	Fee
0' – 49.99'	\$125
50' – 199.99'	\$225
200'+	\$325 +\$50 each 50' over 200'

If an encroachment plan is submitted as part of an NPDES or ESCGP permit, this fee will be charged in addition to the regular E&S plan review fee. Stand-alone encroachment projects will only be charged according to the fee schedule above. Permit authorization requires an erosion and sedimentation control plan meeting Chapter 102 requirements.

TIMBER HARVEST PLAN REVIEWS

Disturbed Acreage	Fee
0 – 4.99	\$325
5 – 9.99	\$420
10 – 24.99	\$515
25+	\$690

Over 25 acres of disturbance requires an Earth Disturbance Permit from the PA DEP with an additional fee of \$200 made payable to the PA Clean Water Fund.

SECTION 1 – AUTHORITY AND APPLICABILITY

The Westmoreland Conservation District (WCD) is delegated by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) to:

- Administer Commonwealth’s Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) Pollution Control Program under PA Chapter 102 rules and regulations and the Clean Streams Law
- Administer General Permit Program under PA Chapter 105 rules and regulations in Westmoreland County
- Review the Post Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) plans and conduct site visits and inspections during the construction process for sites requiring NPDES permits

WCD review fees shall apply to all plans that are submitted to WCD:

- E&S plan reviews as authorized by Act 217 - The Conservation District Law
- Stormwater Management & PCSM plan reviews as authorized by WCD’s Board of Directors

This fee schedule only pertains to WCD’s plan review fees. Other state/federal permit fees may apply.

SECTION 2 – WCD REVIEW FEE WAIVERS AND ADJUSTMENTS

WCD review fees are waived for applications filed under the name of:

- a state government
- a watershed organization
- a city, borough, township, or municipality with a Conservation Partnership Agreement (CPA) with WCD
- Westmoreland County Public Works/Parks and Recreation

WCD review fees are not waived for applications filed under the name of:

- a county agency other than those waived above
- a private non-profit organization
- an authority
- a school district

WCD review fees may be waived or reduced for:

- individual home sites
- watershed improvement projects

WCD review fees are not applicable to the agricultural operations of plowing and tilling or for animal heavy use areas if these practices are completed in accordance with a Conservation Plan or an Ag E&S plan approved by WCD. For all other earth disturbances over 5,000 sq. ft., the WCD E&S fee schedule is applicable.

WCD does not have the authority to waive or reduce state/federal permit fees.

SECTION 3 – REVISION FEES

- For both E&S and SW, if after the initial technical review process the plan is considered “not adequate” and revisions are needed, the plan must be re-submitted with revisions and an additional fee of **65%** of the original fee. If after the second review the plan is not adequate, revisions must be submitted with an additional **65%** of the original fee. If after the third review the plan is not adequate, **75%** of the original fee must be submitted with revisions.
- Where the applicant fails to directly address and attempt to resolve concerns expressed by the WCD after 3 revisions of the E&S or SW plan, a complete resubmission of the original WCD fees will be imposed for all subsequent plan revisions.
- If a plan is waiting for revisions and a phone call, email or letter requesting an extension of time is not received from the applicant within 60 days from the time of the WCD’s last “not adequate” or deficiency letter, the plan will be returned to the applicant and any resubmission will require new full WCD fees.
- When site construction and final site stabilization are not completed within 3 years from the plan approval date, the WCD reserves the right to require the submission of a new plan and additional or upgraded controls if E&S or SW standards have been revised, except when the plan is associated with an NPDES Permit which has a 5 year expiration date. New full WCD review fees will be required.

SECTION 4 – MAJOR AND MINOR AMENDMENTS

WCD review fees for major and minor amendments are calculated based on the area of disturbance where changes to the plan occur. For major amendments, use the existing WCD E&S and SW fee schedules. For minor amendments, calculate 50% of the existing WCD E&S and SW fees schedules. For both major and minor amendments, if additional acreage is disturbed, the PA DEP disturbed acre fee will apply. For major amendments, the NPDES permit fee will apply.

SECTION 5 – WAIVER OF PLAN LETTER

If the WCD is requested to provide a letter stating that an E&S or SW plan is not required for a construction site (less than 5,000 square feet of disturbed area), a \$100.00 processing fee will be charged. The WCD may waive this fee on a case-by-case basis.

SECTION 6 – BILLABLE HOURS

The WCD reserves the right to charge a billable hours fee (\$50/hour) to cover costs associated with meetings on plan preparation assistance when that assistance is over and above the normally expected time. This does not include pre-plan or pre-construction meetings.

SECTION 7 – CHAPTER 105 GP ASSISTANCE

The WCD authorizes use of Chapter 105 General Permits GP-1 through GP-9. WCD will provide technical assistance in completing Chapter 105 GP-1 through GP-9 and GP-11 application forms for a fee of \$50/hour (minimum of \$50). WCD does not authorize use of GP-11.

SECTION 8 – PNDI ASSISTANCE

The WCD can provide assistance on running a PNDI search for a fee of \$10 in addition to the \$40 DCNR fee.

SECTION 9 – ASSISTED PLAN CONSISTENCY CHECK (APCC)

An Assisted Plan Consistency Check (APCC) is for persons submitting a General or Individual NPDES permit to WCD. The purpose of the APCC is to speed up the plan/permit submission and review process and provide immediate feedback to designers and applicants. APCC fees are determined by the project’s disturbed acres: \$250 for 1-4.99 acres; \$500 for 5 acres or more. Please visit westmorelandconservation.org for more information on the APCC.

SECTION 10 – RECEIPTS AND REFUNDS

- No receipts will be provided unless requested.
- The canceled check will be the applicant’s receipt.
- WCD fees are non-refundable.