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Northampton County Conservation District - Service Fee Schedule Resolution

Section 1 Title

This resolution may be cited as the Northampton County Conservation District (NCCD) Service Fee Schedule for Erosion and Sediment Control and Post-Construction Stormwater Management Services (NCCD Service Fee Schedule).

Section 2 Authority

The Northampton County Conservation District (NCCD) by authority of the Conservation District Law, Act 217 of 1945, hereby adopts the NCCD Service Fee Schedule for Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and Post-Construction Stormwater Management Services.

Section 3 Effective Date

This resolution replaces any and all previous fee schedule resolutions and shall become effective July 1, 2025 and shall remain in effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by the NCCD Board of Directors.

Section 4 Intent

The primary purpose of this fee schedule is to help defray the costs incurred by the NCCD in its delegated authority by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) to administer the Chapter 102 Program under the PA Clean Streams Law. The fees are intended to cover a range of services associated with the processing of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) or Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP) applications; their related erosion and sediment control (E&SC) and post-construction stormwater management (PCSM) plans; and E&SC plans for all other earth disturbance activities which are regulated by the NCCD. Services covered include, but not limited to: pre-design and pre-submittal meetings, plan reviews, telephone calls, review comment conferences, pre-construction conferences, site inspections, compliance monitoring, permit termination, and administrative support. Such services are also covered for projects where there's no NPDES permit and only an E&SC plan is required.

Section 5 Applicability of Fee Schedule

- A. The fee schedule shall apply whenever an application is submitted, whether voluntarily or by state or municipal requirement, for an adequacy determination.
- B. Each resubmission of a revised application associated with a technical review will be charged 15% or 30% of the current base fee, rounded to the nearest \$5.00 increment as shown in Table 7 A.
- C. Renewal of NPDES permits where there are no changes to the approved plans and documents will be subject to a charge of 25% of the current NCCD Service Fee Schedule, rounded to the nearest \$5.00 increment. If amendments are proposed along with a request for NPDES permit renewal, the applicable Amendment Fee will apply.
- D. Minor Amendments to NPDES permits will be subject to a charge of 25% of the current NCCD Service Fee Schedule, rounded to the nearest \$5.00 increment.



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- E. Major amendments to NPDES permits will be subject to a charge of 50% of the current NCCD Service Fee Schedule, rounded to the nearest \$5.00 increment. If it is determined that the revisions are substantial, the full service fee will be charged. Additionally, any amendments that expand the NPDES permit boundary will be subject to a charge for the additional area(s).
- F. Each resubmission of a different project on the same tract of land will be charged separately according to the fee schedule, regardless of whether or not the original project received a letter of adequacy.
- G. All NCCD Service fees for NPDES projects should be based off of the NPDES (Project Site) Boundary area.

Section 6 NPDES Permit Boundary Delineation and Limits of Disturbance

The NPDES Boundary (Project Site Area) can encompass the entire parcel or a portion thereof, but should include all E&S and PCSM BMPs; reference DEP permit guidance for additional clarification. All earth disturbance activities should be shown and quantified as within the limits of disturbance. Offsite work such as that for utility line installation, waste and borrow areas, and construction staging areas shall also be included in the total NPDES Permit Boundary and limits of disturbance.

Section 7 NCCD Service Fee Schedule

- A. Residential; Industrial; Commercial

NPDES PERMIT PROJECTS					
Project Type (NPDES Permit Boundary)	Initial Fee (Base Fee)	1st Technical Revision	Additional Revisions	Minor Plan Amendments and/or Renewals	Major Plan Amendments
Single Residential Lot	\$3,125.00	\$470.00	\$940.00	\$780.00	\$1,565.00
0-0.99 acres	\$3,675.00	\$550.00	\$1,100.00	\$920.00	\$1,835.00
1-4.99 acres	\$6,855.00	\$1,030.00	\$2,055.00	\$1,715.00	\$3,430.00
5-9.99 acres	\$12,135.00	\$1,820.00	\$3,640.00	\$3,035.00	\$6,070.00
10-14.99 acres	\$13,755.00	\$2,065.00	\$4,125.00	\$3,440.00	\$6,880.00
15-19.99, acres	\$17,710.00	\$2,655.00	\$5,315.00	\$4,430.00	\$8,855.00
20-25.0 acres	\$21,575.00	\$3,235.00	\$6,475.00	\$5,395.00	\$10,790.00
Over 25.0 acres ¹	\$21,575.00 + \$200.00/acre ¹	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable

¹ For each acre over 25, round up to the next whole acre



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NON- NPDES PROJECTS					
Project Type (Limit of Disturbance Boundary)	Initial Fee (Base Fee)	1st Technical Revision	Additional Revisions	Minor Plan Amendments	Major Plan Amendments
0-0.99 acres Non-Residential	\$1,845.00	\$275.00	\$552.90	\$460.00	\$920.00
0-0.99 acres Residential	\$625.00	\$95.00	\$190.00	\$155.00	\$315.00
0-0.99 acres Stockpile sites / Offsite Support Areas	\$625.00	\$95.00	\$190.00	\$155.00	\$315.00

B. Timber Harvesting

Number of Acres	General Fee
0- 24.99	\$500.00
25- 49.99	\$1,000.00
50-249.99	\$1,250.00
250 and above	\$1,250.00 + 4.30/acre or fraction thereof over 249.99 acres

C. Erosion & Sediment Control Plans submitted as part of an encroachment permit application as outlined in PA Title 25, Chapter 105: "Dam Safety and Waterway Management"

- 1) Chapter 105 General Permits \$750.00
- 2) Joint Permit and Small Project Applications \$750.00
- 3) Pond or lake construction/rehabilitation \$750.00

Note: These fees are for encroachment only. If a Chapter 105 activity is part of a larger project and/or involves additional earthmoving, the fee will be as in 7 A or B. Examples: (1) Public road bridges will be charged by NPDES permit boundary acreage including disturbance for any ramps or approaches to the bridge. (2) A proposed boat access ramp includes a parking area, area for a few picnic tables, and a restroom is not just an encroachment activity and the fee charged will include the entire project.

D. The above service fees will be charged separate from, and in addition to, the filing fees for the NPDES permits required for the discharge of stormwater from construction activities, and any applicable Disturbed Acreage Fees.

Section 8 Adjustment of Fees

A. In accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 102.6(b)(4), any federal or state agency or independent state commission that provides funding for program administration by DEP through the terms and conditions of a mutual agreement may be exempt from the application fees identified above. At this time, DEP, EPA, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources



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(DCNR), and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) are agencies that meet this requirement. DEP, EPA, PFBC, DCNR, and PennDOT are exempt from the District Service Chapter 102 Plan Review fee, NPDES Permit Application fee, and the Disturbed Acreage Fee. These agencies must be the applicant and sign the District Application for fees to be waived.

- B. In cases where the proposed earth disturbance acreage is less than 30% of the total NPDES permit boundary acreage, the applicant may request that the fees be based on earth disturbed acreage rather than total NPDES permit boundary acreage. Prior to Application submittal, the applicant shall submit a request in writing attesting that the project is under the 30% threshold, along with a drawing that shows the limits of proposed disturbance relative to the total NPDES permit boundary acreage. District staff will then give written notice of whether the review fee is on a disturbed acreage basis.

Section 9 Expedited Reviews

When the expedited review policy is in effect, a separate and additional fee equal to two (2) times that of the NCCD service fee will be charged. See also separate NCCD Expedited Technical Review Policy.

Section 10 Summary of fees

For NPDES permit applications, the following fees are required:

FEE TYPE:	FEE:	MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
NPDES Filing Fee*	\$500 for General Permits, \$1,500 for Individual Permits	NCCD/Clean Water Fund
NCCD Service Fee	Based on NPDES boundary, reference Section 7 A-C	NCCD
Disturbed Acreage Fee	\$100 per disturbed acre (rounded up or down to nearest acre)	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania/Clean Water Fund

*Permit filing fees are required for new permit applications, major amendments, and renewals. If applying for a major amendment and renewal, only one NPDES Filing Fee is required.

For non-NPDES applications, the following fees are required:

FEE TYPE:	NCCD SERVICE FEE:	MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
NCCD Service Fee	Based on project type, reference Section 7 A-C	NCCD

Section 11 Approval

Be it resolved this **10th day of June, 2025**, that the Northampton County Conservation District Board of Directors does hereby agree, effective July 1st, 2025, to charge the above fees for services rendered as authorized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Act Number 217 approved May 15, 1945, in accordance with above schedule of charges. (District Resolution # 3-2024). **This resolution repeals and replaces all previous Fee Resolutions.**

Expedited Technical Review Policy modified and reinstated by NCCD Board of Directors 11/11/2025.