

# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

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LUZERNE COUNTY, PA**

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## **ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Section 101. Short Title**

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Black Creek Township Stormwater Management Ordinance”.

### **Section 102. Statement of Findings**

The Supervisors of Black Creek Township find that:

- A. Inadequate management of accelerated runoff of stormwater resulting from development throughout a watershed increases flows and velocities, contributes to erosion and sedimentation, overtakes the carrying capacity of streams and storm sewers, greatly increases the cost of public facilities to carry and control stormwater, undermines flood plain management and flood control efforts in downstream communities, reduces groundwater recharge, threatens public health and safety, and increases non-point source pollution of water resources.
- B. A comprehensive program of stormwater management, including reasonable regulation of development and activities causing accelerated runoff, is fundamental to the public health, safety, and welfare and the protection of people of the Commonwealth, their resources, and the environment.
- C. Stormwater is an important water resource, which provides groundwater recharge for water supplies and base flow of streams, which also protects and maintains surface water quality.
- D. 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).

### **Section 103. Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote health, safety, and welfare within Black Creek Township and its watershed by minimizing the harms and maximizing the benefits described in Section 102 of this Ordinance, through provisions designed to:

- A. Meet legal water quality requirements under state law, including regulations at 25 Pa. Code 93 to protect, maintain, reclaim, and restore the existing and designated uses of the waters of this Commonwealth.
- B. Preserve the natural drainage systems as much as possible.
- C. Manage stormwater runoff close to the source.

- D. Provide procedures and performance standards for stormwater planning and management.
- E. Maintain groundwater recharge to prevent degradation of surface and groundwater quality and to otherwise protect water resources.
- F. Prevent scour and erosion of stream banks and streambeds.
- G. Provide proper operation and maintenance of all permanent SWM BMPs that are implemented within Black Creek Township.
- H. Provide standards to meet NPDES permit requirements.
- I. Prevent flooding and erosion on properties adjacent to earth disturbance activities.

#### **Section 104. Statutory Authority**

- A. Primary Authority:

Black Creek 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, Act of May 1, 1933 (P.L. 103, No. 69) reenacted and amended November 9, 1995 (P.L. 350, No. 60, as amended) the “Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code”.

- B. Secondary Authority:

Black Creek 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**

- 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. Regulated activities include but are not limited to: the clearing and grubbing of wooded areas, grading and excavating, placement of pavement (driveways, parking areas, roads), construction of buildings, construction of new stormwater management facilities, diversion or piping of any natural or man-made stream channel, the construction of other structures (homes, sheds, garages, commercial and industrial buildings), and other activities which alter the way stormwater runs off of the landscape. Depending on the amount of impervious area placed and the amount of earth disturbance to the project site, this Ordinance requires different levels of stormwater management, and correspondingly different levels of design and review.

- B. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) roadway projects will perform stormwater management consistent with Publication 13M (Design Manual-2) Chapter 13.6 Antidegradation and Post Construction Stormwater Management Policy.
- C. Proposed single family residential and multi-family residential dwelling units that are associated with a Subdivision and/or Land Development that has obtained a Stormwater Management Plan approval from Black Creek Township and/or a NPDES Permit approval from the PA DEP prior to or after the adoption of this Ordinance shall still be considered a regulated activity of this Ordinance. The majority of proposed residential dwelling units require the approval of a Level 2 Application prior to construction. If the Land Development or NPDES Permit approval required specific individual lot stormwater management controls, the applicant shall construct the individual lot stormwater management controls required by the original approval and may not be required to meet the DIA requirements of this Ordinance. The purpose of the Level 2 application for these undeveloped “approved” lots is for Black Creek Township to ensure that the individual lot stormwater management controls required by the original approval are being properly implemented by the lot owner. Drawings and calculations must be submitted to Black Creek Township in enough detail for the Township Engineer to determine compliance with the previously granted approval and also to physically construct the stormwater management facilities on site. Drawings must contain, at a minimum, all of the items required for a Level 2 Sketch (See Appendix C.1 and E) and volume calculations must be provided for all stormwater storage facilities.

#### **Section 106. Repealer**

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

#### **Section 107. Severability**

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section or provision of this Ordinance invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

#### **Section 108. Compatibility with Other Requirements**

- A. Approvals issued and actions taken under this Ordinance do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to secure required permits or approvals for activities regulated by any other code, law, regulation, or ordinance.
- B. Black Creek Township shall be responsible for administering this Ordinance.

## ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS

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 words “shall” and “must” are mandatory; the words “may” and “should” are permissive.

**Agricultural Activity** - Activities associated with agriculture such as agricultural cultivation, agricultural operation, and animal heavy use areas. This includes the work of producing crops including tillage, land clearing, plowing, disking, harrowing, planting, harvesting crops or pasturing and raising of livestock and installation of conservation measures. Construction of new buildings or impervious area is not considered an agricultural activity.

**Applicant** - A landowner, developer, or other person who has filed an application to Black Creek Township for approval to engage in any regulated activity at a project site in Black Creek Township.

**Best Management Practice (BMP)** - Activities, facilities, designs, measures, or procedures used to manage stormwater impacts from regulated activities, to meet state water quality requirements, to promote groundwater recharge, and to otherwise meet the purposes of this Ordinance. Stormwater BMPs are commonly grouped into one of two broad categories or measures: “structural” or “nonstructural.” In this Ordinance, nonstructural BMPs or measures refer to operational and/or behavior-related practices that attempt to minimize the contact of pollutants with stormwater runoff whereas structural BMPs or measures are those that consist of a physical device or practice that is installed to capture and treat stormwater runoff. Structural BMPs include, but are not limited to, a wide variety of practices and devices, from large-scale retention ponds and constructed wetlands, to small-scale underground treatment systems, infiltration facilities, filter strips, low impact design, bioretention, wet ponds, permeable paving, grassed swales, riparian or forested buffers, sand filters, detention basins, and manufactured devices. Structural stormwater BMPs are permanent appurtenances to the project site.

**Capture** - The process of collecting runoff to be managed by a stormwater BMP.

**Conservation District** - A conservation district, as defined in Section 3(c) of the Conservation District Law (3 P. S. § 851(c)) that has the authority under a delegation agreement executed with DEP to administer and enforce all or a portion of the regulations promulgated under 25 Pa. Code 102; refers to the Luzerne Conservation District unless otherwise noted.

**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. Also see Return Period.

**Detention Volume** - The volume of runoff that is captured and released into the waters of this Commonwealth at a controlled rate.

**DEP** - The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

**Development, Land** - See “Land Development”.

**Development, Site** - Any human-induced change to improved or unimproved real estate, whether public or private, including, but not limited to, land development, construction, installation, or expansion of a building or other structure, land division, street construction, drilling, and site alteration such as embankments, dredging, grubbing, grading, paving, parking or storage facilities, excavation, filling, stockpiling, or clearing.

**Disconnected Impervious Area (DIA)** - An impervious or impermeable surface that is disconnected from any stormwater drainage or conveyance system and is redirected or directed to a pervious area, which allows for infiltration, filtration, and increased time of concentration as specified in Appendix B, Disconnected Impervious Area.

**Disturbed Area** - An unstabilized land area where an earth disturbance activity is occurring or has occurred.

**Earth Disturbance Activity** - A construction or other human activity which disturbs the surface of the land, including, but not limited to: grubbing; grading; excavations; embankments; road maintenance; building construction; and the moving, depositing, stockpiling, or storing of soil, rock, or earth materials. The clearing of vegetation without disturbance of the land shall not be considered an earth disturbance activity.

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

**Existing Condition** - The dominant land cover during the 5-year period immediately preceding a proposed regulated activity.

**FEMA** - Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**Floodplain** - Any land area susceptible to inundation by water from any natural source or delineated by applicable FEMA maps and studies as being a special flood hazard area. Also includes areas that comprise Group 13 Soils, as listed in Appendix A of the Pennsylvania DEP Technical Manual for Sewage Enforcement Officers (as amended or replaced from time to time by DEP).



**Floodway** - The channel of the watercourse and those portions of the adjoining floodplains that are reasonably required to carry and discharge the 100-year 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 floodway, it is assumed, absent evidence to the contrary, that the floodway extends from the stream to 50 feet from the top of the bank of the stream.

**Forest Management/Timber Operations** - Planning and activities necessary for the management of forestland. These include conducting a timber inventory, preparation of forest management plans, silvicultural treatment, cutting budgets, logging road design and construction, timber harvesting, site preparation, and reforestation.

**Geotextile** - A porous fabric manufactured from synthetic fiber that is used to provide separation between different types of media (i.e., between soil and stone).

**Gravel (Crushed Stone)** - Considered to be impervious when the intended use of the stone is for transportation purposes, parking areas, construction areas, trails, or if the gravel is compacted at any time during or after its placement; landscaping stone is not considered as impervious area.

**Hotspot** - Areas where land use or activities generate highly contaminated runoff, with concentrations of pollutants that are higher than those that are typically found in stormwater (e.g., vehicle salvage yards and recycling facilities, vehicle fueling stations, fleet storage areas, vehicle equipment and cleaning facilities, and vehicle service and maintenance facilities).

**Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG)** - Infiltration rates of soils vary widely and are affected by subsurface permeability as well as surface intake rates. Soils are classified into four HSGs (A, B, C, and D) according to their minimum infiltration rate, which is obtained for bare soil after prolonged wetting. The NRCS defines the four groups and provides a list of most of the soils in the United States and their group classification. The soils in the area of the development site may be identified from a soil survey report that can be obtained from local NRCS offices or conservation district offices. Soils become less pervious as the HSG varies from A to D (NRCS <sup>3,4</sup>).

**Impervious Surface (Impervious Area)** - A permanent surface that prevents the infiltration of water into the ground. Impervious surfaces include, but are not limited to, streets, sidewalks, pavements, parking lots, driveways, roofs, stone patios. See definition of “Gravel (Crushed Stone)” for when gravel classifies as impervious area.

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

**Karst** - A type of topography or landscape characterized by surface depressions, sinkholes, rock pinnacles/uneven bedrock surface, underground drainage, and caves. Karst is formed on carbonate rocks, such as limestone or dolomite.

**Land Development (Development)** – (1) A subdivision of land; (2) 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.

The definition of land development **shall** also include the expansion or addition to a nonresidential building which involves any of the following as measured cumulatively from the effective date of this provision:

- A. The addition of twenty-five (25) percent or more of floor area to the structure; or,
- B. The increase by twenty-five (25) percent or more of impervious area (including building area) on the parcel; or,
- C. Any increase in impervious area which will result in the generation of storm water in such volume as will not be controlled by existing storm water facilities pursuant to the requirements of this Ordinance.

The definition of land development **shall not** include the following:

- A. The conversion of an existing single-family detached dwelling or single-family semi-detached dwelling into not more than two (2) residential units, unless such units are intended to be a condominium.
- B. The addition of an accessory residential building, including farm buildings and sheds, on a lot or lots subordinate to an existing principal residential building.

**Low Impact Development** - A land development and construction approach that uses various land planning, design practices, and technologies to simultaneously conserve and protect natural resource systems, while allowing for necessary infrastructure improvements associated with land development.

**Municipality** – Black Creek Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

**NRCS** - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (previously SCS).

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

**Permanent** – Existing or intended to exist for an indefinite period of time. For purposes of this Ordinance any structure is considered a permanent structure if the structure is intended to exist for a time period of 180 days or longer.

**Pervious Area** - Any area not defined as impervious.

**Project Site** - The specific area of land where any regulated activities in Black Creek Township are planned, conducted, or maintained.

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

**Redevelopment** - Any development that requires demolition or removal of existing structures or impervious surfaces at a site and replacement with new impervious surfaces. Maintenance activities such as top-layer grinding and re-paving are not considered to be redevelopment unless the resurfacing results in a discernable change in the existing stormwater runoff discharge point. Interior remodeling projects and tenant improvements are also not considered to be redevelopment.

**Regulated Activities** - Any earth disturbance activities or any activities that involve the alteration or development of land in a manner that may affect stormwater runoff. The installation of a new stormwater management facility shall be considered a regulated activity of this Ordinance regardless of the amount of earth disturbance associated with the installation of the facility. See Section 105 of this Ordinance for additional detail on Regulated Activities.

**Regulated Earth Disturbance Activity** - Activity involving earth disturbance subject to regulation under 25 Pa. Code 92, 25 Pa. Code 102, or the Clean Streams Law.

**Retention Volume/Removed Runoff** - The volume of runoff that is captured and not released directly into the surface waters of this Commonwealth during or after a storm event.

**Return Period** - The average interval, in years, within which a storm event of a given magnitude can be expected to occur one time. For example, the 25-year return period rainfall would be expected to occur on average once every 25 years; or stated in another way, the probability of a 25-year storm occurring in any one year is 0.04 (i.e., a 4% chance).

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

**Sediment** - Soils or other materials transported by surface water as a product of erosion.

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

**Stormwater** - Drainage runoff from the surface of the land resulting from precipitation or snow or ice melt.

**Stormwater Management Facility** - Any permanent structure, natural or man-made, that, due to its condition, design, or construction, conveys, stores, or otherwise affects stormwater runoff. Typical stormwater management facilities include, but are not limited to: detention and retention basins; open channels; storm sewers; pipes; French drains; underground on-lot seepage pits (dry wells); roof drains; sump pump discharge piping; foundation drains; and infiltration facilities.

**Stormwater Management Plan** - The Luzerne County Stormwater Management Plan for managing stormwater runoff adopted by the County of Luzerne as required by the Act of October 4, 1978, P.L. 864, (Act 167), as amended, and known as the “Storm Water Management Act.”

**Stormwater Management Best Management Practices** - Is abbreviated as **BMPs** or **SWM BMPs** throughout this Ordinance.

**Stormwater Management Site Plan** - The plan prepared by the developer or his representative indicating how stormwater runoff will be managed at the development site in accordance with this Ordinance. **Stormwater Management Site Plan** will be designated as **SWM Site Plan** throughout this Ordinance.

**Structure** – Any man made object constructed or erected and having an ascertainable stationary location on or in land or water, whether or not affixed to the land.

**Subdivision** - As defined in The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act of July 31, 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247.

**USDA** - United States Department of Agriculture.

**Void Ratio** - The ratio of the volume of void space to the total volume of the BMP material (void space plus solid material / media providing structural support to create the storage area).

**Waters of this Commonwealth** - Any and all rivers, streams, creeks, rivulets, impoundments, 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 surface water of this Commonwealth.

**Wetland** - 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, and similar areas.

## ARTICLE III - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

### Section 301. General Requirements (Level 1 – Level 4)

- A. For all regulated activities (**Level 1 – Level 4**), submission of the Stormwater Management Permit Application provided in Ordinance Appendix B is required. No regulated activity associated with a **Level 1 – Level 3** application shall commence unless a Stormwater Management Permit Application is approved by Black Creek Township.
- B. For all regulated activities, unless preparation of a SWM Site Plan is specifically exempted in Section 302:
  - 1. Preparation and implementation of an approved SWM Site Plan is required. A SWM Site Plan is required for a **Level 4** application only.
  - 2. No regulated activities shall commence until Black Creek Township issues written approval of a SWM Site Plan, which demonstrates compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.
- C. SWM Site Plans approved by Black Creek Township, in accordance with Section 406, shall be on site throughout the duration of the regulated activity.
- D. Black Creek Township may approve measures for meeting the state water quality requirements other than those in this Ordinance, provided that they meet the minimum requirements of, and do not conflict with, state law including, but not limited to, the Clean Streams Law.
- E. For all regulated earth disturbance activities, erosion and sediment control BMPs shall be designed, implemented, operated, and maintained during the regulated earth disturbance activities (e.g., during construction) to meet the purposes and requirements of this Ordinance and to meet all requirements under Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code and the Clean Streams Law. Various BMPs and their design standards are listed in the *Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Program Manual* (E&S Manual)<sup>2</sup>, No. 363-2134-008 (April 15, 2000), as amended and updated.
- F. For **Level 3 and Level 4** applications, implementation of the volume controls in Section 303 is required. For **Level 2** applications implementation of the volume controls of Appendix E is required unless the Disconnected Impervious Area (DIA) requirements of Appendix C.1 are implemented or the subject lot is associated with an existing approval as described in Section 105.C.
- G. Impervious areas:

1. The measurement of impervious areas shall include all of the impervious areas in the total proposed development even if development is to take place in stages.
  2. For development taking place in stages, the entire development plan must be used in determining conformance with this Ordinance.
  3. For projects that add impervious area to a parcel, only the proposed impervious area on the parcel must be considered and summed to determine the plan preparation and approval requirements of this Ordinance.
  4. For redevelopment projects in which the existing site is disturbed, the entire proposed site is subject to the plan preparation and approval requirements of this Ordinance. Existing conditions are considered to be the existing site immediately prior to disturbance, and 20% of the existing impervious area must be considered as meadow in good condition for all stormwater calculations. For redevelopment projects in which the existing site is already controlled by a stormwater management facility, the requirement to consider 20% of existing impervious area as meadow is waived, provided the existing facility meets the water quality, volume, and peak rate standards and criteria of this Ordinance.
- H. Stormwater flows onto adjacent property shall not be created, increased, decreased, relocated, or otherwise altered without written permission of the adjacent property owner(s). Such stormwater flows shall be subject to the requirements of this Ordinance. If written permission cannot be obtained from the adjacent property owner (proof must be submitted that the applicant attempted to obtain written permission) the applicant must successfully demonstrate that the proposed discharge:
1. Qualifies for a “Common Law Flowage Easement” as defined by Pennsylvania courts. Pennsylvania courts have upheld a common law right to discharge stormwater to adjoining properties downstream “because water is descendible by nature, the owner of the dominant or superior heritage has an easement in the servient or inferior tenement for the discharge of all waters which by nature rise in or flow or fall upon the superior”. To qualify for a “Common Law Flowage Easement”, as defined by this Ordinance, the applicant must demonstrate that the discharge will not result in a significant increase in volume of stormwater on the downstream property, will not create a channel for the water to flow where it does not flow naturally, and also provide evidence that all attempts to obtain written permission of the downstream property owner have failed.
  2. Will not cause accelerated erosion or damage to the proposed flow area and/or adjoining properties. The applicant must utilize methods

recommended by PA DEP to demonstrate that erosion and damage will not occur on adjoining properties.

3. Shall be located at least 20 feet from the downstream property line of the subject property.
- I. All regulated activities shall include measures to:
    1. Protect health, safety, and property;
    2. Meet the water quality goals of this Ordinance by implementing measures outlined in the *Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual* (BMP Manual)<sup>1</sup> to:
      - a. Minimize disturbance to floodplains, wetlands, and wooded areas.
      - b. Maintain or extend riparian buffers.
      - c. Avoid erosive flow conditions in natural flow pathways.
      - d. Minimize thermal impacts to waters of this Commonwealth.
      - e. Disconnect impervious surfaces by directing runoff to pervious areas, wherever possible.
    3. To the maximum extent practicable, incorporate the techniques for Low Impact Development Practices described in the BMP Manual<sup>1</sup>.
  - J. The design of all facilities over karst and mined areas shall include an evaluation of measures to minimize adverse effects.
  - K. Infiltration BMPs should be spread out, made as shallow as practicable, and located to maximize use of natural on-site infiltration features while still meeting the other requirements of this Ordinance.
  - L. Storage facilities, to the greatest extent possible and at the discretion of the Black Creek Township Engineer, shall completely drain both the volume control and rate control capacities over a period of time not less than 24 hours and not more than 72 hours from the end of the design storm.
  - M. Storage facilities shall incorporate features to maximize the length of the flow path and increase the travel time through the facility.
  - N. The design storm volumes to be used in the analysis of peak rates of discharge should be obtained from the Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the United States, Atlas 14, Volume 2, Version 3.0, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service,



Hydrometeorological Design Studies Center, Silver Spring, Maryland. NOAA's Atlas 14 can be accessed at: <http://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds/>.<sup>5</sup>

- O. For all regulated activities, SWM BMPs shall be designed, implemented, operated, and maintained to meet the purposes and requirements of this Ordinance and to meet all requirements under Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, the Clean Streams Law, and the Storm Water Management Act.
- P. Various BMPs and their design standards are listed in the BMP Manual<sup>1</sup>.
- Q. Sump Pump Drains, Roof Drains and Foundation Drains
  1. All drains shall connect to an existing infiltration or vegetative BMP if a BMP exists within the subject property outbound. If a drain is to be connected to a proposed underground infiltration BMP evidence must be submitted to the Township that the existing soil in the area of the proposed BMP is suitable for infiltration.
  2. If an infiltration or vegetative BMP does not exist within the subject property outbound all drains should be directed to a Township roadside swale if a swale exists adjacent to a roadway and positive drainage can be achieved. If a swale does not exist adjacent to a Township roadway and no other acceptable discharge can be achieved on the property the discharge point of the drain shall be a minimum of 15 feet (20 feet may be required to comply with DIA requirements) from the shoulder of the Township roadway and shall be on a pervious ground surface to minimize the possibility of the freezing of water on the roadway in the winter months.
  3. Discharges to wetland areas are encouraged however the discharge shall be a minimum of 5 feet from the wetland boundary to avoid the requirement of state or federal permitting and to avoid the inundation of the drain outfall.
  4. Sump pump discharges shall be a minimum of 10 feet from the foundation of the building from where the water is being pumped out to prevent the recycling of water back into the foundation drains of the building.
  5. All drain outlets shall be a minimum of 20 feet from any property line with the exception of the front property line.
  6. The isolation distances of Section 301.Q may be slightly modified at the discretion of the Township Engineer if the applicant can demonstrate that no adverse downstream stormwater impact is being created or worsened.

### **Section 302. Exemptions**

- A. Regulated activities that create impervious areas or earth disturbance shall adhere to Table III.1 to meet the requirements of this Ordinance. The larger of the two



areas determines the applicable requirements of this Ordinance (i.e. if only 500 sq. ft. of impervious area is proposed, but 15,000 sq. ft. of earth disturbance, the requirements follow row 3 of Table III.1).

**Table III.1. Stormwater Management Requirements and Exemptions.**

Proposed Impervious Area (sq. ft.)	Proposed Total Earth Disturbance (sq. ft.)	Ordinance Exemptions	Stormwater Management Requirements	What is required to submit to municipality?*
250 to 1,000	500 to 5,000	Section 303, Section 304, and Article IV of this Ordinance	<b>LEVEL #1:</b> Ensure Section 301. General Requirements are met	Sketch
1,000 to 5,000***	5,000 to 10,000***	Section 303, Section 304, and Article IV of this Ordinance	<b>LEVEL #2:</b> Disconnected Impervious Area (DIA) as in Ordinance Appendix C.1	Ordinance Appendix C.1 Worksheet and Sketch
			OR	OR
			<b>LEVEL #2:</b> Capture and control first 1 inch of runoff over proposed impervious areas as in Ordinance Appendix E	Ordinance Appendix E Worksheet and Sketch
5,000 to 10,000**	10,000 to 20,000**	Section 304 and Article IV of this Ordinance	<b>LEVEL #3:</b> Capture and permanently remove the first 2 inches of runoff over proposed impervious areas as in Section 303 B. of this Ordinance	Ordinance Appendix D Worksheet and Sketch
> 10,000	> 20,000	None	<b>LEVEL #4:</b> All requirements of this Ordinance	SWM Site Plan

\*In addition to the Stormwater Management Permit Application provided in Ordinance Appendix B

\*\* Regardless of the proposed amount of impervious area and earth disturbance all Land Developments shall require a **Level #4** application

\*\*\* For Level #2 applications for existing lots governed by previous approvals see Section 105.C

- B. Agricultural activity is 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 102.
- C. 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 102.
- D. Exemptions from any provisions of this Ordinance shall not relieve the applicant from the requirements in Sections 301.A. through Q. (i.e., If an applicant proposes an impervious area less than 250 sq. ft. or an earth disturbance of less than 500 sq. feet although there is no formal submittal required by the Township it is the applicants responsibility to comply with Section 301 of this Ordinance.)

### **Section 303. Volume Controls (Level 3 – Level 4)**

The low impact development practices provided in the BMP Manual<sup>1</sup> shall be utilized for all regulated activities to the maximum extent practicable. Water volume controls shall be implemented using the *Design Storm Method* in Subsection A or the *Simplified Method* in Subsection B below. For all regulated activities that require submission of a formal SWM Site Plan, both the *Design Storm Method* and the *Simplified Method* shall be calculated; the larger control volume based on the two calculations shall be controlled.

Subsection C below provides requirements for mined, karst, or other geologically limiting areas where infiltration shall not occur.

- A. The *Design Storm Method* (CG-1 in the BMP Manual<sup>1</sup>) is applicable to any size of regulated activity. This method requires detailed modeling based on site conditions.
  - 1. Do not increase the post-development total runoff volume for all storms equal to or less than the 2-year 24-hour duration precipitation.
  - 2. For modeling purposes:
    - a. Existing (predevelopment) non-forested pervious areas must be considered meadow or its equivalent.
    - b. 20% of existing impervious area, when present, shall be considered meadow in the model for existing conditions.
- B. When *Design Storm Method* CG-1 guidelines are not used, the *Simplified Method* (CG-2 in the BMP Manual<sup>1</sup>) has been modified to accommodate 2” of permanently removed runoff volume. This method (provided below) is independent of site conditions and should be used if the *Design Storm Method* is not followed. For new impervious surfaces:
  - 1. The first 2 inches of runoff from new impervious surfaces shall be permanently removed from the runoff flow (i.e., it shall not be released into the surface waters of this Commonwealth). Removal options include reuse, evaporation, transpiration, and infiltration.
  - 2. Wherever possible, infiltration facilities should be designed to accommodate infiltration of the entire permanently removed runoff; however, in all cases at least the first 0.5 inch of the permanently removed runoff should be infiltrated.
  - 3. Facilities, to the greatest extent possible and subject to the Township Engineer’s discretion, shall be designed to drain the permanently removed runoff volume in a period no less than 24 hours and no greater than 72 hours.
  - 4. Runoff volume in excess of 2 inches shall be safely conveyed to existing stormwater collection systems or streams, in the direction of the existing drainage course.
  - 5. This method is exempt from the requirements of Section 304, Rate Controls.

- C. Before infiltration is proposed on a site, site conditions shall be evaluated by a qualified design professional through subsurface investigation and testing to determine if site conditions are suitable to support proposed infiltration facilities to manage runoff. If it is determined that infiltration is not feasible due to physical constraints of the site, or will adversely impact the environment as demonstrated by the presence of acid mine drainage, sinkhole formation, or other serious environmental issues, then the above volume controls must be achieved through surface BMP mitigation. Reference the BMP Manual<sup>1</sup> for alternative mitigation measures that do not require infiltration.

#### **Section 304. Rate Controls (Level 4)**

- A. Areas not covered by a Stormwater Management District Map contained in Appendix F.1 of the Ordinance (i.e. Areas within Catawissa Creek Watershed):

Post-development discharge rates shall not exceed the predevelopment discharge rates for the 1- through 100-year, 24-hour storms. If it is shown that the peak rates of discharge indicated by the post-development analysis are less than or equal to the peak rates of discharge indicated by the predevelopment analysis for 1- through 100-year, 24-hour storms, then the requirements of this section have been met. Otherwise, the applicant shall provide additional controls as necessary to satisfy the peak rate of discharge requirement.

- B. Areas covered by a Stormwater Management District Map contained in Appendix F.1 of the Ordinance:

For the 1- through 100-year storms, the post-development peak discharge rates will follow the Nescopeck Creek Watershed Stormwater Management District Map. For any areas not shown on the Nescopeck Creek Watershed Stormwater Management District Map, the post-development discharge rates shall not exceed the predevelopment discharge rates.

#### **Section 305. Additional Design Criteria of Stormwater Management Facilities associated with a SWM Site Plan (Level 4)**

- A. Any stormwater management facility located within a state highway rights-of-way shall be subject to approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
- B. Any facilities that constitute water obstructions (e.g., culverts, bridges, outfalls, or stream enclosures), and any work involving wetlands as directed in PA DEP Chapter 105 Regulations, as amended, shall be designed in accordance with Chapter 105 and will require a permit from PA DEP. Any facility that constitutes a dam as defined in PA DEP Chapter 105 Regulations may require a permit under dam safety regulations.
- C. Any stormwater conveyance facility that does not fall under Chapter 105 Regulations must be able to convey, without damage to the drainage structure or

roadway, runoff from the 25-year design storm. Stormwater conveyance facilities outleting from stormwater management detention/infiltration facility shall be designed to convey the 100-year design flow from that structure. Roadway crossings located within designated floodplain areas must be able to convey runoff from a 100-year design storm.

- D. Storm sewers must be able to convey post-development runoff from a 25-year design storm without surcharging inlets, where appropriate. No storm sewer shall be smaller than 15 inches in diameter within a public right of way. Twin 12 inch culverts are permitted to convey stormwater underneath a single family residential driveway within a Black Creek Township right of way. All culverts and inlet structures shall be sized so that the calculated headwater for the design storm does not flood the adjacent roadway. All such structures shall maintain a 0.5 foot freeboard between the headwater and the edge of shoulder.
- E. Detention and infiltration facilities shall be designed to conform to the release rate requirements of Section 304.
- F. An emergency spillway capable of passing the peak 100-year, 24-hour, post-development inflow to the basin shall be provided assuming the primary outfall of the basin is blocked. A minimum of 1 foot freeboard shall be provided to the top of the basin berm to the water surface at the emergency spillway. Also, the invert of the emergency spillway must be specified at least 0.1 feet above the 100-year water surface in the basin. In lieu of the 1 foot freeboard requirement, the emergency spillway shall pass two times the peak one hundred year inflow with no freeboard requirement. All emergency spillways shall be suitably stabilized to prevent erosion. Alternate designs for emergency spillways may be considered by the Township at the discretion of the Township Engineer for underground detention/infiltration structures or above ground infiltration basins without a primary outlet.
- G. The top of the basin berm shall be a minimum of eight feet wide. Where the basin depth from top of berm to invert of outfall structure exceeds ten feet, the top of berm shall be a minimum of ten feet wide.
- H. The exterior and interior slopes of all detention basin cuts and fills shall be a minimum of 3 horizontal to 1 vertical. A 2.5 horizontal to 1 vertical slope may be allowed at the discretion of the Township Engineer if specific site constraints warrant a steeper slope.
- I. A concrete outlet structure with metal grate trash rack bolted to the top shall be used as principal basin outlet. The outlet structure should be of dimension to allow interior access for cleaning and maintenance.
- J. In no case shall an outlet structure orifice be smaller than 3.0 inches in dimension.

- K. All earth fill shall be free of wood, stumps, brush, roots, and other organic material subject to decomposition. Also, no fill shall be permitted that contains any stones larger than 3 inches measured in any direction.
- L. Areas where the fill is to be placed shall be scarified prior to placement. Fill material for the embankment should be placed in maximum 12-inch lifts and each lift should be compacted with a roller to at least 95% of the maximum density obtained from compaction tests performed by the appropriate method in ASTM D698. Furthermore, the center of the embankment shall contain a clay core of relatively impervious material.
- M. An easement to allow maintenance crews access to the basin and outlet areas shall be established around all basins to be maintained. The limits of such easement shall be 15 feet from the outside toe of all dams and embankments and top of all pond side slopes and shall be connected to a public right-of-way. The access way from the basin to a public street shall be a 12 inch thick 2A material road or equivalent surface of a minimum width of 10 feet.
- N. The basin shall be sodded or topsoiled (at a 6 inch minimum depth) and seeded, including the bottom, side slopes, berms and embankments.
- O. Adequate erosion protection shall be provided along all open channels, embankments and at all points of discharge.
- P. Drainage pipes shall have a minimum slope of one-half percent (0.5%).
- Q. All open ended pipes with a diameter of 12 inches or greater shall be fitted with concrete end walls or prefabricated end sections. All end walls, end sections or inlets shall be constructed and installed in accordance with PA DOT standards.
- R. Manholes, cleanouts or inlets shall be used at all changes in horizontal alignment, at changes in vertical alignment and at all pipe junctions. No run of pipe shall exceed 400 feet in length, without appropriate measures to provide cleanout. Inlets shall be spaced at intervals to achieve desired capacity based on the methods outlined in PennDOT Design Manual 2.
- S. All wet pond or retention basin designs shall incorporate biological controls to control mosquitoes.
- T. Anti-seep collars and an inner core of relatively impervious material (clay) shall be provided under all stormwater detention/infiltration basin berms. Watertight anti-seep collars shall be installed around discharge pipes at intervals not to exceed 24 feet and shall extend a minimum of 2 feet beyond the outside of the pipe.

- U. All inlets shall have a sump of a minimum of 1 foot and shall have weep holes covered with geotextile fabric to provide complete drainage of the inlet. All inlets shall be constructed on a base of a minimum of 12 inches of 2A material.
- V. Inlets over 4 feet in depth shall have ladder rungs.
- W. The design of all stormwater management facilities shall incorporate sound engineering principles and practices. Black Creek Township shall reserve the right to disapprove any design that would result in the occupancy or continuation of an adverse hydrologic or hydraulic condition.

**Section 306. Calculation Methodology for Stormwater Management Facilities associated with a SWM Site Plan (Level 4)**

- A. Any stormwater runoff calculations involving drainage areas greater than 200 acres, including on- and off-site areas, shall use generally accepted calculation technique that is based on the NRCS soil cover complex method. It is assumed that all methods will be selected by the design professional based on the individual limitations and suitability of each method for a particular site. Black Creek Township may approve the use of the Modified Rational Method to estimate peak discharges from drainage areas that contain less than 200 acres.
- 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 presented in Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the United States, Atlas 14, Volume 2, Version 3.0, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service, Hydrometeorological Design Studies Center, Silver Spring, Maryland. NOAA's Atlas 14 can be accessed at: <http://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds/>.<sup>5</sup>
- C. For the purposes of predevelopment flow rate determination, undeveloped land shall be considered as "meadow" good condition, unless the natural ground cover generates a lower curve number or Rational 'C' value (i.e. forest).
- D. All calculations using the Modified 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. 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. Times of concentration for channel and pipe flow shall be computed using Manning's equation.
- E. Runoff Curve Numbers (CN) for both existing and proposed conditions to be used in the soil cover complex method shall be obtained from Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds, NRCS, TR-55, as amended.
- F. Runoff coefficients (c) for both existing and proposed conditions for use in the

Rational method shall be obtained from the PA DEP Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Manual, Latest Edition.

- 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 obtained from the PA DEP Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Manual, Latest Edition. Outlet structures for stormwater management detention/infiltration facilities shall be designed to meet the performance standards of this Ordinance using any generally accepted hydraulic analysis technique or method.
- H. 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 20 acres in size, the design storm hydrograph shall be computed using a calculation method that produces a full hydrograph. Black Creek Township may approve the use of any generally accepted full hydrograph approximation technique which shall use a total runoff volume that is consistent with the volume from a method that produces a full hydrograph.
- I. Black Creek Township has the authority to require that computed existing runoff rates be reconciled with field observations and conditions. If the designer can substantiate through actual physical calibration that more appropriate runoff and time-of-concentration values should be utilized at a particular site, then appropriate variations may be made upon review and recommendations of the Municipal Engineer. Calibration shall require detailed gauge and rainfall data for the particular site in question.



## **ARTICLE IV - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT (SWM) SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS (LEVEL 4)**

### **Section 401. Plan Requirements**

The following items shall be included in the SWM Site Plan:

- A. Appropriate sections from the Black Creek Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO), and other applicable local ordinances, shall be followed in preparing the SWM Site Plans. In cases where the requirements of the SALDO and this Ordinance conflict the more stringent requirement shall apply.
- B. Black Creek Township shall not approve any SWM Site Plan that is deficient in meeting the requirements of this Ordinance. At its sole discretion and in accordance with this Article, when a SWM Site Plan is found to be deficient, Black Creek Township may either disapprove the submission and require a resubmission, or in the case of minor deficiencies, Black Creek Township may accept submission of modifications.
- C. Provisions for permanent access or maintenance easements for all physical SWM BMPs, such as ponds and infiltration structures, as necessary to implement the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan discussed in Item E.9 below.
- D. The following signature block for Black Creek Township Engineer:

“(Black Creek Township Engineer), on this date (date of signature), has reviewed and hereby certifies that the SWM Site Plan is in substantial compliance with the Black Creek Township Stormwater Management Ordinance”
- E. The SWM Site Plan shall provide the following information:
  - 1. The overall stormwater management concept for the project.
  - 2. A determination of site conditions in accordance with the BMP Manual<sup>1</sup>. A detailed site evaluation shall be completed for projects proposed in areas of carbonate geology or karst topography, mined areas, and other environmentally sensitive areas, such as brownfields; depending on site conditions, more stringent standards than those in this Ordinance may be imposed at the discretion of the Township Engineer.
  - 3. Stormwater runoff design computations and documentation as specified in this Ordinance, or as otherwise necessary to demonstrate that the maximum practicable measures have been taken to meet the requirements of this Ordinance, including the recommendations and general

requirements in Section 301; computations are required for all proposed stormwater management facilities.

4. Expected project time schedule.
5. A soil erosion and sediment control plan, where applicable, as prepared for and submitted to the approval authority, and in conformance with 25 Pa. Code 102.
6. The effect of the project (in terms of runoff volumes, water quality, and peak flows) on surrounding properties and aquatic features and on any existing stormwater conveyance system that may be affected by the project.
7. Plan and profile drawings of all SWM BMPs, including drainage structures, pipes, open channels, and swales. Roof drain, sump pump and foundation drain piping shall be shown in plan view for all non-residential Land Developments.
8. SWM Site Plan shall show the locations of existing and proposed on-lot wastewater facilities and water supply wells.
9. The SWM Site Plan shall include an O&M Plan for all existing and proposed physical stormwater management facilities. This plan shall address long-term ownership and responsibilities for O&M as well as schedules and costs for O&M activities.
10. The SWM Site Plan shall include the following additional elements:
  - a. Shall be on 24 inch by 36 inch plan sheets.
  - b. Construction details of all proposed stormwater management facilities.
  - c. A stormwater facility design narrative.
  - d. A signature block containing the name, address, and phone number of the individual responsible for the operation and maintenance plan.
  - e. A drainage area map with drainage area boundaries, land cover and time of concentration paths shown.
  - f. Existing contour intervals of two feet.
  - g. All existing features and utilities on the property and within 50 feet of property.

- h. 100 year floodplain and 100 year floodway lines along with the source of the information.
- i. Proposed structures, roads, buildings and grades.
- j. Soil boundary lines, soil descriptions, soil limitations and proposed resolutions to the soil limitations.
- k. Date of submission, north arrow, graphic scale, call before you dig note and reference number, location map with scale and orientation of north, name of development, name and address of property owner, and the name and address of individual preparing the SWM Site Plan.
- l. Existing and proposed easements along with legal descriptions for the easements.
- m. Statement signed by landowner stating that they cannot alter any stormwater management facility without prior permission of Black Creek Township.
- n. Soil infiltration test locations, surface elevation, infiltration test elevation, limiting zone elevation.
- o. Location and existing use classification of receiving waterway.
- p. During construction and post construction inspection schedule along with the name and address of the person performing the inspections.
- q. Wetland boundaries.
- r. Wetland delineation report completed within 5 years of the initial application.
- s. All modifications granted to the provisions of this Ordinance.
- t. A plan legend detailing all existing and proposed features shown in plan view.
- u. A Sensitive Resource Map which shows all sensitive resources located on the site to be preserved (woodlands, meadows, floodplains, rock outcrops, wetlands, natural drainage ways, riparian areas, steep slopes and other natural features).
- v. A signature block for the Black Creek Township Supervisors.
- w. Property lines and the names of all adjoining property owners.

## **APPENDIX F.2**

### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

**Updated by Resolution No. 17 of 2022 on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

1. **LEVEL 1: ADMINISTRATOR IS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

- a. PROCESSING: \$ 50.00
- b. APPLICATION & SKETCH REVIEW: \$ 100.00
- c. PRE-CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY INSPECTION: \$ 65.00
- d. POST-CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY INSPECTION: \$ 65.00

<b>TOTAL FEE DUE AT APPLICATION</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>
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2. **LEVEL 2: ADMINISTRATOR IS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

- a. INITIAL TOWNSHIP PROCESSING: \$ 100.00
- b. APPLICATION, COMPUTATIONS, WORKSHEET & SKETCH REVIEW (1 REVIEW & REPORT) \$ 400.00
- c. PRE-CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY INSPECTION: \$ 100.00
- d. DURING CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION – PRIOR: \$ 100.00

TO PAVING OF DRIVEWAY (1 INSPECTION)

- e. POST-CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY INSPECTION \$ 125.00  
(1 INSPECTION)

<b>TOTAL FEE DUE AT APPLICATION</b>	<b>\$ 825.00</b>
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3. **LEVEL 3: ADMINISTRATOR IS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

- a. INITIAL TOWNSHIP PROCESSING: \$ 100.00
- b. APPLICATION, COMPUTATIONS, WORKSHEET & SKETCH REVIEW (1 REVIEW & REPORT) \$ 650.00

- x. Any other item that is deemed necessary by the Township Engineer to satisfy the general intent of this Ordinance.

#### **Section 402. Plan Submission**

- A. Five (5) copies of the SWM Site Plan shall be submitted as follows if the SWM Site Plan is not associated with a Land Development Plan:
  - 1. Three (3) copies to Black Creek Township Supervisors.
  - 2. One (1) copy to the Black Creek Township Code Enforcement Officer.
  - 3. One (1) copy to the Black Creek Township Engineer.
- B. Additional copies shall be submitted as requested by Black Creek Township or PA DEP.
- C. If the SWM Site Plan involves a Land Development Plan the number of copies of the SWM Site Plan shall coincide with the number of copies required for the Land Development application. Please note all Land Developments require a Level 4 application and a SWM Site Plan; however it is possible that a project can require a Level 4 application and SWM Site Plan but not be classified as a Land Development.

#### **Section 403. Plan Review**

- A. The SWM Site Plan shall be reviewed by the Black Creek Township Engineer for consistency with the provisions of this Ordinance. After review, the Township Engineer shall provide a written recommendation for the Black Creek Township Supervisors to approve or disapprove the SWM Site Plan. If it is recommended to disapprove the SWM Site Plan, the Township Engineer shall state the reasons for the disapproval in writing referencing sections of the Ordinance in which the plan is deficient. The Township Engineer also may recommend approval of the SWM Site Plan with conditions and, if so, shall provide the acceptable conditions for approval in writing. The SWM Site Plan review and recommendations shall be completed within the time allowed by the Municipalities Planning Code for reviewing subdivision plans.
- B. The Black Creek Township Supervisors shall notify the applicant in writing within 45 days whether the SWM Site Plan is approved or disapproved. If the SWM Site Plan involves a Land Development Plan, the notification period is 90 days. If a longer notification period is provided by other statute, regulation, or ordinance, the applicant will be so notified by Black Creek Township. If Black Creek Township disapproves the SWM Site Plan, Black Creek Township shall cite the reasons for disapproval in writing.

- C. If the SWM Site Plan involves a Land Development Plan, the approval / disapproval of the plan shall coincide with the approval / disapproval of the Land Development.

#### **Section 404. Modification of Plans (Submission of Revised Plans)**

A modification (revision) to a previously submitted SWM Site Plan that involves a change in SWM BMPs or techniques, or that involves the relocation or redesign of SWM BMPs, or that is necessary because soil or other conditions are not as stated on the SWM Site Plan as determined by Black Creek Township shall require a resubmission of the modified (revised) SWM Site Plan in accordance with this Article.

#### **Section 405. Resubmission of Disapproved SWM Site Plans**

A disapproved SWM Site Plan may be resubmitted, with the revisions addressing Black Creek Township's concerns, to Black Creek Township in accordance with this Article. The applicable review fee must accompany a resubmission of a disapproved SWM Site Plan.

#### **Section 406. Authorization to Construct and Term of Validity**

Black Creek Township's approval of an SWM Site Plan authorizes the regulated activities contained in the SWM Site Plan for a maximum term of validity of 5 years following the date of approval. Black Creek Township may specify a term of validity shorter than 5 years in the approval for any specific SWM Site Plan. Terms of validity shall commence on the date Black Creek Township signs the approval for an SWM Site Plan. If an approved SWM Site Plan is not completed according to Section 407 within the term of validity, then Black Creek Township may consider the SWM Site Plan disapproved and may revoke any and all permits. SWM Site Plans that are considered disapproved by Black Creek Township shall be resubmitted in accordance with Section 405 of this Ordinance.

#### **Section 407. As-Built Plans, Completion Certificate, and Final Inspection**

- A. The developer shall be responsible for providing as-built plans of all SWM BMPs included in the approved SWM Site Plan. The as-built plans and an explanation of any discrepancies with the construction plans shall be submitted to Black Creek Township.
- B. The as-built submission shall include a certification of compliance signed by a qualified professional verifying that all permanent SWM BMPs have been constructed according to the approved plans and specifications. If any licensed qualified professionals contributed to the construction plans, then a licensed qualified professional must sign the completion certificate.
- C. After receipt of the completion certification by Black Creek Township, Black Creek Township or official designee may conduct a final inspection.

- D. If a SWM Site Plan is associated with a residential Land Development, building permits shall not be issued by Black Creek Township unless a certification of compliance or financial security for all required site improvements is provided to the Township. Also the construction of residential dwellings shall require the submission and approval of a Level 2 application prior to the building permit being issued. If a SWM Site Plan is associated with a non-residential Land Development an occupancy permit shall not be issued by Black Creek Township unless a certification of compliance is provided to the Township.

#### **Section 408. Modification of Ordinance Standards (Waiver)**

- A. The provisions of this Ordinance are intended as a minimum standard for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. If the literal compliance with any mandatory provision of these regulations is shown by the applicant, to the satisfaction of the Supervisors, to be unreasonable or to cause undue hardship as it applies to a particular property; or, if the applicant shows that an alternative proposal will allow for equal or better results, the Supervisors may grant a modification from such mandatory provision so that substantial justice may be done and the public interest secured while permitting the reasonable utilization of the property. However, the granting of a modification shall not have the effect of making null and void the intent and purpose of this Ordinance.
- B. In granting modifications, the Supervisors may impose such conditions as will, in its judgment, secure substantially the objectives of the standards and requirements of this Ordinance.
- C. All requests for modifications shall be in writing, shall accompany and be made a part of the development application, and shall include:
1. The specific sections of this Ordinance in question.
  2. Provisions for the minimum modification necessary as an alternate to the requirements.
  3. Justification for the modification, including the full grounds and facts of unreasonableness or hardship.
- D. If the Supervisors deny the request, the applicant shall be notified, in writing, of the reasons for denial. If the Supervisors grant the request, the final record plan shall include a note which identifies the modification as granted. In any case, the Supervisors shall keep a written record of all actions on all requests for modifications.
- E. Modifications can not be granted by the Supervisors to any section of this Ordinance that is a mandatory provision required by the Luzerne County Act 167 Phase II Stormwater Management Plan.
- F. All modification requests shall be acted upon by the Supervisors within forty-five (45) days of a written request for such modification. In the event the Supervisors,

or Township Engineer, need additional information to evaluate the modification request, the request for additional information shall be in writing. The 45 day time limit for required action by the Supervisors shall begin anew upon the receipt of the updated information provided by the applicant. A failure by the Supervisors to act upon the request within the specified time period shall be considered a deemed approval of the modification request.



## **ARTICLE V - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

### **Section 501. Responsibilities of Developers and Landowners**

- A. Black Creek Township shall make the final determination on the continuing maintenance responsibilities prior to final approval of the SWM Site Plan. Black Creek Township may require a dedication of such facilities as part of the requirements for approval of the SWM Site Plan. Such a requirement is not an indication that Black Creek Township will accept the facilities. Black Creek Township reserves the right to accept or reject the ownership and operating responsibility for any portion of the stormwater management controls. If the facility is rejected by Black Creek Township, provisions shall be made to identify the legal owner.
- B. Three options exist for perpetual ownership and responsibility of stormwater management facilities associated with a SWM Site Plan:
  - 1. The developer retains ownership;
  - 2. A Homeowners Association assumes ownership and responsibility;
  - 3. The facility is dedicated to, and accepted by, Black Creek Township.
- C. Facilities, areas, or structures used as Stormwater Management BMPs shall be enumerated as permanent real estate appurtenances and recorded as deed restrictions or conservation easements that run with the land.
- D. The O&M Plan shall be recorded as a restrictive deed covenant that runs with the land.
- E. Black Creek Township may take enforcement actions against an owner for any failure to satisfy the provisions of this Article.
- F. It is the responsibility of the land owner to maintain all Stormwater Management BMPs that are not associated with a SWM Site Plan (Level 1 – Level 3).

### **Section 502. O&M Agreements**

The owner is responsible for O&M of the SWM BMPs. If the owner fails to adhere to the O&M Agreement, Black Creek Township may perform the services required and charge the owner appropriate fees. Nonpayment of fees may result in a lien against the property.

## **ARTICLE VI - FEES AND EXPENSES**

### **Section 601. General**

Black Creek Township shall include all costs incurred in the fees charged to an applicant. The fees may include, but not be limited to, costs for the following:

- A. Administrative/clerical processing.
- B. Review of the SWM Site Plan, applications, worksheets, sketches, calculations and the O & M Agreement.
- C. Attendance at meetings.
- D. Inspections.
- E. Any additional work required to enforce any permit provision regulated by this Ordinance, correct violations, and assure proper completion of stipulated remedial actions.

### **Section 602. Black Creek Township Post Construction Stormwater Management Facility Inspection Fund**

- A. If a SWM Site Plan is associated with a Land Development the landowner is required to pay a specified amount to the Black Creek Township Stormwater Management Facility Inspection Fund to help defray the costs of future post construction inspections.
- B. The fee shall be estimated by the Black Creek Township Engineer and shall cover the costs to inspect the post construction stormwater management facilities associated with the SWM Site Plan for a period of ten (10) years.
- C. The fee shall be paid by the landowner to Black Creek Township prior to final approval of the SWM Site Plan.

### **Section 603. Financial Guarantee**

- A. If a SWM Site Plan is associated with a Land Development the landowner is required to provide a financial guarantee for the timely installation and proper construction of all stormwater management facilities as shown on the approved SWM Site Plan.
- B. The type of the financial guarantee shall conform to the types allowed by the PA Municipal Planning Code.
- C. The financial guarantee shall be provided by the landowner to Black Creek Township prior to final approval of the SWM Site Plan.

## ARTICLE VII - PROHIBITIONS

### Section 701. Prohibited Discharges and Connections

- A. Any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, that 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 firefighting 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 Black Creek Township or DEP determines that any of the discharges identified in Subsection C significantly contribute to pollution of the waters of this Commonwealth, Black Creek Township or DEP will notify the responsible person(s) to cease the discharge.

### Section 702. Roof Drains, Sump Pumps and Foundation Drains

Roof drains, sump pumps and foundation drains shall discharge to infiltration or vegetative BMPs and to the maximum extent practicable satisfy the criteria for DIAs consistent with Appendix C.1. of this Ordinance. For additional requirements of Roof drains, sump pumps and foundation drains see Section 301.Q.

**Section 703. 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 Black Creek Township.

## **ARTICLE VIII - ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**

### **Section 801. Right-of-Entry**

Upon presentation of proper credentials, Black Creek Township, its agents and hired consultants may enter at reasonable times upon any property within Black Creek Township to inspect the condition of the stormwater structures and facilities in regard to any aspect regulated by this Ordinance.

### **Section 802. Inspection**

- A. If a SWM Site Plan is not associated with a Land Development or if a SWM Site Plan is not required the SWM BMPs must be inspected by the landowner or landowner's designee according to the following list of minimum frequencies:
  - 1. Annually for the first 10 years following construction.
  - 2. Immediately after every 10-year, 24-hour or greater storm event.
  - 3. Critical times of construction of the SWM BMPs.
- B. Black Creek Township shall also inspect SWM BMPs not associated with a Land Development to verify compliance with the Ordinance, at critical times of construction of the SWM BMPs, or upon a complaint by a third party.
- C. If a SWM Site Plan is associated with a Land Development Black Creek Township shall inspect the SWM BMPs annually for the first 10 years following construction. A copy of the inspection report shall be furnished by the Township to the landowner within thirty (30) days after completing such inspection. The report shall note all deficiencies and provide a time frame and possible remedies for the landowner to correct all deficiencies. Furthermore, Black Creek Township shall inspect the SWM BMPs during the site construction, most notably when a failure to inspect the BMP during its construction would result in a physical impossibility to verify compliance at the time of the final inspection (e.g., the construction of underground stormwater detention facilities, the compaction of berms and the backfilling of stormdrain pipe trenches, etc...).

### **Section 803. Enforcement**

- A. It shall be unlawful for a person to undertake any regulated activity except as provided in an approved SWM Site Plan or an approved **Level 1 – Level 3** application.
- B. It shall be unlawful to violate Section 703 of this Ordinance.
- C. Inspections regarding compliance with the SWM Site Plan are a responsibility of Black Creek Township.

#### **Section 804. Suspension and Revocation**

- A. Any approval or permit issued by Black Creek Township pursuant to this Ordinance may be suspended or revoked for:
  - 1. Non-compliance with or failure to implement any provision of the approved SWM Site Plan, sketch, worksheet, application or O&M Agreement.
  - 2. A violation of any provision of this Ordinance or any other applicable law, ordinance, rule, or regulation relating to the regulated activity.
  - 3. The creation of any condition or the commission of any act during the regulated activity which constitutes or creates a hazard, nuisance, pollution, or endangers the life or property of others.
- B. A suspended approval may be reinstated by Black Creek Township when:
  - 1. Black Creek Township has inspected and approved the corrections to the violations that caused the suspension.
  - 2. Black Creek Township is satisfied that the violation has been corrected.
- C. An approval that has been revoked by Black Creek Township cannot be reinstated. The applicant may apply for a new approval under the provisions of this Ordinance.
- D. If a violation causes no immediate danger to life, public health, or property, at its sole discretion, Black Creek Township may provide a time period of no more than thirty (30) days for the owner to correct the violation. In these cases, Black Creek Township will provide the owner, or the owner's designee, with a written notice of the violation and the time period allowed for the owner to correct the violation. If the owner does not correct the violation within the allowed time period, Black Creek Township may revoke or suspend any, or all, applicable approvals and permits pertaining to any provision of this Ordinance.

#### **Section 805. Penalties**

- A. Anyone violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense, and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$600.00 for each violation, recoverable with costs. Each day that the violation continues shall be a separate offense and penalties shall be cumulative.
- B. In addition, Black Creek Township may institute injunctive, mandamus, or any other appropriate action or proceeding at law or in equity for the enforcement of this Ordinance. Any court of competent jurisdiction shall have the right to issue

restraining orders, temporary or permanent injunctions, mandamus, or other appropriate forms of remedy or relief.

**Section 806. Appeals**

- A. Any person aggrieved by any action of Black Creek Township or its designee, relevant to the provisions of this Ordinance, may appeal to the Black Creek Township Zoning Hearing Board within 30 days of that action.
- B. Any person aggrieved by any decision of Black Creek Township Zoning Hearing Board, relevant to the provisions of this Ordinance, may appeal to the County Court of Common Pleas in the county where the activity has taken place within 30 days of Black Creek Township Zoning Hearing Board's decision.

## ARTICLE IX - REFERENCES

1. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. No. 363-0300-002 (December 2006), as amended and updated. *Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual*. Harrisburg, PA.
2. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. No. 363-2134-008 (April 15, 2000), as amended and updated. *Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Program Manual*. Harrisburg, PA.
3. U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). *National Engineering Handbook*. Part 630: Hydrology, 1969-2001. Originally published as the *National Engineering Handbook*, Section 4: Hydrology. Available from the NRCS online at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>.
4. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. 1986. *Technical Release 55: Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds*, 2nd Edition. Washington, D.C.
5. U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service, Hydrometeorological Design Studies Center. 2004-2006. *Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the United States, Atlas 14*, Volume 2, Version 3.0, Silver Spring, Maryland. Internet address: <http://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds/>.
6. Borton Lawson Engineering / Architecture. *The Luzerne County Act 167 Phase II Stormwater Management Plan*.



## ARTICLE X - ADOPTION

### Section 1000. Severability

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section or provision of this Ordinance invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

### Section 1001. Repealer

Any other ordinance provision(s) or regulation of Black Creek Township inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency only.

### Section 1002. Effective Date

This Ordinance is to be enacted, ordained, adopted and approved by the Black Creek Township Supervisors, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**Attested:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Secretary**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Vice Chairman**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Secretary / Treasurer**

## **APPENDIX A**

### **STANDARD OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (O&M) AGREEMENT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (SWM BMPs) NOTE: THIS AGREEMENT IS TO BE USED AS AN EXAMPLE ONLY!**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter the “Landowner”), and the Municipality of Black Creek Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, (hereinafter “Black Creek Township”);

#### **WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, the Landowner is the owner of certain real property as recorded by deed in the land records of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Deed Book \_\_\_\_\_ at page \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter “Property”).

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

**WHEREAS**, the SWM BMP O&M Plan approved by Black Creek 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 Black Creek Township, provides for management of stormwater within the confines of the Property through the use of BMPs; and

**WHEREAS**, Black Creek Township, and the Landowner, his successors and assigns, agree that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Black Creek Township and the protection and maintenance of water quality require that on-site SWM BMPs be constructed and maintained on the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, Black Creek Township requires, through the implementation of the approved SWM Site Plan entitled \_\_\_\_\_, completed by \_\_\_\_\_, last revised \_\_\_\_\_, including all applicable construction detail sheets, that SWM BMPs as required by said Plan and the Black Creek Township Stormwater Management Ordinance be constructed and adequately operated and maintained by the Landowner, 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 agree as follows:

1. The Landowner shall construct the BMPs in accordance with the plans and specifications identified in the approved SWM Site Plan.

2. The Landowner shall operate and maintain the BMPs as shown on the Plan in good working order in accordance with the specific maintenance requirements noted on the approved SWM Site Plan at the Landowners sole expense.
3. The Landowner hereby grants permission to Black Creek Township, its authorized agents and employees, to enter upon the property, at reasonable times and upon presentation of proper credentials, to inspect the BMPs whenever necessary. The Landowner shall reimburse Black Creek Township for all reasonable costs for inspections that are not covered by the Black Creek Township Post Construction Stormwater Inspection Fund Fee paid to Black Creek Township by the Landowner prior to SWM Site Plan approval.
4. In the event the Landowner, his successor and assigns, fails to maintain the BMPs in good working condition acceptable to Black Creek Township, Black Creek Township may enter upon the property and take such necessary and prudent action to maintain said BMPs and to charge the costs of the maintenance and/or repairs to the Landowner, his successors and assigns. It is expressly understood and agreed that Black Creek Township is under no obligation to maintain or repair said facilities and in no event shall this agreement be misconstrued to impose any such obligation on Black Creek Township. In the event Black Creek 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 on account of the Landowner's or his successor's and assign's failure to perform such work, the Landowner, his successors and assigns, shall reimburse Black Creek Township upon demand, within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice thereof, for all costs incurred by Black Creek Township hereunder. If not paid within said thirty (30) day period, Black Creek Township may enter a lien against the property for costs, or may proceed to recover its costs through proceedings in equity or at law as authorized under the provisions of the Second Class Township Code or any other law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
5. The Landowner, his successors and assigns, shall and do hereby agree to exonerate, indemnify and save harmless Black Creek Township, Black Creek Township officers, elected officials, engineers and attorneys and Black Creek Township appointees and any other agent, from any and all claims, actions, awards, verdicts, judgments, damages, casualties and/or occurrences that do arise out of Black Creek Township's approval and the construction, presence, existence and/or maintenance of the BMPs by the Landowner and the Landowner's heirs, successors and/or assigns.
6. In the event a claim is asserted against Black Creek Township, its agents or employees, Black Creek Township shall promptly notify the Landowner, his successors and assigns, and the Landowner shall defend, at their own expense, any suit based on such claim. If any judgment or claims against Black Creek Township, its agents or employees shall be allowed, the Landowner, his

successors and assigns shall pay said judgment and/or claim, as well as all costs and expenses in connection therewith.

7. In the event of an emergency or the occurrence of special or unusual circumstances or situations, Black Creek Township may enter the property, if the Landowner is not immediately available, without notification or identification, to inspect and perform necessary maintenance and repairs, if needed, when the health, safety or welfare of the citizens is at jeopardy. However, Black Creek Township shall notify the Landowner of any inspection, maintenance or repair undertaken within ten (10) days of the activity. The Landowner shall reimburse Black Creek Township for the costs.
8. If any part of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, all other remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
9. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as an offer by the Landowner to dedicate any of the BMPs to Black Creek Township, and nothing herein shall be deemed to be an acceptance of an offer of dedication.
10. This agreement shall be recorded by the Landowner among the land records of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania prior to SWM Site Plan approval being issued by Black Creek Township, 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 Black Creek Township:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Treasurer

**For the Landowner:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)

## **APPENDIX B**

### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Anyone performing a regulated activity, unless specifically exempt by Section 302 of the Ordinance, must complete the accompanying Stormwater Management Permit Application and Sketch, and submit to Black Creek Township. A regulated activity is defined by this Ordinance as:

**Regulated Activity** - Any earth disturbance activities or any activities that involve the alteration or development of land in a manner that may affect stormwater runoff.

This includes but is not limited to: the clearing of wooded areas, grading and excavating, placement of pavement (driveways, parking areas, roads), construction of buildings, construction of stormwater management facilities, the diversion or piping of any natural or man-made stream channel, the construction of other structures (homes, sheds, garages, commercial and industrial buildings), and other activities which alter the way stormwater runs off of the landscape. See Section 105 of Ordinance for additional detail on Regulated Activities. Impervious area is defined by this Ordinance as:

**Impervious Surface (Impervious Area)** - A surface that prevents the infiltration of water into the ground. Impervious surfaces include, but are not limited to, streets, sidewalks, pavements, parking lots, driveways, roofs, stone patios. See definition of “Gravel (Crushed Stone)” for when gravel classifies as impervious area.

**Gravel (Crushed Stone)** - Considered to be impervious when the intended use of the stone is for transportation purposes, parking areas, construction areas, trails, or if the gravel is compacted at any time during or after its placement; landscaping stone is not considered as impervious area.

Depending on the amount of impervious area placed and the amount of earth disturbance to the project site, this Ordinance requires different levels of stormwater management, and correspondingly different levels of design and review.

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**Level 1:** Proposed impervious area is between 250 sq. ft. and 1,000 sq. ft. or total earth disturbance is between 500 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft.

**Stormwater Management Controls:** Ensure that adverse downstream impacts do not occur due to redirecting stormwater flows towards nearby structures. Stormwater Management Controls must comply with Section 301 of this Ordinance.

**Submission:** Submit the Stormwater Management Permit Application and Sketch to Black Creek Township Code Enforcement Officer

**Review:** Shall be completed by Black Creek Township Code Enforcement Officer.

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**Level 2:** Proposed impervious area is between 1,000 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft. or total earth disturbance is between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft.

**Stormwater Management Controls:** Utilize Disconnected Impervious Area (DIA) for stormwater controls as outlined in Ordinance Appendix C.1; if DIA cannot be achieved, utilize stormwater management controls for small projects as outlined in Ordinance Appendix E. **See Section 105.C for requirements for existing lots governed by a previously granted Black Creek Township or PA DEP NPDES Permit Approval.**

**Submission:** Submit the Stormwater Management Permit Application and computations for DIA; the worksheet in this Ordinance Appendix C.1 shall be used and submitted. If DIA cannot be achieved, submit computations for Stormwater Management for Small Projects; the worksheet in this Ordinance Appendix E must be used and submitted. **For existing lots governed by a previous approval, drawings and calculations must be submitted in enough detail for the Township Engineer to determine compliance with the previously granted approval and also to physically construct the facilities on site. Drawings must contain, at a minimum, all of the items required for a Level 2 Sketch and volume calculations must be provided for all stormwater storage facilities.**

**Review:** Shall be completed by the Black Creek Township Engineer.

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**Level 3:** Proposed impervious area is between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft. or total earth disturbance is between 10,000 sq. ft. and 20,000 sq. ft. but does not qualify as a Land Development. All Land Developments require a Level 4 submission and review.

**Stormwater Management Controls:** Capture and permanently remove the first 2 inches of runoff over all proposed impervious areas; infiltrate at least the first 0.5 inches.

**Submission:** Submit the Stormwater Management Permit Application and computations for permanently removing the first 2 inches of runoff over all proposed impervious areas; the worksheet in this Ordinance Appendix D must be used.

**Review:** Shall be completed by the Black Creek Township Engineer.

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**Level 4:** Proposed impervious area is greater than 10,000 sq. ft. or total earth disturbance is greater than 20,000 sq. ft. or any project that qualifies as a Land Development.

**Stormwater Management Controls:** All requirements of this Ordinance are applicable, including water quality and volume controls as found in Article III Section 303 and peak rate controls as found in Article III Section 304.

**Submission:** Submit the Stormwater Management Permit Application and Stormwater Management (SWM) Site Plan as in Article IV of this Ordinance.

**Review:** Shall be completed by the Black Creek Township Engineer.

# **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION**

<b>Applicant Name, Address, Phone Number and Email:</b>	<b>Nature of Activity (i.e. driveway, single-lot structure, parking lot, road, trail, subdivision, etc.):</b>
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**Total Proposed Impervious Area (I) (sq. ft.):**

**Total Proposed Earth Disturbance (ED) (sq. ft.):**

**Level 1:** (I) is between 250 sq. ft. and 1,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is between 500 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft.

**Level 2:** (I) is between 1,000 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft.

Complete and attach worksheet contained in Appendix C.1/E or Section 105.C requirements	Is information attached? No _____ Yes _____
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**Level 3:** (I) is between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is between 10,000 sq. ft. and 20,000 sq. ft.

Complete and attach worksheet contained in Ordinance Appendix D	Is worksheet attached? No _____ Yes _____
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**Level 4:** (I) is greater than 10,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is greater than 20,000 sq. ft. and all Land Developments

Complete and submit SWM Site Plan in accordance with Ordinance Article IV	Is a SWM Site Plan included? No _____ Yes _____
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Show on the accompanying sketch that adverse downstream stormwater impacts are not created or worsened, and that additional stormwater runoff will not discharge towards adjacent property owners.

All requirements of the Ordinance have been met. Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR REVIEWER ONLY: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

This stormwater management permit application has been    APPROVED    DENIED    (circle one)

Reviewed by (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# **BLACK CREEK TOWNSHIP INSPECTION LOG**

APPLICATION LEVEL NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PRE-CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION**

INSPECTOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## **DURING-CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION**

INSPECTOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **POST-CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION**

INSPECTOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLIES / DOES NOT COMPLY: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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## LEVEL 1 APPLICATION - PROJECT SKETCH

- Show direction of proposed stormwater discharges
- Show all structures within 50 feet of site
- If storm sewers are present, show approximate location of inlets
- **Note:** The applicant must construct all structures and discharge points as depicted on this sketch. Any deviation from this sketch without prior approval from Black Creek Township may be considered a violation of the Black Creek Township Stormwater Management Ordinance and may subject the applicant to the penalties of the Ordinance and/or the revocation of the Stormwater Management Permit.

## EXAMPLE 1 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant Name, Address, Phone Number and Email: Joe Homeowner 123 Site Street Anytown, PA 12345 570-788-1234 – joeh@ptd.net	Nature of Activity (i.e. driveway, single-lot structure, parking lot, road, trail, subdivision, etc.):  Construction of one car garage
Total Proposed Impervious Area (I) (sq. ft.): 300 square feet	
Total Proposed Earth Disturbance (ED) (sq. ft.): 400 square feet	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 20px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-left: 0;">             Level 1:           </div> (I) is between 250 sq. ft. and 1,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is between 500 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft.	
Level 2: (I) is between 1,000 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft.	
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Level 3: (I) is between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is between 10,000 sq. ft. and 20,000 sq. ft.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 250px; margin: 0 auto;">             Complete and attach worksheet contained in Ordinance Appendix D           </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 250px; margin: 0 auto;">             Is worksheet attached?              No _____              Yes _____           </div>
Level 4: (I) is greater than 10,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is greater than 20,000 sq. ft.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 250px; margin: 0 auto;">             Complete and submit SWM Site Plan in accordance with Ordinance Article IV           </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 250px; margin: 0 auto;">             Is a SWM Site Plan included?              No _____              Yes _____           </div>
Show on the accompanying sketch that adverse downstream stormwater impacts are not created or worsened, and that additional stormwater runoff will not discharge towards adjacent property owners.	

All requirements of the Ordinance have been met. Applicant Signature: Joseph Homeowner Date: 6/30/2010

### FOR REVIEWER ONLY

This stormwater management permit application has been APPROVED DENIED (circle one)

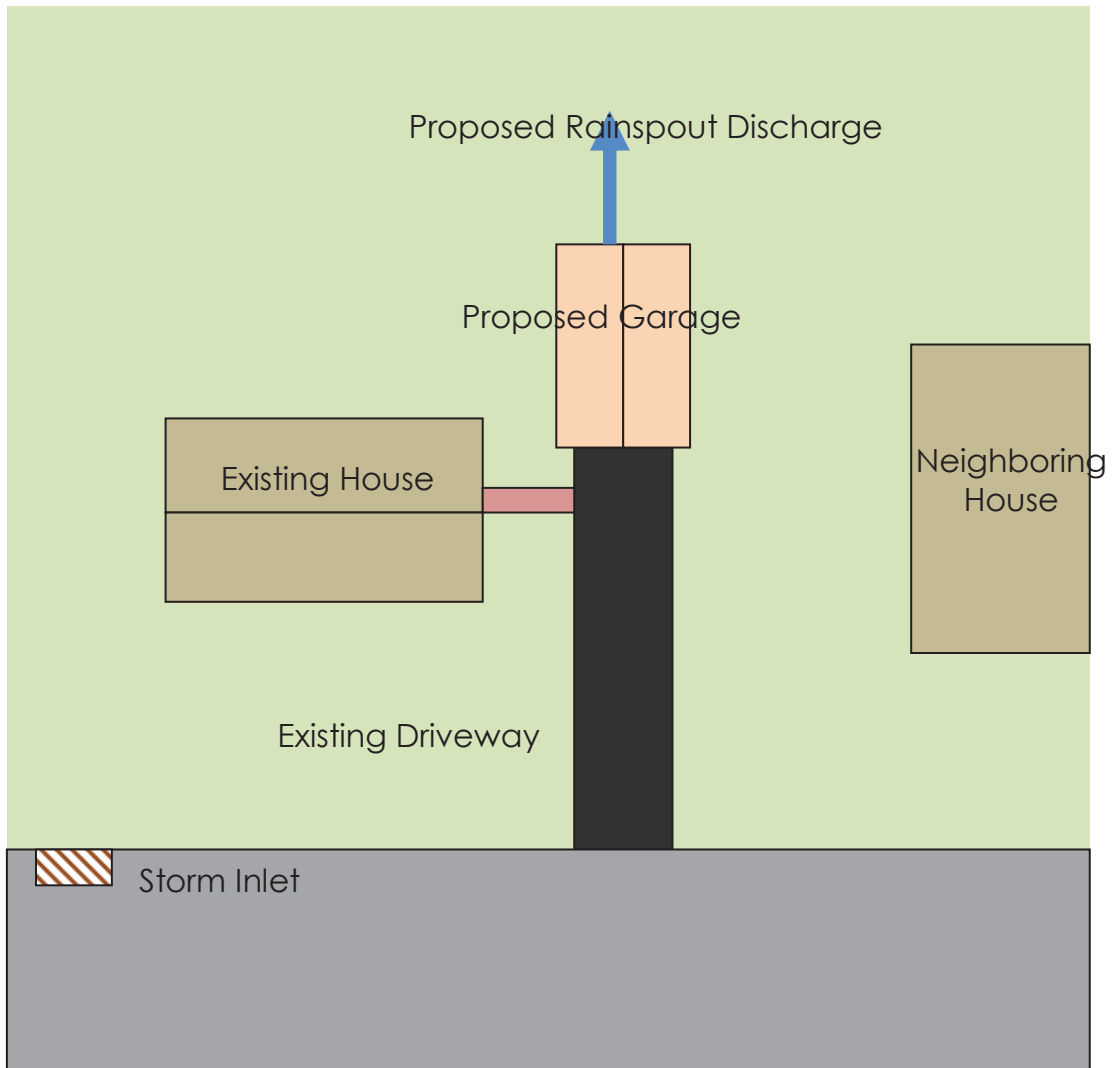
Reviewed by (print): Municipal Official Reason for Denial: N/A

Signature: Municipal Official

Date: 6/30/2010

## EXAMPLE 1 PROJECT SKETCH FOR LEVEL 1 APPLICATION

- Show direction of proposed stormwater discharges
- Show all structures within 50 feet of site
- If storm sewers are present, show approximate location of inlets



## EXAMPLE 2 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant Name, Address, Phone Number and Email: Joe Homeowner 123 Site Street Anytown, PA 12345 570-788-1234 – joe@ptd.net	Nature of Activity (i.e. driveway, single-lot structure, parking lot, road, trail, subdivision, etc.):  Construction of single-family home, driveway, and stone patio
Total Proposed Impervious Area (I) (sq. ft.): 3,300 square feet	
Total Proposed Earth Disturbance (ED) (sq. ft.): 6,000 square feet	
Level 1: (I) is between 250 sq. ft. and 1,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is between 500 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Level 2:</b> (I) is between 1,000 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft.         </div>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">         Complete and attach worksheet contained in Appendix C.1/E or Section 105.C requirements       </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">         Is worksheet attached?          No _____          Yes <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">_____</span> </div>
Level 3: (I) is between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is between 10,000 sq. ft. and 20,000 sq. ft.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">         Complete and attach worksheet contained in Ordinance Appendix D       </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">         Is worksheet attached?          No _____          Yes _____       </div>
Level 4: (I) is greater than 10,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is greater than 20,000 sq. ft.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">         Complete and submit SWM Site Plan in accordance with Ordinance Article IV       </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">         Is a SWM Site Plan included?          No _____          Yes _____       </div>
Show on the accompanying sketch that adverse downstream stormwater impacts are not created or worsened, and that additional stormwater runoff will not discharge towards adjacent property owners.	
All requirements of the Ordinance have been met. Applicant Signature <u>Joseph Homeowner</u> Date: <u>6/30/2010</u>	

### FOR REVIEWER ONLY

This stormwater management permit application has been APPROVED DENIED (circle one)

Reviewed by (print): Municipal Official Reason for Denial: N/A

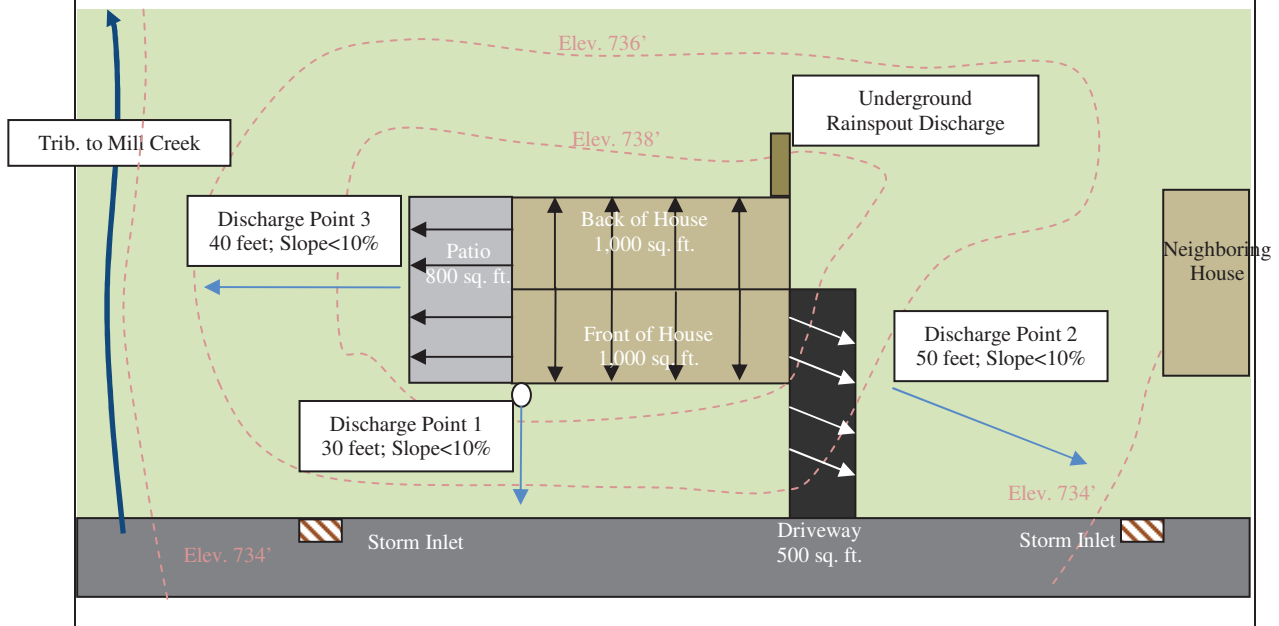
Signature: Municipal Official

Date: 6/30/2010

**EXAMPLE 2 PROJECT SKETCH – Homeowner opted to utilize the worksheet provided in Appendix C.1 to show stormwater management for DIA.**

<b>Applicant Address:</b> Joe Homeowner 123 Site Street Anytown, PA 12345	<b>Brief Description of Project:</b> Construction of 2,000 sq. ft. (40' x 50') single-family home with 500 sq. ft. driveway (10' x 50') and 800 sq. ft. stone patio (20' x 40'). The back half of the house discharges to rainspouts underground.				
<b>Nearest waterbody:</b>  Tributary to Mill Creek	<b>No more than 1,250 sq. ft. can discharge to one point on the surface.</b>  <b>Number of surface discharge points required:</b> 3				
<b>Total Proposed Impervious Area (A):</b> 3,300 sq. ft. <b>Total Earth Disturbance:</b> 6,000 sq. ft.	<b>Discharge Point 1:</b>	<b>Discharge Point 2:</b>	<b>Discharge Point 3:</b>	<b>Discharge Point 4:</b>	<b>Discharge Point 5:</b>
	Front of Home <b>Area:</b> 1,000 sq. ft.	Driveway <b>Area:</b> 500 sq. ft.	Patio <b>Area:</b> 800 sq. ft.	N/A <b>Area:</b> N/A	N/A <b>Area:</b> N/A
<b>Are rainspouts discharged underground? (Y/N)</b> Yes <b>If yes, contributing impervious area (B):</b> 1,000 sq. ft.	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b> 30 ft	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b> 50 ft	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b> 40 ft	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b> N/A	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b> N/A
<b>Total Impervious Area Discharged on Surface (A) – (B):</b> 3,300 – 1,000 = 2,300 sq. ft.	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10%? (Y/N)</b>  Yes	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10%? (Y/N)</b>  Yes	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10%? (Y/N)</b>  Yes	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10%? (Y/N)</b>  N/A	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10%? (Y/N)</b>  N/A

**Project sketch:**



### EXAMPLE 3 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant Name, Address, Phone Number and Email: Joe Homeowner 123 Site Street Anytown, PA 12345 570-788-1234 – joeh@ptd.net	Nature of Activity (i.e. driveway, single-lot structure, parking lot, road, trail, subdivision, etc.):  Construction of single-family home, driveway, and stone patio
Total Proposed Impervious Area (I) (sq. ft.): 3,300 square feet	
Total Proposed Earth Disturbance (ED) (sq. ft.): 6,000 square feet	
Level 1: (I) is between 250 sq. ft. and 1,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is between 500 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Level 2:</b> (I) is between 1,000 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft.         </div>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">         Complete and attach worksheet contained in Appendix C.1/E or Section 105.C requirements       </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">         Is information attached?          No _____          Yes <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">_____</span> </div>
Level 3: (I) is between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is between 10,000 sq. ft. and 20,000 sq. ft.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">         Complete and attach worksheet contained in Ordinance Appendix D       </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">         Is worksheet attached?          No _____          Yes _____       </div>
Level 4: (I) is greater than 10,000 sq. ft. or (ED) is greater than 20,000 sq. ft.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">         Complete and submit SWM Site Plan in accordance with Ordinance Article IV       </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">         Is a SWM Site Plan included?          No _____          Yes _____       </div>
Show on the accompanying sketch that adverse downstream stormwater impacts are not created or worsened, and that additional stormwater runoff will not discharge towards adjacent property owners.	
All requirements of the Ordinance have been met. Applicant Signature <u>Joseph Homeowner</u> Date: <u>6/30/2010</u>	

#### FOR REVIEWER ONLY

This stormwater management permit application has been    APPROVED    DENIED (circle one)

Reviewed by (print): Municipal Official    Reason for Denial: Rainspout discharges to driveway, and driveway discharges to street

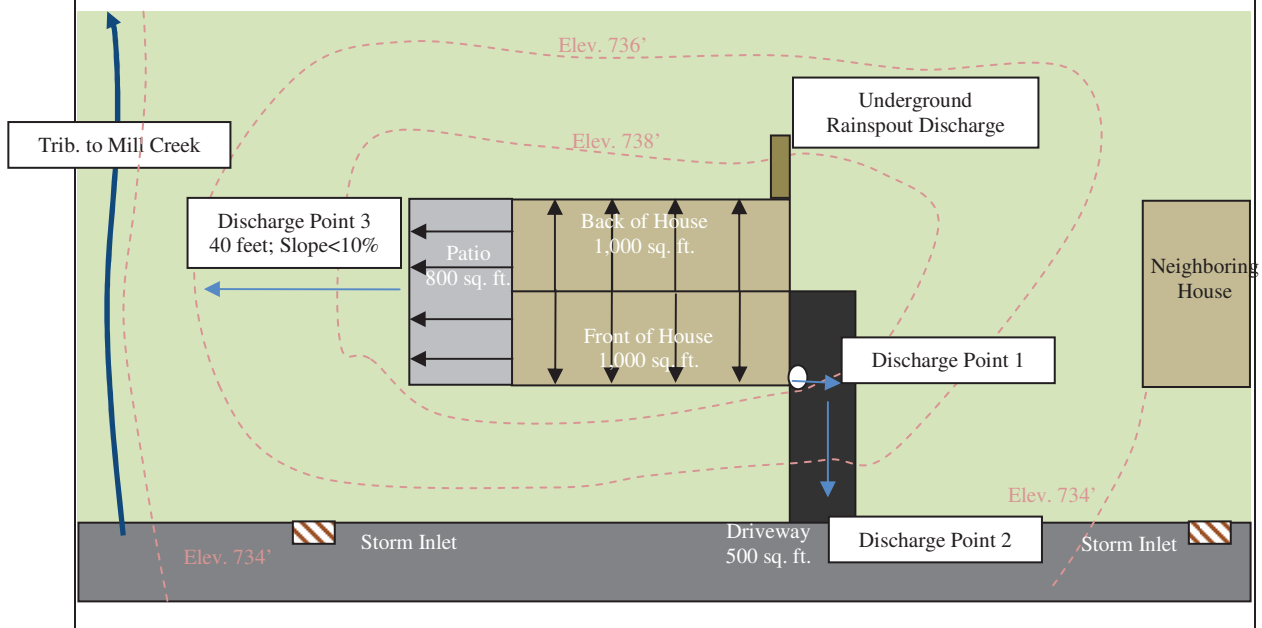
Signature: Municipal Official

Date: 6/30/2010

**EXAMPLE 3 PROJECT SKETCH – Homeowner opted to utilize the worksheet provided in Appendix C.1 to show stormwater management for DIA.**

<b>Applicant Address:</b> Joe Homeowner 123 Site Street Anytown, PA 12345	<b>Brief Description of Project:</b> Construction of 2,000 sq. ft. (40' x 50') single-family home with 500 sq. ft. driveway (10' x 50') and 800 sq. ft. stone patio (20' x 40'). The back half of the house discharges to rainspouts underground.				
<b>Nearest waterbody:</b>  Tributary to Mill Creek	<b>No more than 1,250 sq. ft. can discharge to one point on the surface.</b>  <b>Number of surface discharge points required:</b> 3				
<b>Total Proposed Impervious Area (A):</b> 3,300 sq. ft. <b>Total Earth Disturbance:</b> 6,000 sq. ft.	<b>Discharge Point 1:</b>	<b>Discharge Point 2:</b>	<b>Discharge Point 3:</b>	<b>Discharge Point 4:</b>	<b>Discharge Point 5:</b>
	Front of Home	Driveway	Patio	N/A	N/A
	<b>Area:</b> 1,000 sq. ft.	<b>Area:</b> 500 sq. ft.	<b>Area:</b> 800 sq. ft.	<b>Area:</b> N/A	<b>Area:</b> N/A
<b>Are rainspouts discharged underground? (Y/N)</b> Yes <b>If yes, contributing impervious area (B):</b> 1,000 sq. ft.	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b> N/A	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b> N/A	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b> 40 ft	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b> N/A	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b> N/A
<b>Total Impervious Area Discharged on Surface (A) – (B):</b> 3,300 – 1,000 = 2,300 sq. ft.	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10%? (Y/N)</b>  N/A	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10%? (Y/N)</b>  N/A	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10%? (Y/N)</b>  Yes	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10%? (Y/N)</b>  N/A	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10%? (Y/N)</b>  N/A

**Project sketch:**





## **APPENDIX C.1 – LEVEL 2 APPLICATION (OPTION #1)**

### **DISCONNECTED IMPERVIOUS AREA (DIA) AND WORKSHEET**

When a regulated activity creates impervious areas between 1,000 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft., or total earth disturbance between 5,000 and 10,000 sq. ft., the stormwater management requirements follow Appendix C.1 – Disconnected Impervious Areas (DIAs), of this Ordinance. If site conditions prevent the requirements of Appendix C.1 from being met, then the first 1 inch of runoff shall be captured and controlled in a manner consistent with Appendix E – Stormwater Management for Small Projects, of this Ordinance. See Section 105.C for the requirements for existing lots governed by a previous Land Development or NPDES Permit Approval.

When rooftop or pavement runoff is directed to a pervious area that allows for infiltration, filtration, and increased time of concentration, the contributing rooftop or pavement area may qualify as a Disconnected Impervious Area (DIA). A rooftop or pavement area is considered to be a DIA if it meets the requirements listed below:

- The overland flow path (pervious area serving as BMP) from discharge area has a positive slope of approximately 10% or less;
- The length of overland flow path (pervious area serving as BMP) is greater than 20 feet.
- The 20 foot minimum length of pervious overland flow path for a driveway shall be waived in the area of the driveway connection point to the existing roadway. (I.e. Areas where it is physically impossible to provide a 20 foot pervious overland flow path for the entire driveway cross-section). Note: All areas of the driveway shall be cross-sloped toward pervious areas.

If the discharge is concentrated at one or more discrete points, no more than 1,250 square feet of impervious area may discharge to any one point. In addition, a gravel strip or other spreading device is required for concentrated discharges. For non-concentrated discharges along the edge of the pavement, this requirement is waived; however, there must be a provision for the establishment of vegetation along the pavement edge and temporary stabilization of the area until vegetation becomes stabilized.

If rainspouts are discharged underground to provide infiltration, the portion of the impervious area draining to those rainspouts is waived from the DIA discharge requirements. Rainspouts discharged underground which are directly connected to a storm sewer system are not waived from the DIA requirements. Prior to any rainspout being allowed to be discharged underground to provide infiltration the suitability of the existing soil in the area of the proposed infiltration must be demonstrated by the applicant.

Sump pump, roof drains (rainspouts) and foundation drains must comply with Section 301.Q of the Ordinance.

The technical requirements of this Appendix C.1 can be modified at the discretion of the Township Engineer if the applicant can clearly demonstrate that no adverse downstream stormwater impact is being created or worsened by the modification that is granted.

Applicant must provide a sketch of the proposed project in the space provided below the Worksheet C.1 or on a separate plan sheet if additional space is required. The following items, at a minimum, must be provided on the Level 2 Sketch:

1. The name and address of the property owner and the person that completed the sketch.
2. All existing structures, existing roadways, existing waterways and existing stormwater management facilities within 50 feet of site.
3. The site property lines and the names of the adjoining property owners.
4. The proposed driveway location, dimensions and surface type.
5. The proposed building location, dimensions, and direction of roof slopes.
6. The direction and approximate percent of the land and roof slopes at all grade breaks.
7. A north arrow, drawing scale and date.
8. The location of all existing and proposed underground utilities including septic and well locations.
9. The location and dimensions of all proposed stormwater management facilities.
10. The discharge point of all stormwater management facilities including roof drains, foundation drains and sump pump drains.

See Level 2 Sketch examples provided for additional information.

The above items must be provided, at a minimum, for all existing lots governed by a previous Land Development or NPDES Permit Approval (i.e. Section 105.C)

**Note: The applicant must construct all structures, driveways, stormwater management facilities and discharge points as depicted on the sketches provided to the Township. Any deviation from the sketches without prior approval from Black Creek Township may be considered a violation of the Black Creek Township Stormwater Management Ordinance and may subject the applicant to the penalties of the Ordinance and/or the revocation of the Stormwater Management Permit. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the APPLICANT to contact Black Creek Township at the time the proposed driveway is constructed to the finished subgrade elevation in order for the Township to verify adequate cross slopes prior to any paving. Also it is the responsibility of the applicant to contact Black Creek Township prior to the burying of any underground stormwater infiltration or detention facilities and any other time during construction when it will be physically impossible for the Township to verify compliance at the time of final inspection. Failure to contact Black Creek Township at these critical times of construction may result in the revocation of the Stormwater Management Permit, a Violation of the Stormwater Management Ordinance or the reconstruction of these facilities.**

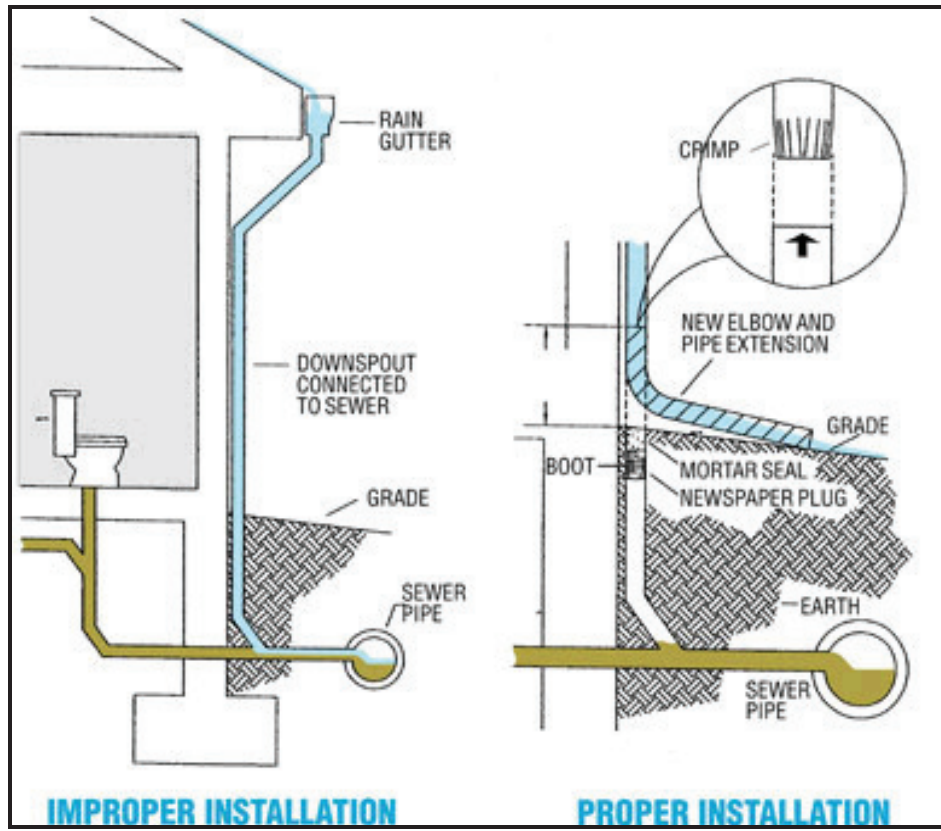
**Worksheet C.1 – Disconnected Impervious Area as a BMP - Level #2 (Option 1).**

<b>Applicant Address:</b>	<b>Brief Description of Project:</b>				
<b>Nearest waterbody:</b>	<b>No more than 1,250 sq. ft. can discharge to one point on the surface. Number of discharge points required:</b>				
<b>Total Proposed Impervious Area (A):</b>	<b>Discharge Point 1</b>	<b>Discharge Point 2</b>	<b>Discharge Point 3</b>	<b>Discharge Point 4</b>	<b>Discharge Point 5</b>
<b>Total Earth Disturbance:</b>	<b>Area:</b>	<b>Area:</b>	<b>Area:</b>	<b>Area:</b>	<b>Area:</b>
<b>Are rainspouts discharged underground? (Y/N)</b>  <b>If yes, contributing impervious area (B):</b>	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b>	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b>	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b>	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b>	<b>Pervious Path Length:</b>
<b>Total Impervious Area Discharged on Surface (A) – (B):</b>	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10 %? (Y/N)</b>	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10 %? (Y/N)</b>	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10 %? (Y/N)</b>	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10 %? (Y/N)</b>	<b>Pervious Path Slope &lt;10 %? (Y/N)</b>
<b>Provide <u>Level 2 Sketch</u> of project below or on a separate sheet if necessary. See minimum requirements for <u>Level 2 Sketch</u> in Appendix C.1.</b>					

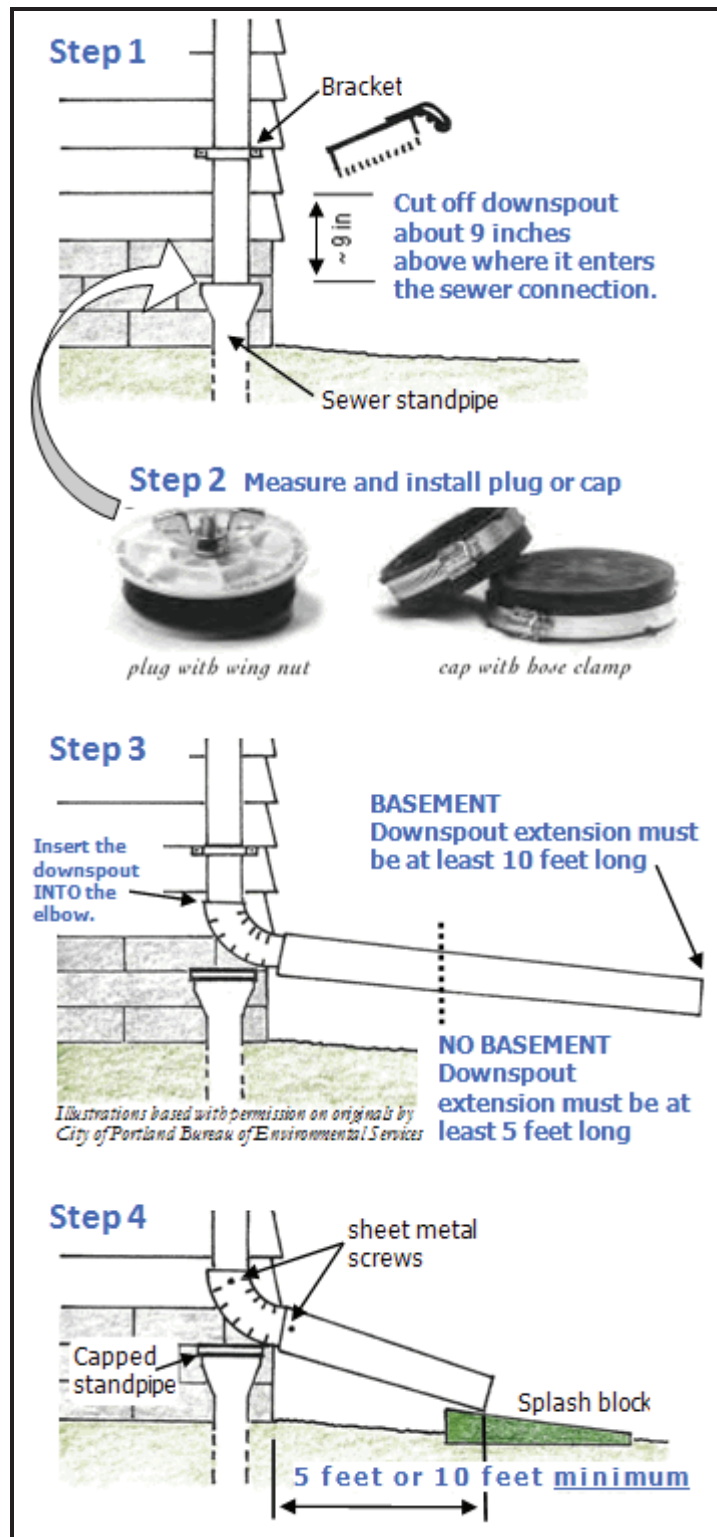
## APPENDIX C.2

### **RAINSPOUT DISCONNECTION FROM SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS REQUIREMENT**

When roofs are being replaced, rainspouts must be disconnected from sanitary sewer systems. The following guidance is provided to enforce this requirement as part of this Ordinance, and is subject to the Black Creek Township Engineer's discretion. When rainspouts are disconnected from sanitary sewer systems, it must be shown that adverse stormwater impacts are not created downstream.



Source of image: [www.munciesanitary.org/stormwater-managment](http://www.munciesanitary.org/stormwater-managment)



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## **APPENDIX D – LEVEL 3 APPLICATION**

### **PROJECTS MEETING REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 303 SUBSECTION B**

When a regulated activity creates impervious areas between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft., or total earth disturbance between 10,000 and 20,000 sq. ft., the stormwater management requirements follow Section 303 Subsection B of this Ordinance.

Section 303 Subsection B is duplicated below:

- B. When CG-1 guidelines are not used, the *Simplified Method* (CG-2 in the BMP Manual<sup>1</sup>) has been modified to accommodate 2” of permanently removed runoff volume. This method (provided below) is independent of site conditions and should be used if the *Design Storm Method* is not followed. For new impervious surfaces:
1. The first 2 inches of runoff from new impervious surfaces shall be permanently removed from the runoff flow (i.e., it shall not be released into the surface waters of this Commonwealth). Removal options include reuse, evaporation, transpiration, and infiltration.
  2. Wherever possible, infiltration facilities should be designed to accommodate infiltration of the entire permanently removed runoff; however, in all cases at least the first 0.5 inch of the permanently removed runoff should be infiltrated.
  3. Facilities, to the greatest extent possible and subject to the Black Creek Township Engineer’s discretion, shall be designed to drain the permanently removed runoff volume in a period no less than 24 hours and no greater than 72 hours.
  4. Runoff volume in excess of 2 inches shall be safely conveyed to existing stormwater collection systems or streams, in the direction of the existing drainage course.
  5. This method is exempt from the requirements of Section 304, Rate Controls.

### Appendix D Worksheet – Level #3 Application

<b>Applicant Address:</b>	<b>Brief Description of Project:</b>		
<b>Nearest waterbody:</b>	<b>Permanently Removed Volume = (2 inches / 12) x (Impervious Area)</b> =		
<b>Total Proposed Impervious Area:</b>	<b>A Factor of Safety of 2 is applied to the Tested Infiltration Rate.</b> <b>Design Infiltration Rate = Tested Infiltration Rate / 2</b> =		
<b>Total Earth Disturbance:</b>	Components of the project may be directed to multiple facilities. Number of facilities used:		
<b>Soil Testing Method:</b>	<b>Facility #1</b>	<b>Facility #2</b>	<b>Facility #3</b>
	<b>Component of Project:</b>	<b>Component of Project:</b>	<b>Component of Project:</b>
	<b>Volume Collected:</b>	<b>Volume Collected:</b>	<b>Volume Collected:</b>
<b>Tested Infiltration Rate (in/hr):</b>	<b>Type of Facility:</b>  <b>Volume of Facility*:</b>  <b>Area of Facility:</b>  <b>Depth of Facility:</b>	<b>Type of Facility:</b>  <b>Volume of Facility*:</b>  <b>Area of Facility:</b>  <b>Depth of Facility:</b>	<b>Type of Facility:</b>  <b>Volume of Facility*:</b>  <b>Area of Facility:</b>  <b>Depth of Facility:</b>
<b>Additional Calcs/Notes:</b>	<b>Drawdown Time =</b> <b>Depth of Facility / Design</b> <b>Infiltration Rate =</b>	<b>Drawdown Time =</b> <b>Depth of Facility / Design</b> <b>Infiltration Rate =</b>	<b>Drawdown Time =</b> <b>Depth of Facility /</b> <b>Design Infiltration Rate</b> =
	<b>Loading Ratio =</b> <b>Impervious Area</b> <b>Controlled : Area of</b> <b>Facility =</b>	<b>Loading Ratio =</b> <b>Impervious Area</b> <b>Controlled : Area of</b> <b>Facility =</b>	<b>Loading Ratio =</b> <b>Impervious Area</b> <b>Controlled : Area of</b> <b>Facility =</b>
	<b>Existing Discharge Point</b> <b>(Inlet/Sewer/Stream):</b>	<b>Existing Discharge Point</b> <b>(Inlet/Sewer/Stream):</b>	<b>Existing Discharge Point</b> <b>(Inlet/Sewer/Stream):</b>
	<b>Discharge Method for</b> <b>Runoff in Excess of 2”:</b>  <b>Capacity**:</b>	<b>Discharge Method for</b> <b>Runoff in Excess of 2”:</b>  <b>Capacity**:</b>	<b>Discharge Method for</b> <b>Runoff in Excess of 2”:</b>  <b>Capacity**:</b>
<b>*Infiltration facilities with stone beds: 40 % void space, multiply volume in stone portion by 0.4. Calculations:</b>			
<b>**If a grass spillway is used: Capacity (cfs) = 2.5 x Length x Freeboard<sup>1.5</sup></b> <b>**If an orifice structure is used: Capacity (cfs) = 0.6 x Orifice Area x (2 x 32.2 x Flow Depth Above Orifice)<sup>0.5</sup></b> <b>Capacity Calculations:</b>			



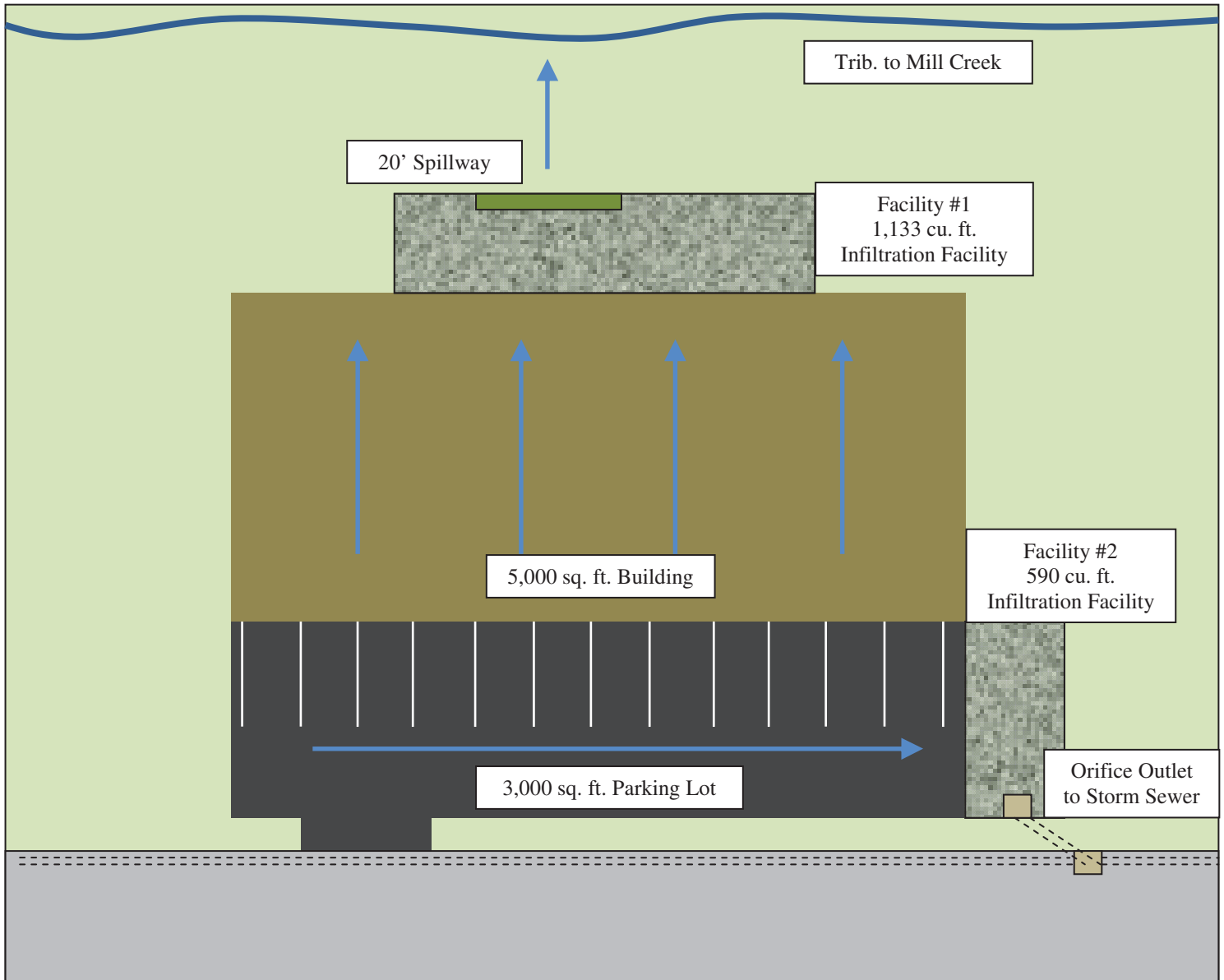
Example: A doctor's office is proposed for a site. The building is 5,000 sq. ft. and the parking lot is 3,000 sq. ft.

<b>Applicant Address:</b> Dr. Office 123 Site Street Anytown, PA 12345	<b>Brief Description of Project:</b> A proposed doctor's office consisting of 5,000 sq. ft. building (50' x 100') and 3,000 sq. ft. parking lot (30' x 100'). The building drains to the back of the property to an infiltration facility, and the parking lot drains to an infiltration facility adjacent the parking lot.		
<b>Nearest waterbody:</b>  Trib. to Mill Creek	<b>Permanently Removed Volume = (2 inches / 12) x (Impervious Area)</b> = (2 inches / 12) x (8,000 sq. ft.) = 1,333 cu. ft.		
<b>Total Proposed Impervious Area:</b> 8,000 sq. ft.	<b>A Factor of Safety of 2 is applied to the Tested Infiltration Rate.</b> <b>Design Infiltration Rate = Tested Infiltration Rate / 2</b> = 1 in/hr / 2 = 0.5 in/hr		
<b>Total Earth Disturbance:</b> 12,000 sq. ft.	<b>Components of the project may be directed to multiple facilities.</b>  <b>Number of facilities used: 2</b>		
<b>Soil Testing Method:</b>  Percolation Test	<b>Facility #1</b>	<b>Facility #2</b>	<b>Facility #3</b>
	<b>Component of Project:</b> Building <b>Volume Collected:</b> 5,000 x 2/12 = 833 cu. ft.	<b>Component of Project:</b> Parking Lot <b>Volume Collected:</b> 3,000 x 2/12 = 500 cu. ft.	<b>Component of Project:</b> N/A <b>Volume Collected:</b> N/A
<b>Tested Infiltration Rate (in/hr):</b>  1 in/hr	<b>Type of Facility:</b> Infiltration <b>Volume of Facility*:</b> 1,133 cu. ft. <b>Area of Facility:</b> 50' x 10' = 500 sq. ft. <b>Depth of Facility:</b> 1 ft. stone + 1.3 ft. = 2.3 ft.	<b>Type of Facility:</b> Infiltration <b>Volume of Facility*:</b> 590 cu. ft. <b>Area of Facility:</b> 30' x 10' = 300 sq. ft. <b>Depth of Facility:</b> ½ ft. stone + 1.3 ft. = 1.8 ft.	<b>Type of Facility:</b> N/A <b>Volume of Facility*:</b> N/A <b>Area of Facility:</b> N/A <b>Depth of Facility:</b> N/A
<b>Additional Calcs/Notes:</b>  Facilities have 2:1 horizontal:vertical side slopes. Therefore, actual volumes are greater which provides some additional storage for larger events.  Both facilities have 1 foot of freeboard. This volume is additional to the volume provided in the calculations.	<b>Drawdown Time = Depth of Facility / Design Infiltration Rate =</b> 2.3 ft. x 12 in. / 0.5 in/hr = 55.2 hrs	<b>Drawdown Time = Depth of Facility / Design Infiltration Rate =</b> 1.8 ft. x 12 in. / 0.5 in/hr = 43.2 hrs	<b>Drawdown Time = Depth of Facility / Design Infiltration Rate =</b> N/A
	<b>Loading Ratio = Impervious Area Controlled : Area of Facility =</b> 5,000 sq. ft. : 500 sq. ft. = 10:1	<b>Loading Ratio = Impervious Area Controlled : Area of Facility =</b> 3,000 sq. ft. : 300 sq. ft. = 10:1	<b>Loading Ratio = Impervious Area Controlled : Area of Facility =</b> N/A
	<b>Existing Discharge Point (Inlet/Sewer/Stream):</b> Stream	<b>Existing Discharge Point (Inlet/Sewer/Stream):</b> Inlet/Sewer System	<b>Existing Discharge Point (Inlet/Sewer/Stream):</b> N/A
	<b>Discharge Method for Runoff in Excess of 2":</b> Spillway <b>Capacity**:</b> 50 cfs	<b>Discharge Method for Runoff in Excess of 2":</b> Orifice Outlet <b>Capacity**:</b> 77 cfs	<b>Discharge Method for Runoff in Excess of 2":</b> N/A <b>Capacity**:</b> N/A
<b>*Infiltration facilities with stone beds: 40% void space, multiply volume in stone portion by 0.4. Calculations:</b> Facility #1 has 1 ft. of stone: 500 ft <sup>2</sup> x 1 ft. stone x 0.4 = 200 ft <sup>3</sup> in stone portion; Volume = 500 ft <sup>3</sup> stone + (833 - 200) = 1,133 cu. ft. Depth = 1 ft. stone + (833 - 200) / 500 ft <sup>2</sup> = 1 ft. + 1.3 ft = 2.3 ft. Facility #2 has ½ ft. of stone: 300 ft <sup>2</sup> x ½ ft. stone x 0.4 = 60 ft <sup>3</sup> in stone portion; Volume = 150 ft <sup>3</sup> stone + (500 - 60) = 590 cu. ft. Depth = ½ ft. stone + (500 - 60) / 300 sq. ft. = ½ ft. + 1.3 ft. = 1.8 ft.			
<b>**If a grass spillway is used: Capacity (cfs) = 2.5 x Length x Freeboard<sup>1.5</sup></b> <b>**If an orifice structure is used: Capacity (cfs) = 0.6 x Orifice Area x (2 x 32.2 x Flow Depth Above Orifice)<sup>0.5</sup></b> <b>Capacity Calculations:</b> Facility #1 spillway: Capacity = 2.5 x (20 ft.) x (1 ft.) <sup>1.5</sup> = 50 cfs Facility #2 orifice outlet: Use 1 ft. high by 2 ft. wide orifice; Capacity = 0.6 x (2 ft <sup>2</sup> ) x (2 x 32.2 x 1) <sup>0.5</sup> = 77 cfs			



## Project Sketch

**Note:** The applicant must construct all structures and discharge points as depicted on this sketch. Any deviation from this sketch without prior approval from Black Creek Township may be considered a violation of the Black Creek Township Stormwater Management Ordinance and may subject the applicant to the penalties of the Ordinance and/or the revocation of the Stormwater Management Permit.



## **APPENDIX E – LEVEL 2 APPLICATION (OPTION #2)**

### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOR SMALL PROJECTS**

**Applicability (Level #2 Application):** Stormwater management procedures for projects between 1,000 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft. of proposed impervious area or total earth disturbance between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft. for which site conditions prevent the use of Ordinance Appendix C.1 - Disconnected Impervious Area (DIA) as a BMP.

#### **Notes:**

1. This small projects document is not to be used to plan for multiple lots without obtaining prior written approval from Black Creek Township. Approvals and actions associated with this document do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to secure required permits or approvals for activities regulated by any other code, law or ordinance.
2. Due to the fact that the procedure outlined in Appendix C.1 – Disconnected Impervious Area (DIA) is much less burdensome than the procedure contained here in Appendix E Black Creek Township strongly recommends that an applicant make all possible attempts to comply with Appendix C.1 prior to completing the procedure outlined here in Appendix E.
3. Prior to the approval of any infiltration BMP associated with this Appendix E the applicant must demonstrate the suitability of the existing soil in the area of the proposed BMP. It is desirable to maintain a 2-foot clearance above the seasonally high water table and depth to bedrock.

## **E.1 Introduction**

These methods have been developed to allow homeowners to comply with stormwater management criteria for new projects to meet the requirements of the Act 167 Stormwater Management Ordinance of Black Creek Township including sizing, designing, locating, and installing on-lot measures, referred to herein as “Best Management Practices” (BMPs). Pennsylvania Act 167 was authorized on October 4, 1978 (32 P.S., P.L. 864) and gave Pennsylvania municipalities the power to regulate activities that affect stormwater runoff and surface and groundwater quantity and quality.

Individual home construction projects on single-family lots which result in 1,000 sq. ft. to 5,000 sq. ft. of proposed impervious area (including the building footprint, driveway, sidewalks, and parking areas) are not required to submit formal stormwater management (SWM) site plans to Black Creek Township or County; however, they must address water quality and infiltration goals, and submit the worksheet as outlined in this small projects document. If the guidelines presented in this brochure are followed, the individual homeowner will not require professional services to comply with these water quality and infiltration goals.

Section E.2 presents options of BMPs that can be considered for on-lot stormwater management. Section E.3 describes requirements and outlines the method for designing a suitable BMP, and a description of what needs to be included on the simple sketch plan, and the Small Projects Worksheet in Table E.4. Section E.4 contains an example of how to obtain the size and dimensions of the BMPs, complete the site sketch, and prepare the Small Project Worksheet.

### **The stormwater management method for small projects requires:**

- The first 1” of rainfall runoff from proposed impervious surfaces to be captured (see definition of captured in Article II of the Ordinance).

The purpose of this small projects document is to help reduce stormwater runoff in the community, to maintain groundwater recharge, to prevent degradation of surface and groundwater quality, and to otherwise protect water resources and public safety.

### **What needs to be sent to Black Creek Township?**

Stormwater computations and a sketch plan must be submitted to Black Creek Township. The small projects worksheet found in Table E.4 and a simple sketch plan containing the features described in Step 5 of Section E.3 is provided as an example, or may be used for submission to Black Creek Township, and if applicable, the contractor prior to construction.

## E.2 Description of BMPs

The following is a description of several types of BMPs that could be implemented. Refer to Chapter 6 of the PA BMP Manual which can be found on the PA Department of Environmental Protection's website for specifications and steps for construction for the following BMPs. A list of routine maintenance for each of the BMPs described below is also included at the end of this section.

### Rain Barrels/Cisterns

- Rain barrels and cisterns are large containers that collect drainage from roof leaders and temporarily store water to be released to lawns, gardens, and other landscaped areas; rain barrels are typically less than 50 gallons in size, and cisterns typically have volumes of up to 1,000 gallons or more, and can be placed on the surface or underground.

**Figure E.1. Rain Barrels.**



Source (left): <http://www.rfcity.org/Eng/Stormwater/YourProperty/YourProperty.htm>

Source (right): <http://www.floridata.com/tracks/transplantedgardener/Rainbarrels.cfm>

**Figure E.2. Cisterns.**

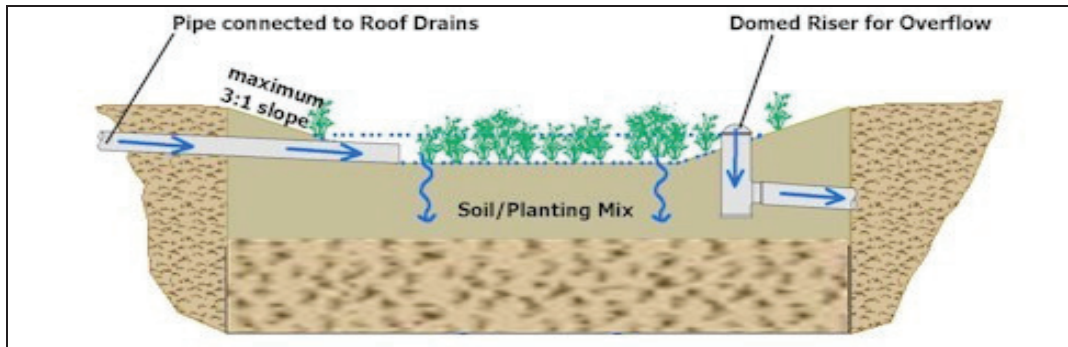


Source: Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual.

## Rain Garden/Bioretention Area

- A rain garden/bioretention area is an excavated depression area on the surface of the land in which native vegetation is planted to filter and use stormwater runoff; depths of 1.0 foot or less are recommended. Planting species should be native to Pennsylvania.

**Figure E.3. Typical Rain Garden/Bioretention Area.**



Source: Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual.

**Table E.1. Sample Plant List for Use in a Rain Garden/Bioretention Area.**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Plant Type
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Tree
Grey Birch	<i>Betula populifolia</i>	Tree
Shadbush Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Tree
Eastern Cotton-wood	<i>Populus grandidentata</i>	Tree
Virginia Sweetspire	<i>Itea virginica</i>	Shrub
Red-Twig Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea (stolonifera) 'Arctic Fire'</i>	Shrub
Southern Arrow-wood	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Shrub
Black Choke Berry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Shrub
Great Blue Lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Perennial
Dwarf Pink false aster	<i>Boltonia asteroides 'Nana'</i>	Perennial
White false aster	<i>Boltonia asteroides 'Snowbank'</i>	Perennial
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Grass

Source: Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual.

## Dry Wells

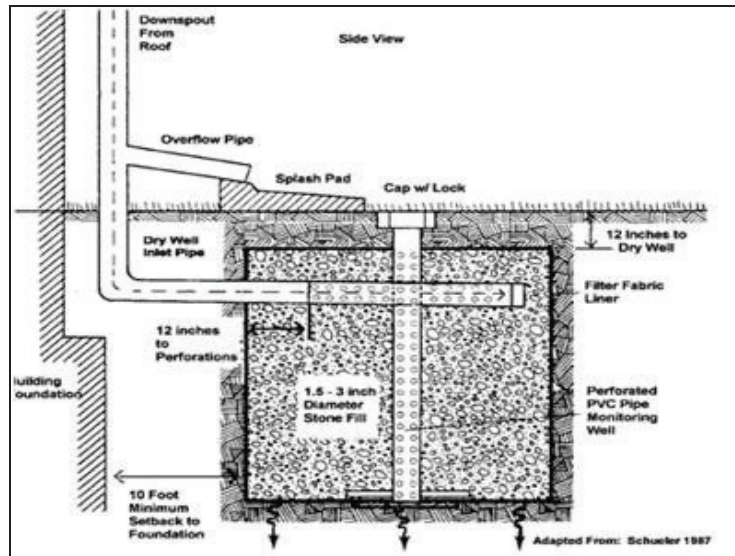
- A dry well, also referred to as a seepage pit is a subsurface storage facility that temporarily stores and infiltrates runoff from the roofs of buildings or other impervious surfaces; recommended depth of dry well is between 1.0 and 4.0 feet.
- Dry Well #1 – structural prefabricated chamber; no stone fill.
- Dry Well #2 – excavated pit filled with stone fill.

**Figure E.4. Dry Well #1 – Structural Prefabricated Chamber.**



Source: <http://www.copelandconcreteinc.net/1800652.html>

**Figure E.5. Dry Well #2 – Excavated Pit Filled with Stone Fill.**

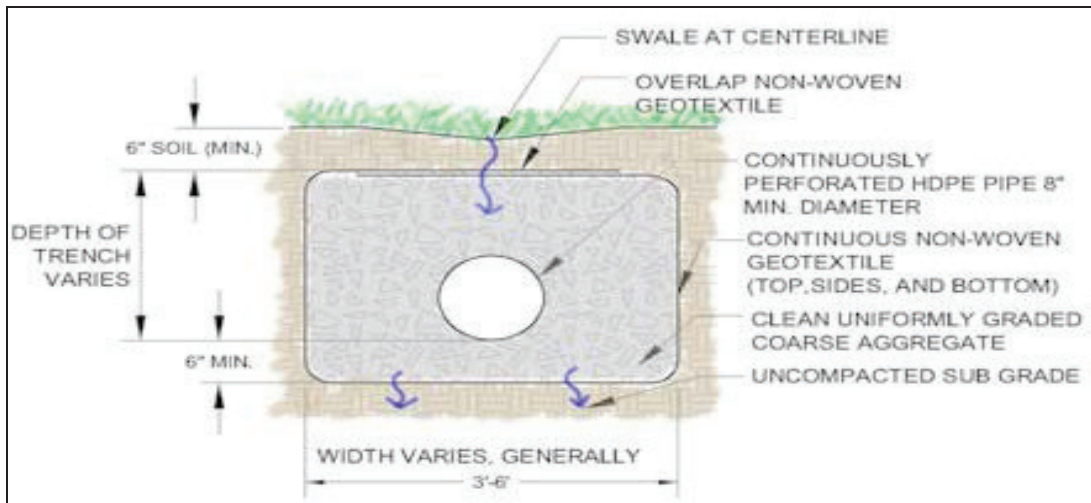


Source: <http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/pages/BMPsForMarinas.htm>

## Infiltration Trench

- An infiltration trench is a long, narrow, rock-filled trench with or without a perforated pipe that receives stormwater runoff and has no outlet.
- Runoff is stored in the void space between the stones and in the pipe and infiltrates through the bottom and into the underlying soil matrix.
- The width is limited to between 3 and 8 feet, and the depth ranges from 2 to 5 feet.

**Figure E.6. Infiltration Trench.**



Source: Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual.



## **Routine Maintenance for BMPs**

- Vegetation along the surface of an infiltration trench should be maintained in good condition, and any bare spots should be revegetated as soon as possible.
- Vehicles shouldn't be parked or driven on an infiltration trench, and care should be taken to avoid excessive compaction by mowers.
- Any debris such as leaves blocking flow from reaching an infiltration trench or bioretention/rain garden should be routinely removed.
- While vegetation is being established, pruning and weeding may be required for a bioretention/rain garden.
- Mulch in a bioretention/rain garden needs to be re-spread when erosion is evident. Once every two to three years or after major storms the entire area may require mulch replacement.
- At least twice a year the landowner needs to inspect the bioretention/rain garden for sediment buildup and vegetative conditions.
- During periods of extended drought, the bioretention/rain garden requires watering.
- Trees and shrubs in a bioretention/rain garden need to be inspected at least twice per year by the landowner to evaluate their health. If they are in poor health, they need to be replaced.
- Dry wells need to be inspected by the landowner at least four times a year and after significant rainfalls, and debris/trash, sediment, and any other waste material need to be removed and disposed of at suitable disposal/recycling sites and in compliance with local, state, and federal waste regulations.
- For dry wells, gutters need to be regularly cleaned out, and proper connections must be maintained to facilitate the effectiveness of the dry well.
- The filter screen for the dry well that intercepts roof runoff must be replaced as necessary.
- Dry wells that are damaged need to be fixed or replaced immediately.
- If an intermediate sump box exists in conjunction with a dry well, it must be cleaned out at least once per year.
- Rain barrels and cisterns need to be cleared of debris routinely at least every three months and after significant storms to allow stormwater from gutters to enter them.
- Gutters that directly convey rain water to dry wells, rain barrels, and cisterns need to be routinely cleared of trash and debris at least every three months and after significant storms.
- Rain barrels and cisterns must be kept covered.
- Rain barrels and cisterns should be routinely emptied so that they are only ¼ of the way full to allow for storage of additional rainwater.
- Overflow outlets from rain barrels and cisterns must be kept free and clear of debris.
- Rain barrels and cisterns that are damaged need to be fixed or replaced immediately.



### **E.3. Determination of BMPs and Volume Requirements**

All proposed impervious areas must be included in the determination of the amount of new impervious areas and the size of proposed BMPs needed to control stormwater.

Proposed impervious areas on an individual residential lot include:

- Roof area
- Pavement
- Sidewalks
- Driveways
- Patios
- Porches
- Permanent pools
- Parking areas

Sidewalks, driveways, or patios that are constructed with gravel or pervious pavers that will not be converted to an impervious surface in the future need not be included in this calculation. Therefore, the amount of proposed impervious area can be reduced for proposed driveways, patios, and sidewalks through the use of gravel, pervious pavement, and turf pavers. All proposed impervious areas must be constructed so that runoff is conveyed to a BMP; no runoff can be directed to storm sewers, inlets, or other impervious areas (i.e., street).

All new construction should incorporate design techniques that include: minimizing the amount of land disturbance, reducing impervious cover, disconnecting gutters and directing runoff to vegetated areas to infiltrate, and redirecting the flow of runoff from impervious driveways to vegetated areas instead of to the street or gutter.

Below are the steps that must be undertaken to meet the Ordinance requirements. The results obtained for each step must be included in the Small Projects Worksheet found in Table E-4:

**STEP 1** – Determine the total area of all proposed impervious surfaces (square feet) that will need to drain to one or more BMPs.

**STEP 2** – Determine locations where BMPs need to be placed, and the contributing impervious area “***I***” (square feet) to each.

**STEP 3** – Select the BMPs to be used and determine the requirements of each from Section E.3.

**STEP 4** – Obtain the required storage volume “***V***” (cubic feet) and surface area “***A***” (square feet) needed for each of the proposed BMPs from the appropriate heading below.

Note: all calculations are based on 1 inch of rainfall.

#### **For Rain Barrels/Cisterns**

- The typical volume of a rain barrel is less than 50 gallons; if a greater volume is required, more than one rain barrel will be needed or a cistern may be used.
- For calculations, assume the rain barrel is already 25% full.
- Calculate volume in Cubic Feet:

$$V_{cf} = (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times I) / 0.75$$

- Convert to Gallons:

$$V_{gal} = V_{cf} \times 7.48$$

#### **For Rain Gardens/Bioretenention or Dry Well #1:**

- Rain gardens and bioretention areas are only used for depths less than or equal to 1.0 feet; a dry well #1 is used for depths between 1.0 and 4.0 feet.
- Select the depth “***D***” (feet) for the facility.
- For calculations, assume the facility is empty (0% full).
- Calculate volume in Cubic Feet:

$$V_{cf} = (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times I)$$

- Calculate surface area of the facility in Square Feet:

$$A_{sf} = V_{cf} / D$$

### For Dry Well #2 or Infiltration Trench:

- A dry well #2 is used for depths between 1.5 feet and 4.0 feet; an infiltration trench is used for depths between 2.0 and 5.0 feet.
- Select the depth “*D*” (feet) for the facility.
- For calculations, assume the void ratio of the stone is 40%.
- Calculate volume in Cubic Feet:

$$V_{cf} = (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times I) / 0.4$$

- Calculate surface area of the facility in Square Feet:

$$A_{sf} = V_{cf} / D$$

- Determine the dimensions of the facility based on “*A*” calculated.

### STEP 5 - Sketch a simple site plan that includes:

- Name and address of the owner of the property, and or name and address of the individual preparing the plan, along with the date of submission.
- Location of proposed structures, driveways, or other paved areas with approximate size in square feet.
- Location, orientation, and dimensions of all proposed BMPs. For all rain gardens/bioretention, infiltration trenches, and dry wells, the length, width, and depth must be included on the plan. For rain barrels or cisterns the volume must be included.
- Location of any existing or proposed on-site septic system and/or potable water wells showing rough proximity to infiltration facilities.
- Location of any existing waterbodies such as; streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, or other waters of the Commonwealth within 100 feet of the project site, and the distance to the project site and/or BMPs. It is recommended that the project or BMPs be located at least than fifty (50) feet away from a perennial or intermittent stream. If an existing buffer is legally prescribed (i.e., deed, covenant, easement, etc.), the existing buffer shall be maintained.
- Location of all existing structures including buildings, driveways, and roads within fifty (50) feet of the project site.

Fill in the small projects worksheet found in Table E.4, then submit the worksheet and the simple site sketch (or equivalent) to Black Creek Township.

**Table E.4. Small Projects Worksheet (Level 3 Application).**

Small Projects Worksheet					
<b>STEP 1</b>					
<b>Component #1 of Project</b>	<b>Impervious Area from Component #1</b>	<b>Component #2 of Project</b>	<b>Impervious Area from Component #2</b>	<b>Component #3 of Project</b>	<b>Impervious Area from Component #3</b>
	sq. ft.		sq. ft.		sq. ft.
<b>Total Impervious Area =</b>			sq. ft.		
<b>STEP 2</b>					
<b>BMP #1</b>		<b>BMP #2</b>		<b>BMP #3</b>	
<b>Captures:</b>		<b>Captures:</b>		<b>Captures:</b>	
<b>Impervious Area I<sub>1</sub>:</b>	sq. ft.	<b>Impervious Area I<sub>2</sub>:</b>	sq. ft.	<b>Impervious Area I<sub>3</sub>:</b>	sq. ft.
<b>STEP 3</b>					
<b>BMP #1</b>		<b>BMP #2</b>		<b>BMP #3</b>	
<b>Type:</b>		<b>Type:</b>		<b>Type:</b>	
<b>STEP 4</b>					
<b>BMP #1</b>		<b>BMP #2</b>		<b>BMP #3</b>	
<b>Volume:</b>		<b>Volume:</b>		<b>Volume:</b>	
<b>Dimensions:</b>		<b>Dimensions:</b>		<b>Dimensions:</b>	
Note: For additional BMPs, use additional sheets					

#### E.4. Example

Joe Homeowner wants to build an 800 sq. ft. two car garage, and a 700 sq. ft. impervious driveway. Site conditions in the urban setting prevent the use of Disconnected Impervious Area (DIA) as a BMP.

**STEP 1** – Determine the total area of all proposed impervious surfaces that will need to drain to one or more BMPs.

- Garage roof: 20 ft. x 40 ft. = 800 sq. ft.
- Driveway: 50 ft. x 14 ft. = 700 sq. ft.
- Total proposed impervious surface = 800 + 700 = **1,500 sq. ft.**

**STEP 2** – Determine locations where BMPs need to be placed, and the contributing impervious area “***I***” to each.

- Use BMP #1 to capture runoff from the garage (***I*<sub>1</sub>** = 800 sq. ft.)
- Use BMP #2 to capture runoff from the driveway (***I*<sub>2</sub>** = 700 sq. ft.).

**STEP 3** – Select the BMPs to be used and determine the requirements of each from Section E.3.

- BMP #1 – rain barrel/cistern
- BMP #2 – infiltration trench

**STEP 4** – Obtain the required storage volume “***V***” and surface area “***A***” needed for each of the proposed BMPs from the appropriate heading below.

##### For Rain Barrel/Cistern (BMP #1)

- Calculate volume in cubic feet:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{cf} &= (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times I_p) / 0.75 \\ &= (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times 800) / 0.75 \\ &= 88.89 \text{ cubic feet} \end{aligned}$$

- Convert to gallons:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{gal} &= V_{cf} \times 7.48 \\ &= 88.89 \times 7.48 \\ &= 664.8 \text{ gallons} \rightarrow \text{round up to 665 gallons} \end{aligned}$$

### For Infiltration Trench (BMP #2)

- Select depth “***D***” for the facility of **2 feet** (between 2.0 feet and 5.0 feet).
- Calculate volume in cubic feet:

$$\begin{aligned}V_{cf} &= (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times I_2) / 0.4 \\&= (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times 700) / 0.4 \\&= 145.8 \text{ cubic feet} \rightarrow \text{round up to 150 cubic feet}\end{aligned}$$

- Calculate surface area of the facility in square feet:

$$\begin{aligned}A_{sf} &= V_{cf} / D \\&= 150 / 2 \\&= 75 \text{ square feet}\end{aligned}$$

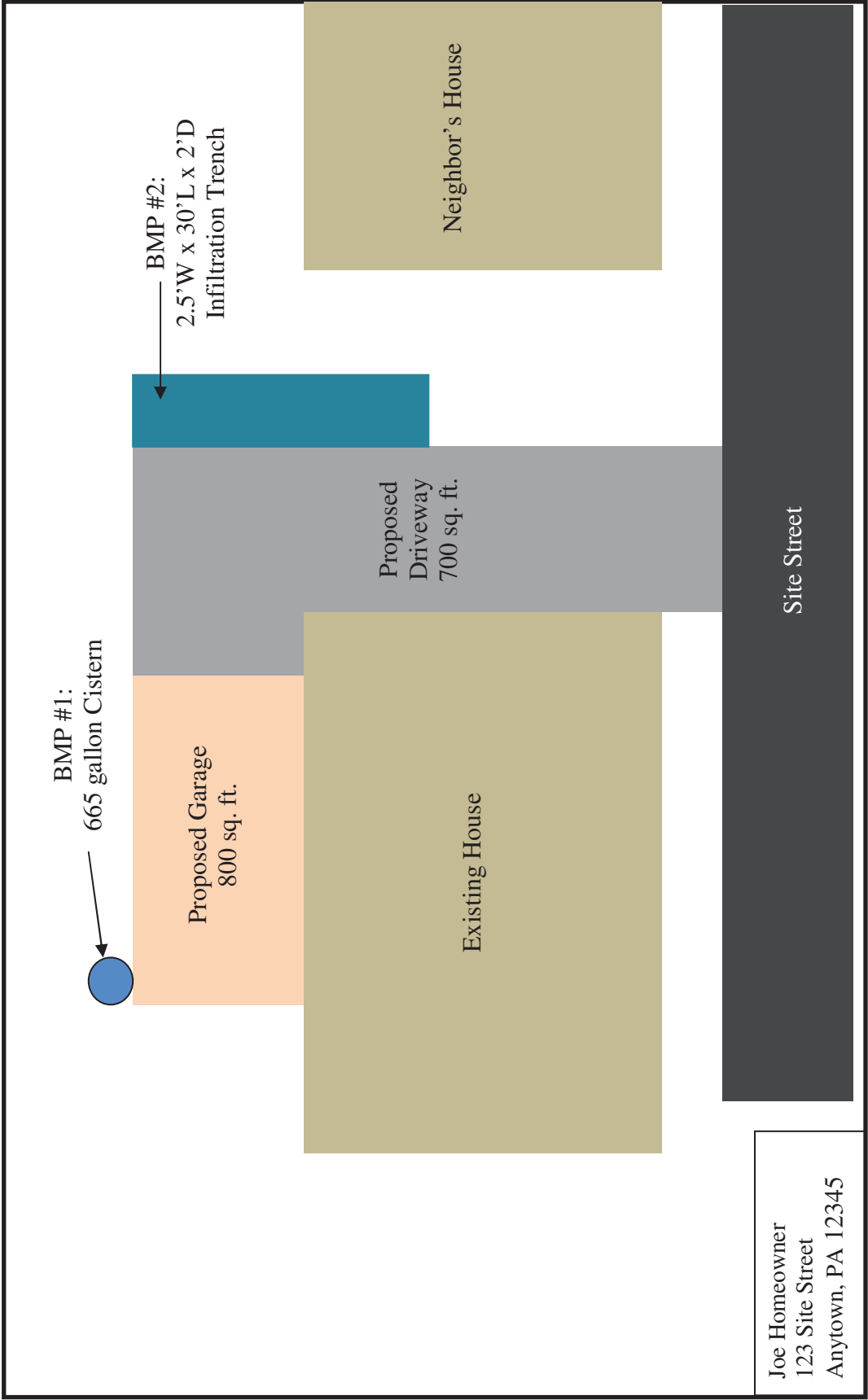
- The driveway is 50 feet long, so using the upper 30 feet of the driveway as the length of the infiltration trench, the width of the trench =

$$75 \text{ square feet} / 30 \text{ feet} = 2.5 \text{ feet}$$

- Use a **2.5 ft. wide x 30 ft. long x 2 ft. deep** infiltration trench.

**STEP 5** – Prepare a simple site sketch (Figure E.7) and complete Small Projects Worksheet (Table E.4) to send to Black Creek Township.

Figure E.7. Simple Site Sketch of Proposed Project and Proposed BMPs.



**Table E.4. Small Projects Worksheet.**

Small Projects Worksheet					
<b>STEP 1</b>					
<b>Component #1 of Project</b>	<b>Impervious Area from Component #1</b>	<b>Component #2 of Project</b>	<b>Impervious Area from Component #2</b>	<b>Component #3 of Project</b>	<b>Impervious Area from Component #3</b>
Garage Roof	800 sq. ft.	Driveway	700 sq. ft.	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Impervious Area =</b>			1,500 sq. ft.		
<b>STEP 2</b>					
<b>BMP #1</b>		<b>BMP #2</b>		<b>BMP #3</b>	
<b>Captures:</b>	Garage Roof	<b>Captures:</b>	Driveway	<b>Captures:</b>	N/A
<b>Impervious Area I<sub>1</sub>:</b>	800 sq. ft.	<b>Impervious Area I<sub>2</sub>:</b>	700 sq. ft.	<b>Impervious Area I<sub>3</sub>:</b>	N/A
<b>STEP 3</b>					
<b>BMP #1</b>		<b>BMP #2</b>		<b>BMP #3</b>	
<b>Type:</b>	Cistern	<b>Type:</b>	Infiltration Trench	<b>Type:</b>	N/A
<b>STEP 4</b>					
<b>BMP #1</b>		<b>BMP #2</b>		<b>BMP #3</b>	
<b>Volume:</b>	88.89 cu. ft.	<b>Volume:</b>	150 cubic feet	<b>Volume:</b>	N/A
<b>Dimensions:</b>	665 gallons	<b>Dimensions:</b>	2.5' W x 30'L x 2' D	<b>Dimensions:</b>	N/A
Note: For additional BMPs, use additional sheets					



**APPENDIX F.1**

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MAP**

## **APPENDIX F.2**

### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

**Updated by Resolution No. 17 of 2022 on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

1. **LEVEL 1: ADMINISTRATOR IS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

- a. PROCESSING: \$ 50.00
- b. APPLICATION & SKETCH REVIEW: \$ 100.00
- c. PRE-CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY INSPECTION: \$ 65.00
- d. POST-CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY INSPECTION: \$ 65.00

<b>TOTAL FEE DUE AT APPLICATION</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>
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2. **LEVEL 2: ADMINISTRATOR IS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

- a. INITIAL TOWNSHIP PROCESSING: \$ 100.00
- b. APPLICATION, COMPUTATIONS, WORKSHEET & SKETCH REVIEW (1 REVIEW & REPORT) \$ 400.00
- c. PRE-CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY INSPECTION: \$ 100.00
- d. DURING CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION – PRIOR: \$ 100.00

TO PAVING OF DRIVEWAY (1 INSPECTION)

- e. POST-CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY INSPECTION \$ 125.00  
(1 INSPECTION)

<b>TOTAL FEE DUE AT APPLICATION</b>	<b>\$ 825.00</b>
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3. **LEVEL 3: ADMINISTRATOR IS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

- a. INITIAL TOWNSHIP PROCESSING: \$ 100.00
- b. APPLICATION, COMPUTATIONS, WORKSHEET & SKETCH REVIEW (1 REVIEW & REPORT) \$ 650.00

- c. PRE-CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY INSPECTION: \$ 100.00
- d. DURING CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION: \$ 100.00
- e. POST-CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY INSPECTION (1 INSPECTION) \$ 125.00

<b>TOTAL FEE DUE AT APPLICATION</b>	<b>\$ 1,075.00</b>
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4. LEVEL 4: ADMINISTRATOR IS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

- a. TOWNSHIP PROCESSING: \$ 200.00
- b. O&M AGREEMENT REVIEW:
- (TOTAL FOR SOLICITOR & ENGINEER) \$ 600.00

c. SWM SITE PLAN & CALCULATION REVIEW

- i. FEE PER DISTURBED ACRE \$ 100.00
- ii. FEE PER EACH WATERSHED (ROUTING) \$ 300.00

<b>MINIMUM TOTAL FEE AT APPLICATION</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
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LEVEL 2 & 3 APPLICATION NOTES:

- IF ANY MEETINGS, ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS OR ADDITIONAL REVIEWS ARE REQUIRED TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE OR AT REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT THE APPLICANT WILL BE BILLED ON A TIME AND MATERIAL BASIS BY BLACK CREEK TOWNSHIP AT THE RATE OF \$125.00/HR (COVERS ENGINEER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP PROCESSING). NO OCCUPANCY PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES UNTIL ALL OUTSTANDING BLACK CREEK TOWNSHIP INVOICES ARE PAID IN FULL BY THE APPLICANT.

LEVEL 4 APPLICATION NOTES:

- REVIEW FEES FOR REVISED AGREEMENTS, PLANS AND CALCULATIONS WILL BE BILLED TO APPLICANT BY THE TOWNSHIP ON A TIME AND MATERIAL BASIS AT THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS / SOLICITORS CURRENT BILLING RATE.
- INSPECTION FEES WILL BE BILLED TO THE APPLICANT BY THE TOWNSHIP ON A TIME AND MATERIAL BASIS AT THE TOWNSHIP

ENGINEERS CURRENT BILLING RATE. CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS WILL BE PERFORMED DURING ALL CRITICAL TIMES OF CONSTRUCTION AS DEFINED IN THE ORDINANCE.

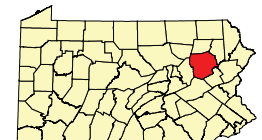
- ABOVE FEES DO NOT INCLUDE THE FEE REQUIRED FOR THE POST CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION FUND. THIS FEE WILL BE DETERMINED ON A PROJECT BY PROJECT BASIS AND IS REQUIRED TO BE PAID PRIOR TO FINAL SWM SITE PLAN APPROVAL.
- IN DETERMINING THE FEE REQUIRED PER DISTURBED ACRE APPLICANT MUST ROUND UP. (I.E. FEE FOR A PROJECT WITH 1.1 ACRES OF DISTURBANCE IS \$200.00)

**LUZERNE COUNTY ACT 167  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PHASE II STUDY**

**NESCOPECK CREEK WATERSHED  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS MAP**

**Legend**

Watershed Boundary	Roads
	Interstates
	U.S. Highways
	PA State Routes
	Other Roads
	Local Roads



**LOCATION MAP**

Prepared For:  
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200 North River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711



**NOTES:**  
Portions of this map were generated from the existing data sources noted below. Certain elements of the base map such as municipal boundaries, railroad locations, stream alignments and road networks are provided primarily for reference purposes only and were not directly used for hydrologic computations. In the development of the mapping Borton-Lawson has noted some inconsistencies in the data used for the map. Where obvious inconsistencies in the geographic data were observed the data was adjusted, as needed, to prepare a reasonably accurate map. Although the geographic data was adjusted to compensate for these inconsistencies it is not part of the work plan for this project to correct mapping inconsistencies. Therefore, some geographic inconsistencies may remain on the map.

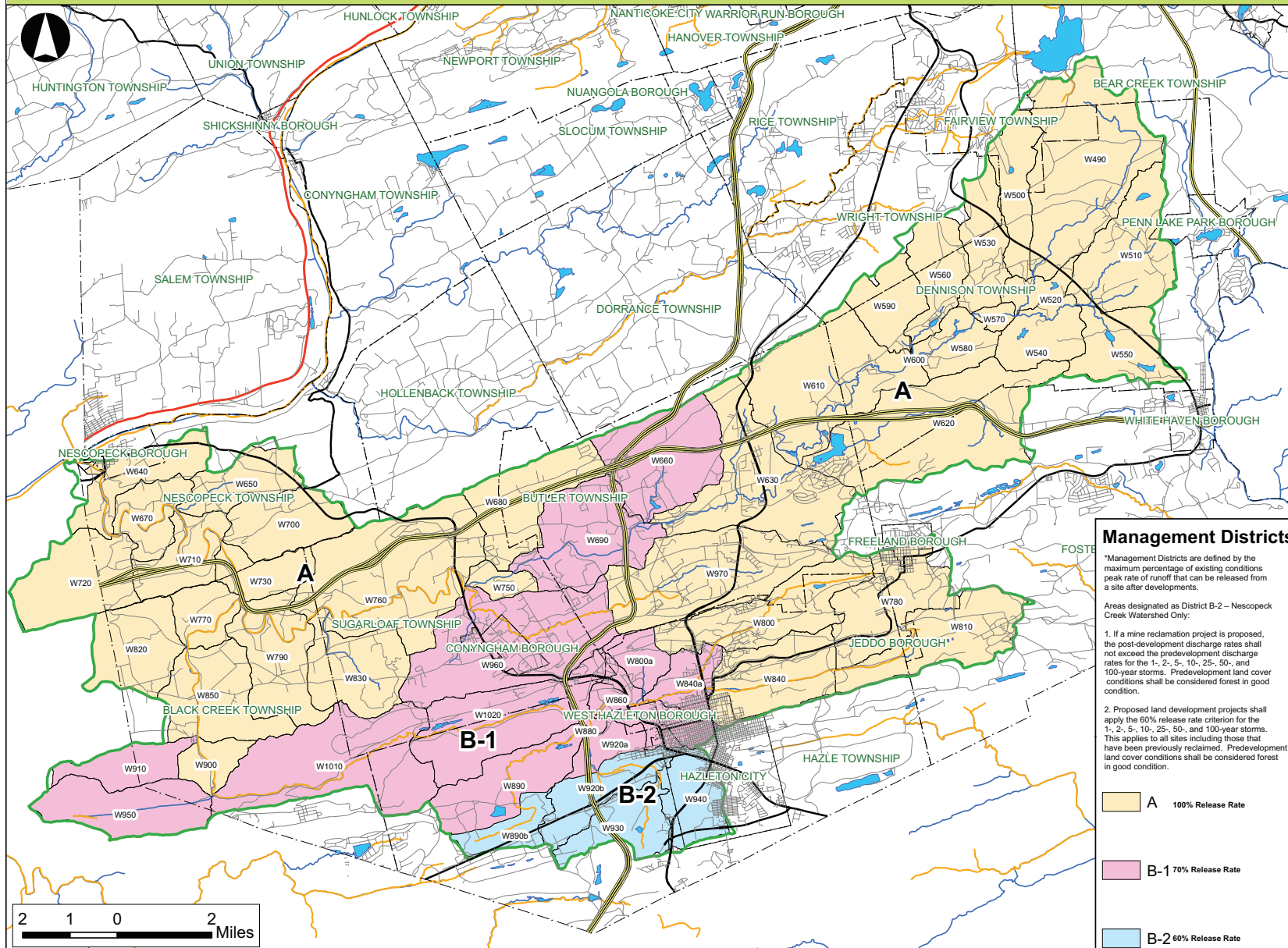
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Roads - PennDOT  
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Municipalities - PennDOT  
Streams - PADEP  
Water Bodies - USFWS (Derived from NWI Wetlands)



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**Management Districts**

\*Management Districts are defined by the maximum percentage of existing conditions peak rate of runoff that can be released from a site after developments.

Areas designated as District B-2 - Nescopeck Creek Watershed Only:

1. If a mine reclamation project is proposed, the post-development discharge rates shall not exceed the predevelopment discharge rates for the 1-, 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, and 100-year storms. Predevelopment land cover conditions shall be considered forest in good condition.
2. Proposed land development projects shall apply the 60% release rate criterion for the 1-, 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, and 100-year storms. This applies to all sites including those that have been previously reclaimed. Predevelopment land cover conditions shall be considered forest in good condition.

A 100% Release Rate

B-1 70% Release Rate

B-2 60% Release Rate