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TOWNSHIP OF STRASBURG

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE LANCASTER COUNTY ACT 167 STORM
WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN BY IMPOSING COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS
GOVERNING STORM WATER MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the
Township of Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 101 TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the Strasburg Township Storm Water Management Ordinance.

SECTION 102 STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Strasburg find that:

1. Inadequate management of accelerated storm water runoff resulting from development throughout a watershed increases flood flows and velocities, contributes to erosion and sedimentation, overtaxes the carrying capacity of existing streams and storm sewers, greatly increases the cost of public facilities to convey and manage storm water, undermines floodplain management and flood reduction efforts in upstream and downstream communities, reduces groundwater recharge, and threatens public health and safety.
2. A comprehensive program of storm water management, including reasonable regulation of development and activities causing accelerated erosion, is fundamental to the public health, safety, welfare, and the protection of the people of the Township and all the people of the Commonwealth, their resources, and the environment.
3. Storm water 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.
4. Federal and state regulations require certain municipalities to implement a program of storm water controls. These municipalities are required to obtain a permit for storm water discharges from their separate storm sewer systems under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).
5. Public education on the control of pollution from storm water is an essential component in successfully addressing storm water issues.

6. Non-storm water discharges to municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) can contribute to pollution of Waters of this Commonwealth.
7. Inadequate maintenance of storm water best management practices (BMPs) causes loss of water quality, flooding, and other problems.
8. A program of reasonable regulation of connections and discharges to municipal storm water management facilities will be beneficial.

SECTION 103 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote health, safety, and welfare within Strasburg Township by minimizing the damages described in Section 102 of this Ordinance through provisions designed to:

1. Meet legal water quality requirements under state law, including regulations in Chapter 93 to protect, maintain, reclaim, and restore the existing and designated uses of the Waters of this Commonwealth.
2. Manage accelerated runoff and erosion and sedimentation problems at their source by regulating activities that cause these problems.
3. Utilize and preserve the existing natural drainage systems.
4. Maintain recharge of groundwater to prevent degradation of surface and groundwater quality and to otherwise protect water resources.
5. Maintain existing flows and quality of streams and watercourses in the Township and the Commonwealth.
6. Preserve and restore the flood-carrying capacity of streams.
7. Provide proper operations and maintenance of all temporary and permanent storm water management facilities and Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are constructed and implemented.
8. Ensure consistency and compliance with the recommendations for quantity and quality controls that are found in "Blueprints: An Integrated Water Resources Plan for Lancaster County", including the "Countywide Act 167 Plan" as approved by PADEP.
9. Prevent scour and erosion of stream banks and streambeds and prevent scour, aggradation, degradation, and erosion of stream banks and streambeds.
10. Provide procedures, performance standards, and design criteria for storm water planning and management.
11. Implement an "illegal discharge detection and elimination program" within MS4 permitted urbanized areas to address non-storm water discharges into a municipal separate storm sewer system.

12. Promote storm water runoff prevention through the use of nonstructural BMPs.
13. Provide a regulatory environment that supports the proportion, density and intensity of development called for in the comprehensive plan; allow for creative methods of improving water quality and managing storm water runoff; and promote a regional approach to water resource management.
14. Help preserve and protect exceptional natural resources, and conserve and restore natural resource systems.
15. Promote storm water management practices that emphasize infiltration, evaporation, and transpiration.
16. Provide standards to meet NPDES permit requirements.

SECTION 104 STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Strasburg enacts this Ordinance pursuant to the Pennsylvania Storm Water Management Act, Act No. 167 of October 4, 1978, (P.L. 864) (Act 167), Section 680.1, et. seq., as amended, the Second Class Township Code, Act of May 1, 1933 (P.L. 103, No. 69), as reenacted and amended by the November 9, 1995 (P.L. 350, No. 60), as amended, and the Pennsylvania Flood Plain Management Act, Act No. 166 of October 4, 1978 (P.L. 851), and 35 P.S. Section 691.1 et seq., The Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law.

SECTION 105 APPLICABILITY

With the exception of activities exempted under Section 401, the provisions, regulations, limitations, and restrictions of this Ordinance shall apply to Regulated Activities as defined in this Ordinance, including;

1. Installation and proper operation and maintenance of storm water management facilities and appurtenances thereto.
2. All activities that may contribute non-storm water discharges to the Township's regulated small MS4.
3. Discharges from Regulated Earth Disturbance Activities.
4. The following additional activities:
 - A. All subdivisions or land developments.
 - B. Major or minor land disturbances.
 - C. Construction of new or additional impervious surfaces (driveways, parking lots, etc.).
 - D. Construction of new buildings or additions to existing buildings.

- E. Diversion or piping of any natural or man-made stream channel.
- F. Installation or modification of storm water management facilities or BMPs or appurtenances thereto.
- G. Any other activities where the Township determines that said activities may affect any existing storm water management facilities or storm water drainage patterns.

SECTION 106 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

For any of the activities regulated by this Ordinance, the final approval of subdivision and/or land development plans, the issuance of any zoning permit authorizing earth disturbance or additional impervious area, or the commencement of any land disturbance activity may not proceed until the Landowner or Developer or his/her agent has received written approval of a Storm Water Management Site Plan from the Township or its designee and has received approval from the Lancaster County Conservation District of a written Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan as specified in Chapter 102 (where applicable).

SECTION 107 REPEALS AND CONTINUATION OF PRIOR REGULATIONS

1. Except as otherwise required by law, this Ordinance is intended as a continuation of, and not a repeal of, existing regulations governing the subject matter. To the extent that this Ordinance restates regulations contained in ordinances previously enacted by the Board of Supervisors, this Ordinance shall be considered a restatement and not a repeal of such regulations. It is the specific intent of the Board of Supervisors that all provisions of this Ordinance shall be considered in full force and effect as of the date such regulations were initially enacted. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. It is expressly provided that the provisions of this Ordinance shall not affect any act done, contract executed or liability incurred prior to its effective date, or affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any rights, rule, regulation or ordinance, or part thereof, or to punish any violation which occurred under any prior storm water regulation or ordinance. In the event any violation has occurred under any prior storm water regulation or ordinance of the Township, prosecution may be initiated against the alleged offender pursuant to the provisions of said prior storm water regulation or ordinance, and the provisions and penalties provided in said prior storm water regulation or ordinance shall remain effective as to said violation.
2. Any Storm Water Management Site Plan pending at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance shall be allowed to proceed with revisions, finalization and implementation in accordance with any Ordinance in effect prior hereto.

SECTION 108 SEVERABILITY

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

SECTION 109 ABROGATION AND GREATER RESTRICTIONS

It is not intended by this Ordinance to repeal, abrogate, annul, or interfere with any existing ordinances or enactment, or with any rule, regulation, or permit adopted or issued thereunder, except insofar as the same may be inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, provided that where this Ordinance imposes greater restrictions upon the use of land, or prescribed larger open spaces than are required by the provisions of other such ordinance, enactment, rule, regulation or permit, then the provisions of this Ordinance shall control. Furthermore, if a discrepancy exists between any regulations contained within this Ordinance, that regulation which imposes the greater restriction shall apply.

SECTION 110 MUNICIPAL LIABILITY

Except as specifically provided by the Pennsylvania Storm Water Management Act, the making of any administrative decision by the Township or any of its officials or employees shall not constitute a representation, guarantee or warranty of any kind by the Township of the practicability or safety of any proposed structure or use with respect to damage from erosion, sedimentation, storm water runoff, flood, or any other matter, and shall create no liability upon or give rise to any cause of action against the Township and its officials and employees of the Township, by enacting and amending this Ordinance, does not waive or limit any immunity granted to the Township and its officials and employees by the Governmental Immunity Act, 42 Pa. C.S. §8541 et seq., and does not assume any liabilities or obligations.

SECTION 111 ERRONEOUS PERMIT

Any permit or authorization issued or approved based on false, misleading or erroneous information provided by an Applicant is void without the necessity of any proceedings for revocation. Any work undertaken or use established pursuant to such permit or other authorization is unlawful. No action may be taken by a board, agency or employee of the Township purporting to validate such a violation.

SECTION 112 DUTY OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND

Notwithstanding any provision(s) of this Ordinance, including exemptions, any Landowner or any person engaged in the alteration or development of land which may affect storm water runoff characteristics shall implement such measures as are reasonably necessary to prevent injury to health, safety, or other property. Such measures also shall include actions as are required to manage the rate, volume, direction, and quality of resulting storm water runoff in a manner which otherwise adequately protects health, property, and water quality.

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

SECTION 201 DEFINITION OF TERMS

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

1. 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 those of feminine gender and vice-versa.
2. 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.
3. The word “person” includes an individual, firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, corporation, or any other similar entity.
4. The words “shall” and “must” are mandatory; the words “may” and “should” are permissive.
5. The words “used or occupied” include the words “intended”, “designed”, “maintained”, or “arranged to be used or occupied.”
6. Any words not defined within this Chapter or in the Strasburg Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, Strasburg Township Zoning Ordinance, or Section 107 of the MPC shall be construed as defined in standard dictionary definitions.
7. References to officially adopted regulations, standards, or publications of PADEP or other governmental agencies shall include the regulation, publication, or standard in effect on the date that a Storm Water Management Site Plan is first filed. It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors in enacting this Section to incorporate such changes to statutes, regulations, and publications to the extent authorized by 1 Pa. C.S. §1937.

SECTION 202 DEFINITIONS

Specific Terms or words used herein, unless otherwise expressly stated, shall have the following meanings:

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

Access Easement – A right granted by a Landowner to a grantee, allowing entry for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining and repairing Storm Water Management Facilities.

Act 167 Plan - A plan prepared under the authority of the Storm Water Management Act.

Agricultural Activities - The work of producing crops and raising livestock including tillage, plowing, disking, harrowing, pasturing and installation of conservation measures. Construction of new buildings or impervious areas is not considered an agricultural activity.

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

Animal Heavy Use Areas – A barnyard, feedlot, loading area, exercise lot, or other similar area on an agricultural operation where due to the concentration of animals, it is not possible to establish and maintain vegetative cover of a density capable of minimizing accelerated erosion and sedimentation by usual planting methods. The term does not include entrances, pathways and walkways between areas where animals are housed or kept in concentration.

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

BMPs (Best Management Practices) - Activities, facilities, designs, measures or procedures used to manage storm water impacts from Regulated Activities, to meet State Water Quality Requirements, to promote groundwater recharge and to otherwise meet the purposes of this Ordinance. Storm water BMPs are commonly grouped into one (1) of two (2) broad categories or measures: "non-structural" or "structural". "Non-structural" BMPs are measures referred to as operational and/or behavior-related practices that attempt to minimize storm water runoff generation resulting from an alteration of the land surface or the contact of pollutants with storm water runoff, whereas "structural" BMPs are measures that consist of a physical device or practice that is installed to capture and treat storm water runoff. "Structural" BMPs include, but are not limited to, a wide variety of practices and devices, from large-scale wet 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" storm water BMPs are permanent appurtenances to the project site.

BMP Manual – The Pennsylvania Storm Water Best Management Practices Manual as published by PADEP.

Board of Supervisors – The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors.

Building – Any enclosed or open structure, other than a boundary wall or fence, occupying more than four (4) square feet of area and/or having a roof supported by columns, piers, or walls.

Carbonate Geology - Limestone or dolomite bedrock. Carbonate geology is often associated with karst topography.

Chapter 102 - Chapter 102 of the regulations of PADEP, 25 Pa. Code Sect. 102.1 et seq (Erosion and Sediment Control).

Chapter 105 - Chapter 105 of the regulations of PADEP, 25 Pa. Code Sect. 105.1 et seq (Dam Safety and Waterway Management).

Chapter 106 - Chapter 106 of the regulations of PADEP, 25 Pa. Code Sect. 106.1 et seq (Floodplain Management).

Cistern - A reservoir or tank for storing rainwater.

Conservation Plan - A plan written by a National Resources Conservation Service certified planner that identifies Conservation Practices and includes site specific BMPs for agricultural plowing or tilling activities and Animal Heavy Use Areas.

Conservation District - The Lancaster County Conservation District or any agency successor thereto.

Conveyance - The ability of a pipe, culvert, swale or similar facility to carry the peak flow from the design storm.

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

Dam - An artificial barrier, together with its appurtenant works, constructed for the purpose of impounding or storing water or another fluid or semifluid, or a refuse bank, fill or structure for highway, railroad or other purposes which does or may impound water or another fluid or semifluid. The dam falls under the requirements of Chapter 105, Dam Safety and Waterway Management, if any of the following is true;

- A. The contributory drainage area exceeds 100 acres.
- B. The greatest depth of water measured by upstream toe of the dam at maximum storage elevation exceeds 15 feet.
- C. The impounding capacity at maximum storage elevation exceeds 50 acre-feet.

DEP also PA DEP or PADEP – The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection or any agency successor to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

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 storm water management systems.

Designee - The agent of the Township involved with the administration, review or enforcement of any provisions of this Ordinance.

Detention Basin - An impoundment structure designed to manage storm water runoff by temporarily storing the runoff and releasing it at a predetermined rate.

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

Developer - A person, partnership, association, corporation, or other entity, or any responsible person therein or agent thereof, that undertakes any Regulated Activity of this Ordinance.

Development Site - The specific area of land for which a Regulated Activity is proposed, planned, conducted or maintained.

Disappearing Stream - A stream in an area underlain by limestone or dolomite which flows underground for a portion of its length.

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

Drainage Easement - A right granted by a Landowner to a grantee, allowing the use of private land for storm water management, drainage, or conveyance purposes.

Earth Disturbance Activity - A construction or other human activity which disturbs the surface of the land, including, but not limited to: clearing and grubbing; grading; excavations; embankments; land development; agricultural plowing or tilling; operation of animal heavy use areas; timber harvesting activities; road maintenance activities; oil and gas activities; well drilling; mineral extraction; building construction; and the moving, depositing, stockpiling, or storing of soil, rock, or earth materials.

Environmentally Sensitive Area - slopes greater than 15 percent, shallow bedrock (located within six feet of ground surface), wetlands, Natural Heritage Areas and other areas designated as Conservation or Preservation areas in *Greenscapes*, the Green Infrastructure Element of the County Comprehensive Plan, where encroachment by land development or land disturbance results in degradation of the natural resource.

Ephemeral Stream - A transient stream, one that flows for a relatively short time.

Erosion - The movement of soil particles by the action of water, wind, ice, or other natural forces.

Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan - A plan which is designed to minimize accelerated erosion and sedimentation.

Existing Conditions - The initial condition of a project site prior to the proposed regulated activity. If the initial condition of the site is not forested or undeveloped land, the land use shall be considered as "meadow" unless the natural land cover is documented to generate lower Curve Numbers or Rational "C" Coefficients, such as forested lands.

Facility Depth – For above ground detention/retention/BMP facilities, the facility depth is defined to be the depth between the bottom invert of the lowest orifice and the invert of the spillway. If there is no spillway, the top of the berm shall be used. For basins with no orifices or outlet structure, the bottom elevation of the basin shall be used.

FEMA - The Federal Emergency Management Agency or any agency successor thereto.

Flood - A general but temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from the overflow of streams, rivers, and other Waters of this Commonwealth.

Flood Fringe – That portion of the floodplain outside of the floodway.

Floodplain – See definition in the Strasburg Township Zoning Ordinance.

Flood Plain Management Act - Act of October 4, 1978, P.L. 851, No. 166, as amended 32 P.S. Section 679.101 et seq., and as may be amended in the future.

Floodway - See definition in the Strasburg Township Zoning Ordinance.

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

Freeboard - A vertical distance between the one hundred (100)-year design elevation of the water surface at the emergency spillway, in a condition that assumes the primary outlet(s) are blocked, and the top of a dam, levee, tank, basin, berm, or diversion ridge.

Frequency - The probability or chance that a given storm event/flood will be equaled or exceeded in a given year.

Grade - A slope, usually of a road, channel or natural ground specified in percent and shown on plans as specified herein.

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

Groundwater Recharge - Replenishment of existing natural underground water supplies.

High Tunnel- A structure which meets the following:

- (1) Is used for the production, processing, keeping, storing, sale or shelter of an agricultural commodity as defined in Section 2 of the Act of December 19, 1974 (P.L. 973, No.319) known as the "Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1976", or for the storage of agricultural equipment or supplies.
- (2) Is constructed consistent with all of the following:
 - a. Has a metal, wood or plastic frame.
 - b. When covered, has a plastic, woven textile or other flexible covering.
 - c. Has a floor made of soil, crushed stone, matting, pavers or a floating concrete slab.

Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG) – The classification of soils according to their runoff-producing characteristics by NRCS. Soils are classified into four (4) 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.

Impervious Surface - A surface that prevents the infiltration of water into the ground. Impervious surfaces (or areas) shall include, but are not limited to: roofs, additional indoor living spaces, patios, garages, storage sheds and similar structures, and any new streets and sidewalks. Any surface area proposed to initially be gravel or crushed stone shall be assumed to be impervious, unless designed and maintained as an infiltration BMP. Decks, parking areas, and driveway areas are not counted as impervious areas if they do not prevent infiltration.

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

Infiltration Structures - A structure designed to direct runoff into the ground (e.g., French drains, seepage pits, infiltration trench, rain gardens, etc.).

Inlet - A surface connection to a closed drain. A structure at the diversion end of a conduit. The upstream end of any structure through which water may flow.

Karst - A type of topography or landscape characterized by features including but not limited to 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 - Any activity meeting the definition of land development in the Subdivision Ordinance.

Land Disturbance - Any activity involving grading, tilling, digging or filling of ground or stripping or vegetation or any other activity that causes an alteration to the natural condition of the land; the erection of a dwelling or other structure; or the modification, removal, filling or alteration of an existing storm water management facility or drainage easement. Land disturbance activities shall be classified as follows:

A. Major Land Disturbance Activity:

- (1) Any activity requiring the submission of a subdivision or land development plan by the Subdivision Ordinance;
- (2) Any land disturbance not defined as a minor land disturbance activity or deemed to qualify as a minor land disturbance activity by the Township;
- (3) Any activity involving the diversion or piping of any natural or man-made watercourse or existing drainage pattern.

B. Minor Land Disturbance Activity:

- (1) The use of land on an existing lot of record, including subdivided lots or land developments approved under a Major Land Disturbance Activity, provided that:
 - (a) The use is not within a floodplain area;

- (b) No diversion or piping of any natural or man-made water course or existing drainage pattern is involved;
 - (c) A residential or agricultural use that does not create more than five thousand (5,000) square feet of impervious area or involves the removal of ground cover, grading, filling, or excavation of more than forty-three thousand five hundred and sixty (43,560) square feet, either of which shall be measured on a cumulative basis from May 5, 2014;
 - (d) A non-residential use that does not involve the construction of a building or building addition, or other impervious area in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet, involve the removal of ground cover, filling, or excavation of more than forty-three five hundred and sixty thousand (43,560) square feet, either of which shall be measured on a cumulative basis from May 5, 2014; and,
 - (e) The use does not require the submission of a subdivision or land development plan as herein defined.
- (2) Any use of the land, which in the opinion of the Township, represents minimal ground disturbance or impact to the environment.

Landowner - The legal or beneficial owner or owners of land including the holder of an option or contract to purchase (whether or not such option or contract is subject to any condition), a lessee if he is authorized under the lease to exercise the rights of the Landowner, or other person having a proprietary interest in land.

Limiting Zone - A rock formation, other stratum, or soil condition which is so slowly permeable that it effectively limits downward passage of effluent. Seasonal high water tables, whether perched or regional, also constitute a limiting zone.

Lineament - A fracture on the order of tens (10's) of kilometers long usually extending to the basement below sedimentary rock.

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

Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) – Applies when the Applicant demonstrates to the Township's satisfaction that the performance standard is not achievable. The Applicant shall take into account the best available technology, cost effectiveness, geographic features, and other competing interests such as protection of human safety and welfare, protection of endangered and threatened resources, and preservation of historic properties in making the assertion that the performance standard cannot be met and that a different means of control is appropriate.

Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) - The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act of July 1, 1967, P.L. 805, No. 247, as reenacted and amended, 53 P.S. Section 10101 et seq., and as may be amended in the future.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer – A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains), which is all of the following: (1) owned or operated by a state, city, town, borough, township, county, district, association or other public body (created under state law) having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, storm water or other wastes; (2) designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water; (3) not a combined sewer; and (4) not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works as defined at 40 CFR § 122.2.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) - All separate storm sewers that are defined as "large" or "medium" or "small" municipal separate storm sewer systems pursuant to 40 CFR §§ 122.26(b)(18), or designated as regulated under 40 CFR § 122.26(a)(1)(v).

Natural Drainageway - An existing channel for water runoff that was formed by natural forces.

Natural Ground Cover – Ground cover which mimics the infiltration characteristics of predominant hydrologic soil group found at the site.

NOAA Atlas 14 - Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the United States, Atlas 14, Volume 2, US Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service, Hydrometeorological Design Studies Center, Silver Spring, Maryland (2004). NOAA's Atlas 14 can be accessed at Internet address: <http://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds/>.

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

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - Previously Soil Conservation Service (SCS) or any agency successor to the NRCS.

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

Outfall - (i) Point where water flows from a conduit, stream, or drain; (ii) "Point Source" as described in 40 CFR § 122.2 at the point where the municipal separate storm sewer system discharges to surface Waters of this Commonwealth.

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

Parent Tract - All contiguous land held in single and separate ownership, regardless of whether (i) such land is divided into one or more lots, parcels, purparts or tracts; (ii) such land was acquired by the Landowner at different times or by different deeds, devise, partition or otherwise; or (iii) such land is bisected by public or private streets or rights-of-way, which was held by the Landowner or his predecessor in title on the effective date of this Ordinance. Single

and separate ownership is the ownership of property by any person, partnership, or corporation, in which ownership is separate and distinct from that of any adjoining property.

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

PennDOT - The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation or any agency successor thereto.

Pervious Area - Any material / surface that allows water to pass through at a rate equal to or greater than natural ground cover.

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

Plan - The storm water management and erosion and sediment pollution control plan and narrative.

Planning Commission - The Planning Commission of Strasburg Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Process Wastewater - Water that comes in contact with any raw material, product, by-product, or waste during any production or industrial process.

Project Site – The specific area of land where any regulated activities in the Township are planned, conducted, or maintained.

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

Rate Control - Storm Water Management controls used to manage the peak flows for the purposes of channel protection and flood mitigation.

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

Record Plan - Where a regulated activity constitutes a subdivision or land development, the final subdivision or land development plan which contains the information the Ordinance requires. Where a regulated activity does not constitute a subdivision or land development, a Storm Water Management Site Plan containing all required information and prepared in a form acceptable to the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for recording.

Regional Storm Water Management Plan – A plan to manage storm water runoff from an area larger than a single Development Site. A Regional Storm Water Management Plan could include two adjacent parcels, an entire watershed, or some defined area in between. Regional Storm Water Management Plans can be prepared for new development, or as a retrofit to manage runoff from already developed areas.

Regulated Activities - Any earth disturbance activities or any activities that involve the alteration or development of land in a manner that may affect storm water runoff and that are specified in Section 105 of this Ordinance.

Regulated Earth Disturbance Activity – Activity involving earth disturbance subject to regulation under Chapter 102, or the Clean Streams Law.

Release Rate - The percentage of pre-development peak rate of runoff from a site or subwatershed area to which the post-development peak rate of runoff must be reduced to protect downstream areas.

Release Rate Map – A graphical representation of the release rates for a specific area.

Retention Basin - An impoundment in which storm water is stored and not released during the storm event. Stored water may be released from the basin at some time after the end of the storm.

Retention Volume/Removed Runoff – The volume of runoff that is captured and not released directly into the 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 recur. For example, the twenty-five (25)-year return period rainfall would be expected to recur on the average once every twenty-five years or stated in another way, the probability of a twenty-five (25)-year storm occurring in any one year is 0.04 (i.e., a four [4] percent chance).

Riparian Buffer - A vegetated area bordering perennial and intermittent streams and wetlands, that serves as a protective filter to help protect streams and wetlands from the impacts of adjacent land uses.

Riparian Forest Buffer – A type of Riparian Buffer that consists of permanent vegetation that is predominantly native trees, shrubs and forbs along a watercourse that is maintained in a natural state or sustainably managed to protect and enhance water quality, stabilize stream channels and banks, and separate land use activities from surface waters.

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

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

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

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

Sediment Pollution - The placement, discharge or any other introduction of sediment into the Waters of the Commonwealth occurring from the failure to design, construct, implement or maintain control measures and control facilities in accordance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

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

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

Sheet Flow - Runoff which flows over the ground surface as a thin, even layer, not concentrated in a channel.

Soil Conservation Service (SCS) - now known as National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

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

Soil Horizon - A layer of soil or soil material approximately parallel to the land surface and differing from adjacent genetically related layers in physical, chemical, and biological properties or characteristics such as color, structure, texture, consistency, kinds and number of organisms present, degree of acidity or alkalinity, etc.

Spillway - A depression in the embankment of a pond or basin which is used to pass peak discharge greater than the maximum design storm controlled by the pond.

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

Storage – A volume above or below ground that is available to hold storm water.

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

Storm Event - A storm of a specific duration, intensity, and frequency.

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

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

Storm Water - Drainage runoff from the surface of the land resulting from precipitation or snow or ice melt.

Storm Water Management Act - Act of October 4, 1978, P.L. 864, No. 167, as amended, 32 P.S. Section 680.1 et seq., and as may be amended in the future.

Storm Water Management Best Management Practices (Storm Water Management BMP) – See BMPs.

Storm Water Management Facility - Any structure, natural or man-made, that, due to its condition, design, or construction, conveys, stores, or otherwise affects storm water runoff. Typical storm water management facilities include, but are not limited to, detention and retention basins, open channels, road gutters, swales, storm sewers, pipes, BMPs, and infiltration structures.

Storm Water Management Plan - The "Countywide Act 167 Plan" for Lancaster County for managing storm water runoff adopted by Lancaster County as required by the Act of October 4, 1978, 32 P.S. P.L. 864, (Act 167) as amended, and known as the "Storm Water Management Act".

Storm Water Management Operation and Maintenance Plan (O & M Plan) – A plan, including a narrative, to ensure proper functioning of the Storm Water Management facilities in accordance with Article VI of this Ordinance.

Storm Water Management Site Plan - The plan prepared by the developer or his representative indicating how storm water runoff will be managed at the particular site of interest according to this Ordinance.

Storm Water Management Permit - A permit issued by Strasburg Township after the Storm Water Management Site Plan is unconditionally approved.

Subwatershed Area - The smallest drainage unit of a watershed for which storm water management criteria have been established in the Storm Water Management Plan.

Subdivision – Any activity meeting the definition of subdivision in the MPC.

Subdivision Ordinance – The duly enacted ordinance which governs subdivisions and land developments in the Township at the time an application is filed under this Ordinance.

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

Timber Operations - See Forest Management.

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

Township – The Township of Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture or any agency successor thereto.

Watercourse - A stream of water; river; brook; creek; or a channel or ditch for water, whether natural or manmade, having a defined bed and banks with perennial or intermittent flow.

Watershed - The entire region or area drained by a watercourse.

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

Wetland - Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water 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, ferns, and similar areas. The term includes but is not limited to wetland areas listed in the State Water Plan, the United States Forest Service Wetlands Inventory of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Plan and a wetland area designated by a river basin commission. This definition is used by the United States Environmental Protection Agency [USEPA] and the United States Army Corps of Engineers [USACOE].

ARTICLE III - PLAN PROCESSING PROCEDURES

SECTION 301 GENERAL

1. This Article sets forth the application requirements for obtaining approval of a Storm Water Management Site Plan. The form of the plans referred to in this Article and information required to be forwarded with such plans shall be as specified in Article IV.
2. Strasburg Township shall not approve any Storm Water Management Site Plan that is deficient in meeting the requirements of this Ordinance. At its sole discretion and in accordance with this Article, when a Storm Water Management Site Plan is found to be deficient, Strasburg Township may either disapprove the submission and require a resubmission, or in the case of minor deficiencies, Strasburg Township may accept submission of revisions.

SECTION 302 APPLICATION AND PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

ALL applications shall follow these application and processing requirements.

1. Formal Application/Submission Deadlines All applications for approval of a Storm Water Management Site Plan shall be made by the developer filing an application form, to be supplied by the Township, together with the appropriate plans. The plan shall include studies, reports, supporting data (including all plans, reports, and correspondence with the Conservation District), and required filing fee. Applications may be filed with the Township on any business day; however, the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors will review a plan at a particular meeting only if the plan was filed at least fifteen (15) business days prior to that meeting.
2. Application Requirements All plan applications shall include the following:
 - A. Two (2) copies of the plan(s). All plans shall be either black on white or blue on white paper prints and prepared in conformance with the provisions of Article IV of this Ordinance.
 - B. Two (2) copies of all reports, notifications, and certifications which are not provided on the plan.
 - C. Two (2) copies of the application form.
 - D. Filing and review escrow fees in the amounts as specified on the fee schedule adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors and available at the Township Office.
 - E. Plans which require access to a highway under the jurisdiction of the PennDOT, shall include two (2) copies of the plans prepared to support the application for a Highway Occupancy Permit.
 - F. The Applicant shall provide the Township with five (5) copies of the most current plan and an electronic copy in pdf format at least ten (10) business days before the plan is scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors.
 - G. Applicants are encouraged to schedule a pre-application meeting to review the overall

storm water management concept with Township staff/engineer. The pre-application meeting is not mandatory and shall not constitute formal filing of a plan with the Township.

3. Distribution The Applicant shall submit one copy of the above-required information to the Township and one copy to the Township Engineer for their respective reviews. The developer is responsible for submitting plans to any other agencies such as the Conservation District, PennDOT, PADEP, etc. when permits from these agencies are required.
4. Initial Application The Township staff shall have seven (7) business days from the date of submission of an application to check the plans and documents to determine if on their face they are in proper form and contain all information required by this Ordinance. If defective, the application shall be returned to the Applicant with a statement explaining the reason(s) of rejection, within twelve (12) business days following the date of submission by the Applicant; otherwise, it shall be deemed accepted for filing as of the date of submission. Acceptance for filing shall not, however, constitute a waiver of any deficiencies or irregularities. Under this Section, the Applicant may appeal a decision by the Township staff to the Board of Supervisors.
5. Amendments or Corrections to an Application The Township staff shall have seven (7) business days from the date of submission of an amended or corrected application or plan to determine whether such amended or corrected application results in a substantial amendment to the plan or if the application or plan filed is/was/has changed so as to be considered a new plan. If the Township staff determines that the amended or corrected application constitutes a substantial amendment, the Applicant shall be informed of the determination within twelve (12) business days from the date of the submission of the amended or corrected application and the Township staff shall further inform the Applicant that the Township shall consider the review period to have been restarted as of the date of the filing of the substantial amendment. If the Township staff determines that the amended or corrected application constitutes a new plan, he shall so inform the Applicant and shall inform the Applicant that a new application and new fees are required. Under this Section, the Applicant may appeal a decision by the Township staff to the Board of Supervisors.
6. Plan Review Process
 - A. All complete applications for approval of a plan shall be acted upon by the Board of Supervisors, which shall render its decision and communicate it to the Applicant not later than ninety (90) days following the date the completed application is filed.
 - B. The decision of the Board of Supervisors shall be in writing and shall be communicated to the Applicant personally or mailed to him at his last known address not later than fifteen (15) days following the decision;
 - C. When the application is not approved in terms as filed, the decision shall specify the defects found in the application and describe the requirements which have not been met and shall, in each case, cite the provisions of the Ordinance(s) relied upon;
 - D. Failure of the Board of Supervisors to render a decision and communicate it to the Applicant within the time and in the manner required herein shall be deemed an

approval of the application in terms as presented, unless the Applicant has agreed in writing to an extension of time or change in prescribed manner of presentation or communication of the decision; in which case, failure to meet the extended time or change in manner of presentation or communication shall have like effect;

- E. Approval of a Storm Water Management Site Plan by the Township shall be obtained by the Applicant/developer prior to the issuance of a zoning permit by the Township. No Regulated Activity may begin until proof of recording of the required Operation and Maintenance Program is presented and a zoning permit, if required, is obtained by the Applicant in accordance with the Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended.
- 7. A disapproved Storm Water Management Site Plan may be resubmitted, with the revisions addressing the Township's concerns, to the Township in accordance with this Article. The applicable review fee must accompany a resubmission of a disapproved Storm Water Management Site Plan.
- 8. All storm water management permits or Storm Water Management Site Plan approvals shall expire twelve (12) months from the date of issuance unless an extension of time is approved. An extension of an unexpired Storm Water Management permit or approval shall be issued by the Code Enforcement Officer following the submission of a written request if, in the opinion of the Code Enforcement Officer, the subject property or affected surrounding area has not been altered in a manner which requires alteration to the Storm Water Management Site Plan.
- 9. Modification or Waiver of Ordinance Provisions
 - A. Application Requirements A request for a modification or waiver may be submitted to the Township at any time. All requests shall meet the requirements of Section 606.1, be in writing and accompanied by a plan prepared to the minimum standards of a Minor Land Disturbance Plan (See Section 403). The written request shall identify:
 - (1) The specific section of this Ordinance which is requested to be modified or waived.
 - (2) The provisions proposed as an alternate to the requirements. The alternate provisions must be equal to or better than the requirements of, and consistent with, the intents of this Ordinance and shall not be contrary to the general public interest.
 - B. Township Action
 - (1) A modification or waiver request that is submitted as part of an application for a Storm Water Management Site Plan shall be processed along with that application of which it is a part. The plan processing procedures outlined in this Section shall apply.
 - (2) If a modification or waiver request is not submitted with an application for a Storm Water Management Site Plan, then the processing procedures outlined in this Section shall apply.

- C. Justification for the modification or waiver. The request shall state in full the grounds and facts of unreasonableness or hardship on which the request is based.
- D. The provisions of this Ordinance not related to water quality are intended as minimum standards for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. The Township reserves the right to modify or waive or to extend them conditionally in individual cases as may be necessary in the public interest; provided, however, that such variation shall not have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of this Ordinance, and that the Applicant shows that to the satisfaction of the Township that the applicable regulation is unreasonable, or will cause undue hardship, or that an alternative proposal will allow for equal or better results. The list of such modifications or waivers shall be listed on the Storm Water Management Site Plan.
- E. In granting waivers or modifications for provisions of this Ordinance, the Township may impose such conditions as will, in its judgment, secure substantially the objectives of the standards and requirements of this Ordinance.
- F. The Township may, after consultation between the Applicant and PADEP, 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. The Applicant shall provide the Township with a record of consultations with PADEP pursuant to this paragraph.
 - (1) Where a written Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan associated with earth disturbance of five thousand (5,000) square feet to one (1) acre is required, review of the written Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan shall constitute satisfaction of consultation with PADEP.
 - (2) Where an NPDES permit for storm water discharges associated with construction activities is required, issuance of an NPDES permit shall constitute satisfaction of consultation with PADEP.

ARTICLE IV – STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 401 EXEMPTIONS

Any Regulated Activity that meets one of the following exemption criteria is exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance. These criteria shall apply to the total development even if development is to take place in phases. The date of the adoption of this Ordinance shall be the starting point from which to consider tracts as “parent tracts” in which respective impervious area computations shall be cumulatively considered. Exemption shall not relieve the Applicant from implementing such measures as are necessary to protect health, safety, and property.

1. Regulated activities that create additional impervious areas less than or equal to one thousand (1,000) square feet are exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance except as provided for in Section 401.6, provided that the activities meet all of the following criteria. This exemption will be applied on a cumulative basis for the “parent tract”.
 - A. Any Applicant desiring exemption from design, plan submission, and plan processing requirements shall complete an application for exemption in the form set forth by the Township and pay any applicable filing fee.
 - B. The Applicant for exemption shall provide the Township with all information necessary for the Township to determine that:
 - (1) There shall be no disturbance of land within floodplains, wetlands, environmentally sensitive areas, riparian forest buffers, or slopes greater than fifteen (15) percent.
 - (2) No impervious surface coverage shall be installed and no earth disturbance activity shall be conducted within any existing drainage or storm water easement created by or shown on any recorded plan.
 - (3) The Applicant shall minimize soil disturbance, take steps to minimize erosion and sedimentation during construction activity, and promptly reclaim all disturbed areas with topsoil and vegetation.
 - (4) The Applicant shall take steps that runoff be directed to pervious areas on the subject property. No runoff shall be directed onto an abutting street or neighboring property.
 - (5) The proposed impervious surface shall not adversely impact any existing known problem areas or downstream Landowners or the quality of runoff entering any storm sewer.
 - (6) The proposed impervious surface and/or grading shall not create accelerated erosion and sedimentation.

- C. If the proposed activity does not meet all of the criteria set forth in Section 401.1.B above, the Applicant may consider the Minor Land Disturbance processing procedure in Section 403.
 - D. No Applicant and no activity is exempt from complying with any state or federal requirements applicable if the subject property is located in a High Quality (HQ) or Exceptional Value (EV) watershed.
 - E. No Applicant and no activity shall violate or cause to be violated: the Federal Clean Water Act or any regulation issued thereunder, an NPDES permit, any recorded Storm Water Management or Operations and Maintenance Agreement, or any requirement applicable to a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.
2. Activities on lands which have a prior approved Storm Water Management Plan, which was approved prior to the adoption of this Ordinance and which, in the opinion of the Township following consultation with the Township Engineer, adequately manages storm water resulting from the proposed activities, are exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance that may conflict with the requirements of the Storm Water Management Ordinance in effect at the time of the approval of the prior approved Storm Water Management Plan.
 3. Use of the land for gardening and landscaping of property, when performed as an accessory use of the property are exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance.
 4. Except as provided for in Section 401.7, agricultural activity when operated in accordance with a conservation plan or an erosion and sedimentation pollution control plan found to be adequate by the Conservation District and performed according to the requirements of Chapter 102. The agricultural activities such as growing crops, rotating crops, tilling of soil and grazing animals and other such activities are specifically exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance.
 5. Except as provided for in Section 401.7, Forest Management and timber operations which are following the Department of Environmental Protections' management practices contained in its publication "Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Guidelines for Forestry" and are operating under an erosion and sedimentation control plan according to the requirements of Chapter 102 are specifically exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance.
 6. A person seekind to erect a high tunnel shall in all cases be required to file an application under this Ordinance. A persong seeking exemption from this Ordinance on the basis that the high tunnel is exempted pursuant to the Storm Water Management Act, as amended by Act 15 of 2018, shall provide all information necessary to demonstrate that the high tunnel meets the definition set forth herein and that the proposed high tunnel meets all of the following requirements:
 - A. The high tunnel or its flooring does not result in an impervious area exceeding 25% of all structured located on the owner's total contiguous land area: and
 - B. The high tunnel meets one of the following:
 - (1) The high tunnel is located at least 100 feet from any perennial stream or watercourse, public road or neighboring property line.

- (2) The high tunnel is located at least 35 feet from and perennial stream or watercourse, public road or neighboring property line and located on land with a slope not greater than 7%. If an applicant desires to locate a high tunnel within 50 feet from and perennial stream or watercourse, the applicant shall provide a copy of the DEP approval for the location of the high tunnel within 50 feet from any perennial stream or watercourse.
 - (3) The high tunnel is supported with a buffer or diversion system that does not directly drain into a stream or other watercourse by managing storm water runoff in a manner consistent with requirements of this Ordinance.
 - C. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to exempt high tunnels from other requirements applicable under Federal, State or Township ordinances.
 - D. Nothing in this subsection shall apply to impervious surfaces including, but not limited to, driveways or parking and loading areas which may be installed in connection with the high tunnel
7. The Township may deny or revoke any exemption pursuant to this Section at any time for any project that the Township believes may pose a threat to public health, safety, property or the environment.

SECTION 402 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following general standards shall be applied to all regulated activities to promote flow attenuation, erosion and sediment control and flood control, unless the otherwise regulated activity is specifically exempted in Section 401.

1. The Storm Water Management Site Plan shall include a note on the plan informing the owner that the Township shall have the right of entry for the purposes of inspecting all storm water conveyance, treatment, or storage facilities.
2. All Landowners of land included in the Storm Water Management Site Plan shall be required to execute all applications and final documents.
3. All Storm Water Management Site Plans shall be prepared by a Qualified Person.
4. A set of Storm Water Management Site plans approved by the Township shall be on file at the development site throughout the duration of the regulated activity. Periodic inspections may be made by the Township or designee during construction.
5. Storm Water Management Site Plans shall be prepared in a form that meets the requirements for recording for the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lancaster County.
6. 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, the Clean Streams Law, and the Storm Water Management Act.

7. Impervious areas:
 - A. The measurement of impervious area shall apply to the total proposed development even if development is to take place in stages or phases.
 - B. For development taking place in stages or phases, the entire development plan must be used in determining conformance with this Ordinance.
 - C. Any areas designed to initially be gravel or crushed stone shall be assumed to be impervious.
 - D. Existing impervious areas that are not being altered by the proposed regulated activity shall not be subject to the volume controls in Section 506 and the peak rate controls of Section 501.19.
8. All regulated activities shall include such measures as necessary to:
 - A. Protect health, safety, and property;
 - B. Meet the water quality goals of this Ordinance by implementing measures to:
 - (1) Minimize disturbance to floodplains, wetlands, natural slopes, existing native vegetation and woodlands.
 - (2) Create, maintain, or extend riparian buffers and protect existing forested buffers.
 - (3) Provide trees and woodlands adjacent to impervious areas whenever feasible.
 - (4) Minimize the creation of impervious surfaces and the degradation of Waters of the Commonwealth and promote groundwater recharge.
 - (5) Protect natural systems and processes (drainageways, vegetation, soils, and sensitive areas) and maintain, as much as possible, the natural hydrologic regime.
 - (6) Incorporate natural site elements (wetlands, stream corridors, mature forests) as design elements.
 - (7) Avoid erosive flow conditions in natural flow pathways.
 - (8) Minimize soil disturbance and soil compaction.
 - (9) Minimize thermal impacts to Waters of the Commonwealth.
 - (10) Disconnect impervious surfaces by directing runoff to pervious areas wherever possible, and decentralize and manage storm water at its source.

- C. To the maximum extent practicable, the techniques for Low Impact Development (LID) Practices described in Appendix A and the BMP Manual shall be incorporated. The proposed LID Practices shall be noted on the Storm Water Management Site Plan.
9. The design of all storm water management facilities over karst shall include an evaluation of measures to minimize adverse effects.
 10. Infiltration BMPs, to the extent practicable, shall be spread out, made as shallow as practicable when located above grade, and located to maximize use of natural on-site infiltration features while still meeting the other requirements of this Ordinance.
 11. Normally dry, open top, storage facilities shall completely drain the volume control storage over a period of time not less than twenty-four (24) hours and not more than seventy-two (72) hours from the end of the design storm. However, any infiltration at such facilities is exempt from the minimum twenty-four (24) hour standard, i.e. may infiltrate in a shorter period of time, provided that none of this water will be discharged into Waters of this Commonwealth.
 12. Normally dry, open top, storage facilities shall completely drain the rate control storage over a period of time less than or equal to twenty-four (24) hours from the peak one hundred (100) year water surface design elevation.
 13. The design storm volumes and precipitation intensities to be used in the analysis of peak rates of discharge shall be as required in Section 503.
 14. The Applicant shall refer to the BMP Manual for various BMPs and their design standards.
 15. For any activities that are regulated under Chapter 105 or Chapter 106 or require any other permit under applicable state or federal regulations, the permit(s) shall be part of the Storm Water Management Site Plan and must be obtained prior to final plan approval.

SECTION 403 MINOR LAND DISTURBANCE

1. The Minor Land Disturbance Plan shall include a general plan of the lot configuration, existing and proposed building locations, location and square footage of proposed impervious area or land disturbance, grading, storm water management facilities, and erosion and sedimentation control facilities.
2. The Plan need not demonstrate literal compliance with all the provisions of this Ordinance, however the Plan shall demonstrate that the proposed activity will comply with the intent of this Ordinance as provided for in Section 102.
3. The Minor Land Disturbance Plan shall provide for volume control but shall not be required to provide for rate control. Additional guidance is available at the Township office.
4. The Township may require additional information, or invoke any section of this Ordinance, as deemed necessary to adequately demonstrate compliance with the intent of this Ordinance. These requirements may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 404 MAJOR LAND DISTURBANCE

The Storm Water Management Site Plan shall consist of all applicable calculations, maps and plans, including simultaneous copies of all plans, reports, and correspondence with the Conservation District. A note on the maps shall refer to the associated computations and Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan by title and date. The cover sheet of the computations and Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan shall refer to the associated maps by title and date. All Storm Water Management Site Plan materials shall be submitted to the Township in a format that is clear, concise, legible, neat and well organized.

1. DRAFTING STANDARDS

All Storm Water Management Site Plans shall be prepared in accordance with the following drafting standards.

- A. The plan shall be clearly and legibly drawn at a horizontal scale of ten (10) feet, twenty (20) feet, thirty (30) feet, forty (40) feet, or fifty (50) feet to the inch.
- B. All profiles of storm water management facilities, streets, sanitary sewer facilities, and water supply facilities shall be drawn at a horizontal scale of 1" = 50' and at a vertical scale of 1" = 10', or 1" = 5'.
- C. A north arrow, graphic scale and written scale shall be provided.
- D. Dimensions shall be in feet and decimals; bearings shall be in degrees, minutes and seconds. Lot line descriptions shall read in a clockwise direction.
- E. The survey shall not have an error of closure greater than one (1) foot in ten thousand (10,000) feet.
- F. The sheet size shall be no smaller than eighteen by twenty-two (18 x 22) inches and no larger than twenty-four by thirty-six (24 x 36) inches. If the plan is prepared in two (2) or more sections, a key map showing the location of the sections shall be placed on each sheet. If more than one (1) sheet is necessary, each sheet shall be the same size and numbered to show the relationship to the total number of sheets in the plan (e.g. Sheet 1 of 5).

2. PROJECT LOCATION AND IDENTIFICATION

The following location and identification shall be included on all Storm Water Management Site Plans:

- A. The proposed project name or identifying title.
- B. Name of the Township or municipalities in which the project is located, including the location of any municipal boundaries if located within two hundred (200) feet of the subject tract.
- C. The name and address of the owner of the tract (or his authorized agent), the

developer/subdivider, and the firm that prepared the plans.

- D. The file or project number assigned by the firm that prepared the plan, the plan date and the date(s) of all plan revisions.
- E. The entire existing tract boundary with bearing and distances. (If it is the intention of the Landowner to retain a single lot with a lot area in excess of ten[10] acres, the boundary of that lot may be identified as a deed-plotting and may be drawn at any legible scale; if the retained lot has a lot area of ten [10] or less acres, it must be described to the accuracy of the requirements of this Ordinance).
- F. The total acreage of the entire existing tract.
- G. The location of existing lot line markers along the perimeter of the entire existing tract.
- H. The zoning district, lot size and/or density requirements of the Township Zoning Ordinance.
- I. A statement on the plan indicating any prior modifications or waivers granted by the Board of Supervisors to sections of this Ordinance.
- J. The names of all adjacent Landowners; both adjoining and across existing rights-of-way along with the plan book record numbers of all previously recorded plans for adjacent properties.
- K. A location map, drawn to scale, relating the tract to at least two (2) intersections of street centerlines, including the approximate distance to the intersection of centerlines of the nearest improved street intersection.
- L. Source of title, deed, book, page, plan book (if applicable), and tax map, block, and parcel number.
- M. A note indicating existing and proposed land use(s).

3. EXISTING FEATURES

The following features shall be shown on all Storm Water Management Site Plans and shall be shown on a separate sheet titled "Existing Features". No proposed features shall be included on this sheet.

- A. Existing contours shall be shown at the following minimum vertical intervals:

| <u>Average Natural Slope</u> | <u>Required Contour Interval</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 0 to 3 % | 1 foot contour interval |
| 4 to 20% | 2 foot contour interval |
| 21% and greater | 5 foot contour interval |

- (1) Contour interval may be adjusted based upon horizontal scale with concurrence of the Township Engineer.
- (2) Contours shall be accompanied by the location of the bench mark and a notation indicating the datum used.
- (3) Contours plotted by interpolation of Lancaster County GIS mapping or LiDAR will only be accepted when there is no new construction or earth disturbance proposed by the plan.
- (4) Contours plotted by interpolation of the United States Geodetic Survey 7.5' mapping will not be accepted.

B. The following items **when located upon or within two hundred (200) feet** of the tract:

- (1) The location and name of existing rights-of-way and cartways for private or public streets, alleys and driveways.
- (2) The location and size of the following features and any related right-of-way: sanitary sewer mains, water supply mains, fire hydrants, buildings, and storm water collection, conveyance and management facilities.
- (3) The location and size of existing on-lot sewage systems and wells.
- (4) The location of existing rights-of-way and easements for electric, gas and oil transmission lines, and railroads.
- (5) Significant environmental or topographic features such as floodplains, wetlands, quarry sites, solid waste disposal areas, historic structures, cemetery or burial sites, archaeological sites, highly erosive soils, or wooded areas.
- (6) The soils names and boundaries.

C. The following items **when located within** the subject tract:

- (1) The size, capacity and condition of the existing storm water management system and any other facility that may be used to convey storm flows.
- (2) The location and size of existing on-lot sewage systems and wells.
- (3) The location and use of existing buildings and other man-made features.
- (4) Significant environmental or topographic features as identified in the Strasburg Township Comprehensive Plan including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Prime agricultural soils;
 - (b) Underlying geology with any hazardous geology noted;

- (c) Floodplains;
- (d) Quarry sites;
- (e) Solid waste disposal areas;
- (f) Historic structures;
- (g) Cemetery or burial sites;
- (h) Archaeological sites;
- (i) Highly erosive soils;
- (j) Wooded areas;
- (k) Natural habitat; and,
- (l) PNDI sites.

(5) The location of wetlands and supporting data.

4. PROPOSED FEATURES AND PLAN INFORMATION

The following proposed features and plan information shall be shown on all Storm Water Management Site Plans and shall be shown on **a separate sheet** entitled "Proposed Features". The proposed features and plan information shall be overlaid upon a copy of the Existing Features Plan. The existing features shall be "screened" or "shaded" on the Proposed Features Plan.

- A. The location and configuration of proposed buildings, parking compounds, streets including cartway and right-of-way widths, alleys, driveways, common open space, recreational areas, and all other significant planned facilities.
- B. Easements and rights-of-way, including
 - (1) A minimum twenty (20) foot wide access easement around all Storm Water Management facilities that would provide ingress from and egress to a public right-of-way. Easements shall be provided to allow for the collection and discharge of water, the inspection, maintenance, repair and reconstruction of the drainage facilities, and the passage of machinery for work.
 - (2) Provisions for permanent access or maintenance easements for all existing and proposed physical Storm Water Management facilities, such as ponds and infiltration structures, as necessary to implement the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan. All such agreements shall be duly recorded in the Office of the Recorder Deeds and shall constitute a binding permanent covenant upon the property, superior to all liens of record and not subordinate to any easement or restriction that would interfere with its provisions and the

implementation thereof.

- C. Building setback line and building envelope.
- D. Identification of buildings to be demolished and all other features to be removed.
- E. Typical street cross-section for each proposed public or private street and typical cross-section for any existing street which will be improved as part of the application. Each cross-section shall include the entire right-of-way width.
- F. Storm water management data and plans designed in accordance with this Ordinance. This information may be provided on a sheet with other data or on separate sheets and need not necessarily be recorded with the final plan. In the case of any dispute in the methodology used in the design of any Storm Water Management Site Plan and/or in the presentation of such information, the Board of Supervisors shall make the final determination on the design criteria, methodology and form of presentation. The following information shall be included:
 - (1) All calculations, assumptions, criteria, and references used in the design of the storm water management facilities, the establishment of existing facilities capacities, and the pre and post development discharges.
 - (2) All plans and profiles of the proposed storm water management facilities, including the horizontal and vertical location, size, and type of material.
 - (3) For all basins, a plotting or tabulation of the storage volumes and discharge curves with corresponding water surface elevations, inflow hydrographs, and outflow hydrographs.
 - (4) The guidelines for lot grading within the tract. This information shall identify the direction of storm water runoff flow within each lot and the areas where storm water runoff flows will be concentrated. This information shall be shown by flow arrows or topographical data.
- G. A table indicating the existing zoning district, total tract area, required lot size, required setbacks, required maximum and/or minimum development density, maximum building height, maximum lot coverage, and number of lots in the proposed subdivision along with the proposals for each of these parameters.
- H. A statement identifying the number of square feet of impervious coverage for which storm water management facilities have been designed for each lot.
- I. A statement on the plan indicating the modifications or waivers granted by the Board of Supervisors to sections of this Ordinance.
- J. Where the proposed regulated activity is located partially or wholly within an area prone to frequent flooding (either by impoundment or conveyance) as indicated by the flood boundary and floodway map, profiles, and supporting data, soil type or local historical record; the developer shall supply the location and elevation of all proposed roads, fills, utilities, buildings, storm water management, and erosion control facilities.

- K. Location of all percolation test holes, deep probe holes and proposed well locations.
- L. Easements for the on-lot sewage replacement locations.
- M. The location of all trees and/or woodlands on the site and location of trees and/or woodland to be removed and trees and/or woodlands to remain.
- N. The layout of lots with approximate dimensions.
- O. A detailed grading plan. The grading plan shall include finished grades and ground floor elevations. This information may be provided on separate sheets.
- P. The location of all Erosion and Sedimentation Control facilities.
- Q. Identification of any lands to be dedicated or reserved for public, semi-public or community use.
- R. In the case of a plan which requires access to a highway under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, the inclusion of the following plan note:

"A Highway Occupancy Permit is required pursuant to Section 420 of the Act of June 1, 1945 (P.L. 1242, No. 428), known as the 'State Highway Law', before access to a state highway is permitted. Access to the state highway shall be as authorized by a Highway Occupancy Permit, and the Board of Supervisors' approval of this plan in no way implies that such a permit can be acquired."
- S. A complete landscape plan showing the location, size and type of all plant material required by provisions of this Ordinance or any other applicable Township regulations, including but not limited to all vegetated storm water BMPs. The landscape plan should be provided on separate sheets and must include the signature and seal of the registered landscape architect responsible for preparation of the plan. Native or Naturalized/Non-invasive Vegetation suitable to the soil and hydrologic conditions of the development site shall be used unless otherwise specified in the BMP Manual. The limit of existing, native vegetation to remain shall be delineated on the plan along with proposed construction protection measures.
- T. A detailed schedule of inspections during construction, as generally outlined as follows, which is tailored for the site under consideration.
 - (1) The Township shall inspect all phases of the installation of any temporary or permanent Storm Water Management facilities during construction. The developer shall pay the cost of any such inspection. The developer shall provide at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice prior to the start of construction of any improvements that are subject to inspection. All inspections of completed items shall be requested, in writing, at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the inspection time and date.

- (2) It is generally required that the following phases of site construction have mandatory inspection. This general list of phases may be amended by mutual agreement of the Township and developer when the site requires special construction procedures. The inspection schedule must be shown on the approved Storm Water Management Site Plan.
- (3) General Site Construction
 - (a) Upon completion of preliminary site preparation including stripping of vegetation, stockpiling of topsoil and construction of temporary erosion and sedimentation control devices.
 - (b) Upon completion of rough grading, but prior to placing topsoil, permanent drainage, or other site development improvements and ground covers.
 - (c) During the construction of permanent storm water management and BMP facilities.
 - (d) Upon the final completion of permanent storm water management and BMP facilities, including the establishment of ground covers and plantings.
 - (e) After review of the as-built drawings, required by Section 607, but prior to final release of the financial security for completion of final grading, vegetative controls required by the BMP standards, or other site restoration work.
- (4) In addition to the above outlined observations, additional observations will be made at the request of the developer for reduction of financial securities. Random observations may be made at the frequency desired by the Township. At the time of any of the above listed observations, all ongoing construction (i.e. storm drainage, sanitary sewer, water, erosion control, etc.) should also be checked for compliance with the approved plans and the findings reported. Since the above inspections are mandatory, it is recommended that requests for reduction of financial security be submitted to coincide with the above inspections.

- U. A note indicating that As-Built Plans will be provided for all storm water management facilities prior to occupancy, or the release of financial security.

SECTION 405 NOTIFICATIONS

- 1. Notice from the Conservation District of the approval of the Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan.
- 2. A note shall be placed on the plan indicating any area that is not to be offered for dedication, if applicable.
- 3. Written notice from the Township Engineer that all proposed improvements have been designed to

the standards of the Township and that financial security and a completed improvement guarantee agreement in a form suitable to the Board of Supervisors has been received.

4. Such written notices of approval as may be required by this Ordinance, including but not limited to storm water runoff to adjacent properties.
5. Notification from the appropriate state and federal agencies that permits have been issued, or are not required, for any proposed activities within streams, wetlands or any other state or federally regulated body of water. These permits include, but are not limited to, Floodplain Encroachment Permits, Dam Safety Permits, Earth Disturbance Permits, Stream Encroachment Permits, and General Permits.
6. Public Utility Lines
 - A. Where the tract described in the application includes any public utility, electric transmission line, gas pipeline, or petroleum product transmission line located within the tract, the Applicant shall notify, in writing, the owner or lessee of the right-of-way of his intentions.
 - B. A note stating any conditions regarding the use of the land, minimum building setback or right-of-way lines shall be included on the plan.
 - C. This requirement may also be satisfied by submitting a copy of the recorded agreement.
7. Natural Resource Easement
 - A. Where the land included in the subject application has an agricultural, woodland or other natural resource easement located within the tract, the application shall be accompanied by a letter from the party holding the easement stating any conditions on the use of the land.
 - B. This requirement may also be satisfied by submitting a copy of the recorded easement.

SECTION 406 CERTIFICATES

1. Certificate for Approval by the Township's Authorized Staff Representative. See form of certificate in Appendix D.
2. Certificate of review by the Township Engineer. See form of certificate in Appendix E.
3. A statement, signed by the Landowner, acknowledging that the storm water BMPs are fixtures that cannot be altered or removed without prior approval by the Township. See form of certificate in Appendix F.
4. A statement, signed by the Landowner, referencing the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Agreement and stating that the Operation and Maintenance Agreement is part of the Storm Water Management Site Plan.

5. The following signature block for the Qualified Professional preparing the Storm Water Management Site Plan: "I _____, hereby certify that the Storm Water Management Site Plan meets all design standards and criteria of the Strasburg Township Storm Water Management Ordinance."

ARTICLE V - STORM WATER MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

SECTION 501 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All storm water management, collection, conveyance, erosion control, and floodplain considerations shall be accomplished in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Prior to the final approval of any subdivision or land development plan within the jurisdiction of this Ordinance, or the commencement of any Regulated Activity within the jurisdiction of this Ordinance, the developer shall submit a Storm Water Management Site Plan to the Township for approval.
 - A. When plan applications, whether preliminary or final, are submitted in sections, a generalized Storm Water Management Site Plan for the entire project site shall be submitted in addition to the detailed Storm Water Management Site Plan for the proposed section. This generalized plan shall demonstrate how the storm water of the proposed section will relate to the entire development. The amount and velocity at the discharge point of the section shall be included in the data submitted. If temporary facilities are required for construction of a section, such facilities shall be included in the submitted plans.
 - B. The type, location and extent of all erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be shown on an erosion and sedimentation control plan that conforms to the requirements of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Manual of PADEP and the Design Standards of Section 502 of this Ordinance.
 - C. An Operation and Maintenance program, in recordable form acceptable to the Township, that clearly sets forth the Operation and Maintenance responsibility of all temporary and permanent storm water management facilities and erosion and sedimentation control facilities. The intent of these regulations is to provide private Operation and Maintenance of storm water management and erosion and sedimentation control facilities, including:
 - (1) Description of temporary and permanent maintenance requirements;
 - (2) Identification of a responsible individual, corporation, association or other entity for Operation and Maintenance of both temporary and permanent storm water management and erosion and sedimentation control facilities;
 - (3) Provisions for permanent access or maintenance easements for all existing and proposed Storm Water Management Facilities, as necessary to implement the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan discussed in Section 602. All such agreements shall be duly recorded in the Office of the Recorder Deeds and shall constitute a binding permanent covenant upon the property, superior to all liens of record and not subordinate to any easement or restriction that would interfere with its provisions and the implementation thereof.
 - (4) Where the Board of Supervisors accept dedication of storm water management facilities, the Board of Supervisors may require the developer to establish, at the time of dedication, a maintenance fund, in an amount determined by the Township, adequate for the perpetual care of such facilities;

- D. A written report shall be submitted that includes the following information:
- (1) Storm water runoff calculations for both pre-development and post-development conditions.
 - (2) An erosion and sedimentation control plan narrative that conforms to the requirements of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Manual of PADEP and provides a description of all erosion and sedimentation control measures, temporary as well as permanent, including the staging of earth moving activities, sufficient in detail to clearly indicate their function.
 - (3) General description of the Development Site, including a description of existing natural and hydrologic features and any environmentally sensitive areas.
 - (4) General description of the overall Storm Water Management concept for the project, including a description of permanent Storm Water Management techniques, non-structural BMPs to be employed and construction specifications of the materials to be used for structural Storm Water Management facilities.
 - (5) For all proposed detention basins and retention basins, except temporary sedimentation basins, the documentation shall include a plotting or tabulation of storage volumes with corresponding water surface elevations and the outflow rates for those water surfaces.
 - (6) For all proposed detention basins and retention basins, except temporary sediment basins, documentation shall set forth the design hydrograph, the routing method or a method of equal caliber acceptable to the Township Engineer, utilized to determine the function of the basin.
2. Storm water drainage systems shall be provided in order to permit unimpeded flow along natural watercourses, except as modified by storm water management facilities or open channels consistent with this Ordinance.
 3. Where a Development Site is traversed by watercourses other than permanent streams, a drainage easement shall be provided conforming substantially to the line of such watercourses. The terms of the easement shall prohibit excavation, the placing of fill or structures, and any alterations that may affect adversely the flow of storm water within any portion of the easement. Also, maintenance of vegetation within the easement shall be required.
 4. The Chapter 105, Rules and Regulations, applies to the construction, modification, operation or maintenance of both existing and proposed water obstructions and encroachments throughout the watershed, including work in wetlands. Inquiries on permit requirements or other concerns shall be addressed to PADEP's Regional Office.
 5. When it can be shown that, due to topographic conditions, natural drainage ways on the development site cannot adequately provide for drainage, open channels may be constructed conforming substantially to the line and grade of such natural drainageways. Work within natural drainageways shall be subject to approval by PADEP.

6. Any storm water management facilities or any facilities that constitute water obstructions (e.g., culverts, bridges, outfalls, or stream enclosures, etc.) that are regulated by this Ordinance, that will be located in or adjacent to Waters of the Commonwealth (including wetlands), shall be subject to approval by PADEP. When there is a question whether wetlands may be involved, it is the responsibility of the Applicant or his agent to show that the land in question cannot be classified as wetlands; otherwise, approval to work in the area must be obtained from PADEP.
7. Should any storm water management facility require a dam safety permit under Chapter 105, the facility shall be designed in accordance with Chapter 105 and meet the regulations of Chapter 105 concerning dam safety which may be required to pass storms larger than one hundred (100)-year event.
8. Roof drains shall not be connected to sanitary sewers or public storm sewers.
9. No outlet structure from a detention basin, storm pipe, or swale shall discharge directly onto any publicly used Township, state or private road but shall discharge into a culvert under or along the road.
10. If PennDOT requires that the Township be the permittee for such drainage facilities, the Applicant shall enter into an agreement, in recordable form, assuming all of the obligations which PennDOT may place upon the Township as permittee, including, but not limited to, long-term maintenance of any such facilities, compliance with all conditions contained in the permit, and indemnification of the Township for any costs or penalties which PennDOT may seek to impose on the Township. The Township shall have no obligation to make any applications to PennDOT.
11. Storm water management facilities located within or affecting the floodplain of any watercourse shall comply with the requirements of the flood plain regulations provided in the Zoning Ordinance or any future ordinances regulating construction or development within areas of the Township subject to flooding.
12. The minimum floor elevations for all structures that would be affected by a basin, other temporary impoundments, or open conveyance systems where ponding may occur shall be two (2) feet above the one hundred (100) year water surface. If basement or underground facilities are proposed, detailed calculations addressing the effects of the storm water ponding on the structure and water-proofing and/or flood proofing design information shall be provided for review and approval.
13. All existing and natural watercourses, channels, drainage systems and areas of surface water concentration shall be maintained in their existing condition unless an alteration is approved by the appropriate regulatory agency.
14. No outlet structure from a storm water management facility, or swale, shall discharge directly onto a Township or state roadway.
15. Storm Water Management Facilities intended to receive and infiltrate runoff from regulated activities shall be selected based on suitability of soils and site conditions and shall be constructed on soils that have the following characteristics:
 - A. Infiltration testing shall be conducted in accordance with the BMP Manual.

- B. Acceptable soil will have a percolation rate of at least 0.1 inch per hour and not more than ten (10) inches per hour (after application of the appropriate safety factor from the BMP manual).
 - C. A minimum separation of twenty-four (24) inches of acceptable soil between the bottom of the facility and the limiting zone, unless it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Township that the selected BMP has design criteria which allow for a smaller separation.
 - D. A stabilized infiltration rate sufficient to accept the additional storm water load and drain completely as determined by field tests conducted by the Applicant's professional designer. The stabilized infiltration rate is to be determined in the same location and within the same soil horizon as the bottom of the infiltration facility. The stabilized infiltration rate is to be determined as specified in the BMP Manual.
 - E. The Township shall be notified twenty-four (24) hours prior to infiltration tests being conducted as to provide an opportunity for the Township to witness the tests.
16. Storm water discharge points onto an adjacent property shall comply with the following:
- A. Storm water flows onto adjacent property shall not be created, increased, relocated, or otherwise altered without written notification of the adjacent Landowner(s) by the developer including the establishment of an easement. Such storm water flows shall be subject to the requirements of this Ordinance. If, in the opinion of the Township, a decrease in storm water flow rate or volume will cause adverse impacts to downstream properties, the applicant shall mitigate such impacts.
 - B. Storm water runoff from a project site shall flow directly into a natural watercourse or into an existing storm sewer system. If neither of these is available, the Applicant shall obtain an easement from the downstream Landowner(s) to allow the site's runoff discharge to reach a natural watercourse or an existing storm sewer system through the easement. If an easement is obtained, post-developed flow characteristics must be similar to or better than the runoff characteristics (spread, velocity, and peak rate) of the pre-developed flows. The easement from the downstream Landowner(s) shall be to allow for a piped storm sewer system, an overland flow system, or a combination of the two. The downstream system design shall conform to the design requirements of this Ordinance.
 - C. When the Applicant provides verification that the downstream Landowner(s) refuses to grant an easement at reasonable terms in the sole opinion of the Township, the site shall be designed such that the discharge from the Applicant's site shall be in a non-erosive, sheet flow condition. For all design year storms, including the one hundred (100)-year storm, runoff from the Applicant's site shall flow onto the adjacent property in a manner similar to the runoff characteristics (spread, velocity, and peak rate) of the pre-developed flow. The use of level spreaders is prohibited.
 - D. Storm water runoff shall not be transferred from one watershed to another unless the watersheds are sub-watersheds of a common watershed which join together within the perimeter of the property, or both of the following apply: 1) the effect of the transfer does not alter the peak discharge (in conformance with the requirements of the Act 167 Plan)

onto adjacent lands, and, 2) drainage easements from the affected Landowners are provided.

17. Unless an alternate design is submitted to the Township for review, and said design is prepared by a licensed (in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) geologist or geotechnical engineer:
 - A. No storm water facilities shall be placed in, over or within a distance that will impact the following features:
 - (1) Sinkholes
 - (2) Closed depressions
 - (3) Lineaments in carbonate areas
 - (4) Fracture traces
 - (5) Caverns
 - (6) Intermittent streams
 - (7) Ephemeral streams
 - (8) Bedrock pinnacles (surface or subsurface)
 - B. The minimum isolation distance from storm water management facilities to the listed geologic features shall be as follows:
 - (1) One hundred (100) feet from the rim of sinkholes or closed depressions;
 - (2) One hundred (100) feet from disappearing streams;
 - (3) Fifty (50) feet from lineaments or fracture traces;
 - (4) Twenty-five (25) feet from surface or identified subsurface pinnacles.
 - C. Storm water runoff from any regulated activity shall not be discharged into sinkholes.
 - D. It shall be the developer's responsibility to verify if the development is underlain by carbonate geology. The certificate in Appendix C shall be attached to all Storm Water Management Site Plans and signed and sealed by the developer's qualified professional.
 - E. Whenever a storm water facility will be located in an area underlain by carbonate geology, a geological evaluation of the proposed location by a Registered Professional Geologist shall be conducted to determine subsurface conditions including soil permeability, depth to bedrock, subgrade stability, and susceptibility to sinkhole formation.
 - F. Impermeable liners may be used to reduce or eliminate the separation distances listed in Subsections A and B above.

18. All storm water runoff flowing over the project site shall be considered in the design of the storm water management facilities.
19. The calculated peak rates of runoff for storm water originating on the project site must meet one the following conditions, for all watersheds flowing from the project site:

A. Match Pre-Development Hydrograph

Developers and/or Landowners are encouraged to provide infiltration facilities or utilize other techniques which will allow the post-development one hundred (100) year hydrograph to match the pre-development one hundred (100) year hydrograph, along all parts of the hydrograph, for the development site. To match the pre-development hydrograph, the post development peak rate must be less than or equal to the pre-development peak rate, and the post development runoff volume must be less than or equal to the pre-development volume for the same storm event. A shift in hydrograph peak time of up to five (5) minutes and a rate variation of up to five (5) percent at a given time may be allowable to account for the timing effect of BMPs used to manage the peak rate and runoff volume. Incorporating the volume control requirements as given in Section 506 can be used as part of this option.

B. Where the pre-development hydrograph cannot be matched, the calculated peak rates of runoff for storm water originating on the project site must meet the following conditions, for all watersheds flowing from the project site:

- (1) The two (2) year post development rate of runoff (peak flow) from any regulated activity shall be less than or equal to fifty (50) percent of the calculated two (2) year pre-developed rate (peak flow) except where:
 - (a) The regulated activity is filed as a minor land disturbance activity; or,
 - (b) The proposed activity involves the subdivision of five (5) or less single family residential lots, either initially or cumulatively from the date of the adoption of this Ordinance, and providing no new streets are proposed.
- (2) Where an application meets one of the above exceptions, the two (2) year post-developed rate of runoff (peak flow) shall be less than or equal to the calculated two (2) year pre-developed rate of runoff (peak flow).
- (3) Post-development runoff from any regulated activity shall not exceed the peak rates of runoff prior to development for all other design storms (five [5], ten [10], twenty-five [25], fifty [50], and one hundred [100] year storm events).

C. Developers have the option to propose a regional storm water management plan or participate in a regional storm water management plan developed by others. A regional storm water management plan may include offsite volume and rate control, as appropriate and supported by a detailed design approved by the Township. A regional storm water management plan must meet all of the volume and rate control standards required by this Ordinance for the area defined by the regional storm water

management plan, but not necessarily for each individual development site. Appropriate agreements must be established to ensure the requirements of this Ordinance and the requirements of the regional storm water management plan are met.

20. Areas proposed for infiltration BMPs shall be protected from sedimentation and compaction during the construction phase to maintain maximum infiltration capacity. Staging of earthmoving activities and selection of construction equipment should consider this protection.
21. Infiltration BMPs shall not be constructed nor receive runoff from disturbed areas until the entire contributory drainage area to the infiltration BMP has achieved final stabilization.
22. If structure foundations, basements, or other underground facilities (whether on-site or off-site) would be affected by saturated soil due to a nearby Storm Water Management Facility, detailed calculations addressing the impact of the saturated soil, and water-proofing design information, where applicable, shall be submitted for approval.

SECTION 502 DESIGN STANDARDS – EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

1. The Applicant shall meet requirements as contained in 25 PA Code, Chapters 92 and 102 as required and applicable as follows:
 - A. The implementation and maintenance of erosion and sediment control BMPs.
 - B. Development of written plans.
 - C. Submission of plans for approval.
 - D. Obtaining Erosion and Sediment Control and NPDES permits.
 - E. Maintaining plans and permits on site.
2. Evidence of any necessary plan or permit approval for Earth Disturbance activities from PADEP or the Conservation District must be provided to the Township.
3. The Township shall receive simultaneous copies of plans, reports, applications, and other documents submitted for review by the Conservation District .
4. A copy of the Notice of Termination for NPDES Permits shall be provided to the Township once accepted by the Conservation District.
5. Construction of temporary roadways (e.g., for utility construction, timber harvesting, etc.) shall comply with all applicable standards for erosion and sedimentation control and stream crossing regulations under Chapters 102 and 105.
6. The Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan shall be submitted to the Conservation District for approval and shall address the following, as applicable:
 - A. Design of the roadway system, including haul roads, skid roads, landing areas, trails, and storage and staging areas.
 - B. Runoff control structures (e.g., diversions, culverts, detention ponds, etc.).

- C. Stream crossings for both perennial and intermittent streams.
 - D. Access to public roadways, including design of rock construction entrance for mud and debris control.
 - E. A remediation plan for restoring the disturbed area through re-grading, topsoil placement, reseeding, and other stabilization techniques, as required.
7. The following principles shall be applied to the design plan and construction schedule to minimize soil erosion and sedimentation.
- A. Stripping of vegetation, grading or other soil disturbance shall be done in a manner that will minimize soil erosion.
 - B. Whenever feasible, natural vegetation shall be retained and protected.
8. In accordance with Chapter 102, temporary facilities shall be included in the submitted plans for a phased section where the following conditions are met:
- A. A regulated activity constitutes a subdivision or land development.
 - B. The final plan applications are submitted in sections.
 - C. Temporary facilities are required for construction of a section.

SECTION 503 METHODS OF CALCULATION OF RUNOFF

Methods shall be selected by the Qualified Person based on the individual limitations and suitability of each method for a particular site. The methods of computation used to determine peak discharge and runoff shall be:

- 1. The Soil-Cover-Complex Method (as set forth in the latest edition of Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds, Technical Release No. 55 as published by NRCS, formerly SCS) may be used for all detention facilities with a drainage area greater than or equal to sixty (60) acres. This method is recommended for design of storm water management facilities and where storm water runoff volume must be taken into consideration.
- 2. The Rational Method may be used for drainage areas up to sixty (60) acres. Extreme caution should be used by the Qualified Person if the watershed has more than one (1) main drainage channel, if the watershed is divided so that hydrologic properties are significantly different in one (1) watershed versus the other, if the time of concentration exceeds sixty (60) minutes, or if storm water runoff volume is an important factor. The combination of Rational Method hydrographs based on timing shall be prohibited.
- 3. The Rational Method shall be used for all:
 - A. Collection Facilities;
 - B. Conveyance Facilities.

4. Any other method approved by the Township Engineer.
5. If the NRCS/SCS Method (also known as Soil-Cover-Complex Method) is used, the design storm volumes to be used in the analysis of peak rates of discharge shall be obtained from NOAA's Atlas 14.
 - A. Provide the rainfall used for the two (2), ten (10), twenty-five (25), fifty (50), and one hundred (100) year twenty-four (24) hour storm events. Rainfall values vary throughout the county depending on location.
 - B. Provide the location (longitude and latitude) or a description of the location for which the rainfall applies.
 - C. If rainfalls from more than one (1) location are used, provide the methodology by which the design rainfall was calculated.
6. If the SCS method is used, Antecedent Moisture Condition 1 is to be used in areas of carbonate geology, and Antecedent Moisture Condition 2 is to be used in all other areas. A type II distribution shall be used in all areas.
7. If the Rational Method is used, the NOAA Atlas 14 data (see Section 503.5 above) shall be used to determine the rainfall intensity in inches per hour based on the information for the five (5) through sixty (60) minute duration storm events.
8. Hydrographs may be obtained from NRCS methods such as TR-55, TR20, or from use of the "modified" or "unit hydrograph" rational methods. If "modified" or "unit hydrograph" rational methods are used, the ascending leg of the hydrograph shall have a time of three times the time of concentration ($3 \times T_c$) and the descending leg shall have a time of seven (7) times the time of concentration ($7 \times T_c$) to approximate an NRCS/SCS type 2 hydrograph.
9. Runoff Coefficients "C" and Curve Numbers "CN" shall be based on the charts contained in Appendix B-1 and Appendix B-2.
10. Times of concentration shall be based on the following design parameters:
 - A. Sheet flow: The maximum length for each reach of sheet or overland flow before shallow concentrated or open channel flow develops is one hundred fifty (150) feet. Flow lengths greater than one hundred (100) feet shall be justified based on the actual conditions at each development site. Sheet flow may be determined using the nomograph in Appendix B-4, or the Manning's kinematic solution shown in the Sheet Flow section of Worksheet No. 1 in Appendix B-5.
 - B. Shallow concentrated flow: Travel time for shallow concentrated flow shall be determined using Appendix B-6 from TR-55, Urban Hydrology for small watersheds.
 - C. Open Channel flows: At points where sheet and shallow concentrated flows concentrate in field depressions, swales, gutters, curbs, or pipe collection systems, the travel times and downstream end of the development site between these design points shall be based upon Manning's Equation and/or acceptable engineering design standards as

determined by the Township engineer.

11. For the purpose of calculating pre-development peak discharges, all runoff coefficients, both on-site and off-site, shall be based on actual land use assuming summer or good land conditions. Post-development runoff coefficients for off-site discharges used to design conveyance facilities shall be based on actual land use assuming winter or poor land conditions.
12. Design of on-site conveyance systems calculations may use the Rational Method of $Q=CIA$ where Q is the peak discharge of the watershed in cubic feet per second, C is the coefficient of runoff, I is the intensity of rainfall in inches per hour, and A is the area of the watershed in acres; or any other method approved by the Township.
13. Runoff calculations shall include a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis indicating volume and velocities of flow and the grades, sizes, and capacities of water carrying structures, sediment basins, and retention and detention structures and sufficient design information to construct such facilities. Runoff calculations shall also indicate both pre-development and post-development rates for peak discharge of storm water runoff from the project site.
14. Runoff calculations will also be made to ensure that the runoff from the upstream watershed area can be accommodated by the pipes, drainage easements, watercourses, etc. on the site.
15. Peak rate control is not required for off-site runoff. Off-site runoff may be by-passed around the site provided all other discharge requirements are met. If offsite runoff is routed through rate control facilities, runoff coefficients for off-site discharges used to design those rate control facilities shall be based on actual land use assuming winter or poor land conditions.

SECTION 504 DESIGN STANDARDS – WATER CARRYING FACILITIES

1. All storm sewer pipes, grass waterways, open channels, swales and other water carrying facilities that service drainage areas within the site shall be designed to convey the twenty-five (25) year storm event unless in the opinion of the Township or Township Engineer the character of development and potential for damage warrant design for the fifty (50) or one hundred (100) year storm.
2. Storm water management facilities that convey off-site water through the site shall be designed to convey the fifty (50) year storm event.
3. All developments shall include provisions that allow for the overland conveyance and flow of the post-developed one hundred (100) year storm event without damage to public or private property.

4. Conveyance facilities shall comply with the design criteria in the following table:

| Conveyance facility design criteria | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Location | Within public street right-of-way | Outside public street right-of-way | |
| Loading | All | Vehicular loading | Non-vehicular loading |
| (a) Pipe design | | | |
| [1] Material | SLHDPE, RCP | SLHDPE, RCP | SLHDPE, RCP |
| [2] Slope (minimum) | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.5% |
| [3] Cover | 1 foot to stone subgrade | 1 foot to stone subgrade | 1 foot to surface |
| [4] Diameter (minimum) | 18 inches | 18 inches | 15 inches |
| [5] Street crossing angle | 90° | 90° | N/A |
| [6] Access/maintenance port frequency (maximum) | 400 feet | 400 feet | 600 feet |
| (b) Inlet design | | | |
| [1] Material | Concrete | Concrete | N/A |
| [2] Grate depression | 0 inches | 2 inches | 6 inches with 20:1 approach slopes |
| (c) Manhole design | | | |
| [1] Material | Concrete | Concrete | Concrete |
| (d) Swale design | | | |
| [1] Freeboard (minimum) | 6 inches | N/A | 6 inches |
| [2] Velocity (maximum) | Stability check | N/A | Stability check |
| [3] Slope (minimum) | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| [4] Side slopes (residential area) | 4 : 1 max | N/A | 4 : 1 max |
| [5] Side slopes (non-residential area) | 4 : 1 max | N/A | 3 : 1 max |
| [6] Bottom width to flow depth ratio | 12 : 1 | N/A | 12 : 1 |
| (e) Pipe Inlet/Outlet design | | | |
| [1] End treatment | Concrete Headwall/endwall | Headwall/ endwall or flared end section | Headwall/ endwall or flared end section |
| [2] Energy dissipater | Required | N/A | Required |

5. All storm sewer pipes, culverts, manholes, inlets, endwalls and end sections shall be constructed in accordance with PennDOT Form 408.

6. Storm sewer pipes, culverts, manholes, inlets, endwalls, and end sections proposed for dedication or located along streets shall conform to the requirements of the PennDOT Bureau of Design, Standards for Roadway Construction, Publication No. 72.
7. The roughness coefficient (Manning “n” values) used for conveyance capacity calculations shall be determined in accordance with Appendix B-3 or per the manufacturer’s specifications.
8. Inlets shall be placed on both sides of the street at low spots, at changes in the horizontal or vertical directions of storm sewers, and at points where the flow in gutters exceeds three (3) inches. Inlets shall normally be along the curb line at or beyond the curb radius points. For the purpose of inlet location at corners, the depth of flow shall be considered for each gutter. At intersections, the depth of flow for the twenty-five (25)-year storm across the through streets shall not exceed one (1) inch. Inlets shall be depressed below the grade of the road-side swale, curb line, or ground surface as indicated in the above design chart. An access/maintenance port may either be an inlet or manhole. Manholes may be substituted for inlets at locations where inlets are not required to collect surface runoff.
9. Material consistency and placement depths for storm sewer pipe backfill shall be (at a minimum) per all applicable pipe manufacturer’s recommendations, further providing it should be free of large (not exceeding six [6] inches in any dimension) stone, rock, or other objectionable or detritus material.
10. Within the public street right-of-way, the gutter spread based on the twenty-five (25)-year storm shall be no greater than one half of the travel lane and have a maximum depth of three (3) inches at the curb line. A parking lane shall not be considered as part of the travel lane.
11. Inlets or manholes shall be placed at all points of changes in the horizontal or vertical directions of conveyance pipes. Curved pipe sections are prohibited.
12. All inlets placed in paved areas shall have heavy duty bicycle-safe grating consistent with PennDOT Publication 72M. A note to this effect shall be added to the Storm Water Management Site Plan or inlet details therein.
13. Inlets, junction boxes, or manholes greater than five (5) feet in depth shall be equipped with non-aluminum ladder rungs and shall be detailed on the Storm Water Management Site Plan.
14. Where the connecting pipe has a diameter eighteen (18) inches or greater, headwalls and endwalls shall be provided with a protective barrier device to prevent entry of the storm sewer pipe by unauthorized persons. Such protection devices shall be designed to be removable for cleaning.
15. In addition to the material requirements in this section, culverts designed to convey Waters of the Commonwealth may be constructed with either a corrugated metal arch or a precast concrete culvert.
16. Flow velocities from any storm sewer shall not result in a degradation of the receiving channel.
17. Energy dissipaters shall be placed at the outlets of all storm sewer pipes where flow velocities exceed maximum permitted channel velocities.
18. The capacities of swales shall be computed from the Manning Equation using the following design parameters: Permissible open channel velocities and design standards shall be in accordance with

good engineering practice as documented in the Engineering Field Manual for Conservation Practices, U.S.D.A., S.C.S., or in Design Charts for Open-Channel Flow, Hydraulic Design Series No. 3, U.S. Department of Transportation.

A. Vegetated swales:

- (1) The first condition shall consider swale stability based upon a low degree of retardance ($n = 0.03$);
- (2) The second condition shall consider swale capacity based upon a higher degree of retardance ($n = 0.05$); and

B. The n factors to be used for paved or riprap swales or gutters shall be based upon accepted engineering design practices, as approved by the Township Engineer.

C. All swales shall be designed to maximize infiltration and concentrate low flows to minimize siltation and meandering, unless geotechnical conditions do not permit infiltration.

SECTION 505 DESIGN STANDARDS – ABOVE GROUND STORAGE FACILITIES

1. Above ground storage facilities shall consist of all storm water facilities which store, infiltrate/evaporate/transpire, clean, release, or otherwise affect storm water runoff and the top of which is exposed to the natural environment. Above ground storage facilities shall be located above the finished ground elevation. Above ground storage facilities do not include storm water management facilities designed for conveyance, or cisterns.
2. Facilities with a facility depth greater than eight (8) feet shall not be permitted in residential areas.

3. Above ground storage facilities shall comply with the design criteria in the following table:

| Above-ground storage facility design criteria | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | Facility Depth | | |
| | Less than 2 feet | 2 feet to 8 feet | Greater than 8 feet |
| (a) Embankment Geometry | | | |
| [1] Top width (minimum) | 2 feet | 5 feet | 8 feet |
| [2] Interior side slope (maximum) | 2 : 1 | 3 : 1 | 5 : 1 |
| [3] Exterior side slope (maximum) | 2 : 1 | 3 : 1 | 3 : 1 |
| (b) Embankment construction | | | |
| [1] Key trench | Not required | Required | Required |
| [2] Pipe collar | Not required | Required | Required |
| [3] Compaction density | Not required | Required | Required |
| (c) Internal Construction | | | |
| [1] Dewatering feature | N/A | Required | Required |
| [2] Pretreatment elements* | Not required | Required | Required |
| (d) Outlet Structure | | | |
| [1] Pipe size (minimum) | 12 inches | 18 inches | 18 inches |
| [2] Pipe material | SLHDPE, PVC, RCP | SLHDPE, RCP | RCP |
| [3] Anticlogging devices | Required | Required | Required |
| [4] Antivortex design | Not required | Required | Required |
| [5] Watertight joints in piping | No | Yes | Yes |
| (e) Spillway Requirements | | | |
| [1] Spillway freeboard (minimum) | 3 inches | 6 inches | 12 inches |
| [2] Width (minimum) | 5 feet | 10 feet | 20 feet |
| [3] Width (maximum) | 20 feet | 50 feet | 50 feet |
| [4] Spillway channel design | Required | Required | Required |
| [5] Routing of 100 year storm | Permitted | Permitted | Permitted |

* Pretreatment is required for infiltration BMPs unless shown to be unnecessary.

N/A = Not applicable

SLHDPE = Smooth lined high density polyethylene pipe; PVC = Polyvinyl chloride;

RCP = Reinforced concrete pipe

4. If required, pretreatment elements shall be designed according to the BMP Manual.
5. All above ground storage facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be constructed of sound and durable materials. All discharge control devices and anticlogging devices with appurtenances shall be made of reinforced concrete and stainless steel. Bolts/fasteners shall be stainless steel. The maximum opening dimensions of all anticlogging devices shall be no greater than one-half of the smallest orifice opening size on which it is protecting. A separation distance of at least one-half of

the opening size shall be maintained between the anticlogging device and the orifice being protected. The completed structure and the foundation of all basins shall be stable under all probable conditions of operation. Spillways shall be capable of discharging the peak discharge of a post-development one hundred (100)-year storm event through the emergency spillway facilities, in a condition that assumes the primary outlet(s) are blocked, which will not damage the integrity of the facility or the downstream drainage areas. Use of the spillway to convey flows greater than the fifty (50)-year design storm shall be permitted.

6. The effect on downstream areas if the above ground storage facility embankment fails shall be considered in the design of all basins. The basin shall be designed to minimize the potential damage caused by such failure of the embankment.
7. An easement shall be provided from the spillway outfall to a natural or artificial watercourse.
8. The maximum depth of water for above ground storage facilities without restricted access shall not exceed six (6) feet unless approved by modification or waiver by the Board of Supervisors. Access to basins with a maximum depth of water greater than six (6) feet shall be restricted by fencing that will discourage access.
9. Above ground storage facilities without restricted access shall have impoundment areas with side slopes no greater than the horizontal to vertical ratios in the design chart. Access to basins with steeper side slopes than those shown in the chart shall be restricted by fencing that will discourage access.
10. All detention basins shall include an outlet structure to permit draining the Rate Control Volume within twenty-four (24) hours, exclusive of BMP storage.
11. All outlet structures and emergency spillways shall include a satisfactory means of dissipating the energy of flow at its outlet to assure conveyance of flow without endangering the safety and integrity of the basin and the downstream drainage area.
12. An impervious core/key trench, if required, shall consist of a cutoff trench (below existing grade) and a core trench (above existing grade). A key trench may not be required wherever the facility depth is less than two (2) feet or where it can be shown that another design feature, such as the use of an impermeable liner, accomplishes the same purpose. Materials used for the core shall conform to the Unified Soil Classification GC, SC, CH, or CL and must have at least thirty (30) percent passing the No. 200 sieve.
 - A. The dimensions of the core shall provide a minimum trench depth of two (2) feet below existing grade, minimum width of four (4) feet and side slope of 1H:1V or flatter.
 - B. The core should extend up to the twenty-five (25) year water surface elevation or six (6) inches below the emergency spillway elevation, whichever is lower.
 - C. The core shall extend four (4) feet below any pipe penetrations through the impervious core. The core shall be installed along or parallel to the centerline of the embankment.

- D. Compaction requirements shall be the same as those for the embankment to assure maximum density and minimum permeability.
- 13. All pipe collars, if required, shall be designed in accordance with Chapter 7 of the PADEP Erosion and Sediment Control Manual. The material shall consist of concrete or otherwise non-degradable material around the outfall barrel and shall be watertight.
- 14. The embankment fill material shall be free of roots, stumps, wood, rubbish, stones greater than six (6) inches, frozen or other objectionable materials.
- 15. The minimum freeboard for spillways shall be provided above the one hundred (100)-year design elevation of the water surface at the emergency spillway in a condition that assumes the primary outlet(s) are blocked.
- 16. Wherever possible, basins shall have a non-uniform (naturalistic) shape, rather than a geometric design in the form of a square or rectangle.
- 17. The minimum bottom slope of facilities not designed for infiltration shall be one (1) percent. A flatter slope may be used if an equivalent dewatering mechanism is provided.
- 18. If required, dewatering shall be provided through the use of underdrain, surface device, or an alternate approved by the Township Engineer. If the facility is to be used for infiltration, the dewatering device should be capable of being disconnected and only be made operational if the basin is not dewatering within the required timeframe.
- 19. Within basins designed for infiltration, existing native vegetation shall be preserved, if possible. For existing unvegetated areas or for infiltration basins that require excavation, a planting plan shall be prepared in accordance with this Ordinance and the BMP Manual.

SECTION 506 DESIGN STANDARDS – VOLUME CONTROL

Storm water runoff volume controls shall be implemented using the *Design Storm Method* in Subsection 1 below.

- 1. The *Design Storm Method* (CG-1 in the BMP Manual) is applicable to any size of regulated activity. This method requires detailed modeling based on site conditions.
 - A. The post development total runoff volume shall not increase for all storms equal to or less than the two (2)-year twenty-four (24)-hour storm event.
 - B. For modeling purposes:
 - (1) Existing (pre-development) non forested pervious areas must be considered meadow in good condition.
 - (2) Twenty (20) percent of existing impervious area, when present, shall be considered meadow in good condition in the model for existing conditions.

- (3) The maximum loading ratio for volume control facilities in karst areas shall be 3:1 impervious drainage area to infiltration area and 5:1 total drainage area to infiltration area. The maximum loading ratio for volume control facilities in non-karst areas shall be 5:1 impervious drainage area to infiltration area and 8:1 total drainage area to infiltration area. A higher ratio would be acceptable if proper justification is submitted and approved.
2. Any portion of the volume control storage that meets the following conditions may also be used as rate control storage;
 - A. Volume control storage that depends on infiltration and is designed according to the infiltration standards in this Ordinance and the BMP Manual.
 - B. The volume control storage which will be used for rate control is that storage which is available within twenty-four (24) hours from the end of the design storm based on the stabilized infiltration rate and/or the evapo-transpiration rate.
3. Volume Control BMPs and pretreatment elements shall be designed in accordance with the BMP Manual and the soil and infiltration testing requirements of Section 501.
4. All applicable worksheets from Chapter 8 of the BMP Manual must be used when establishing Volume Controls.

SECTION 507 DESIGN STANDARDS – SUBSURFACE STORAGE FACILITIES

1. Subsurface storage facilities shall consist of all storm water facilities which store, infiltrate/evaporate/transpire, clean, release, or otherwise affect storm water runoff and the top of which is not exposed to the natural environment. Subsurface facilities shall be located below the finished ground elevation. Subsurface facilities shall not include storm water management facilities designed for conveyance.
2. Subsurface storage facilities shall comply with the design criteria in the following table:

| Subsurface storage facility design criteria | | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Facility Type | |
| | Infiltration and Storage | Storage without Infiltration |
| (a) Facility Geometry | | |
| [1] Depth from surface (maximum) | 2 feet less than limiting zone | N/A |
| [2] Loading ratio (maximum) | Per BMP Manual* | N/A |
| (b) Distribution System Requirements | | |
| [1] Pipe size (minimum) | 4 inches | 4 inches |
| [3] Loading/balancing | Required | Not required |
| [4] Observation/access ports | Required | Required |

*unless otherwise determined by professional geologic evaluation

3. The facility shall be designed according to the BMP Manual to provide pretreatment to eliminate solids, sediment, and other debris from entering the subsurface facility.
4. The facility shall be designed to provide a means of evenly balancing the flow across the surface of the facility to be used for infiltration.
5. For facilities with the bottom less than five (5) feet below the average grade of the ground surface, a clean-out shall be an acceptable observation port. For facilities with the bottom five (5) feet or more below the average grade of the ground surface, a manhole or other means acceptable to the Township shall be provided for access to and monitoring of the facility. The number of access points shall be sufficient to flush or otherwise clean out the system.
6. Storage and distribution system piping shall be PVC, SLHDPE, or RCP.
7. The stone used for infiltration beds shall be clean washed, uniformly graded coarse aggregate. The void ratio for design shall be assumed to be forty (40) percent.
8. Material consistency and placement depths for backfill shall be (at a minimum) per all applicable pipe manufacturer's recommendations, further providing it should be free of large (not exceeding six (6) inches in any dimension) stone, rock, or other objectionable or detritus material. Select non-aggregate material should be indigenous to the surrounding soil material for non-vehicular areas. Backfill within vehicular areas shall comply with this section unless otherwise specified in the Subdivision Ordinances or Road Ordinance. Furthermore, if the design concept includes the migration of runoff through the backfill to reach the infiltration facility, the material shall be well drained, free of excess clay or clay like materials and generally uniform in gradation.
9. Non-woven geotextiles shall be placed on all sides of subsurface infiltration facilities.
10. When located under pavement, the top of the subsurface facility shall be a minimum of three (3) inches below the bottom of pavement subbase. Where located under vegetative cover, the top of the subsurface facility shall be a minimum of twelve (12) inches below the surface elevation or as required to establish vegetation.
11. Subsurface facilities shall be designed to safely convey and/or bypass flows from storms exceeding the design storm.

ARTICLE VI ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 601 RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEVELOPERS AND LANDOWNERS

1. The Township shall make the final determination on the continuing maintenance responsibilities prior to final approval of the Storm Water Management Site Plan. The Township may require a dedication of such facilities as part of the requirements for approval of the Storm Water Management Site Plan. Such a requirement is not an indication that the Township will accept the facilities. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject the ownership and operating responsibility for any portion of the Storm Water Management controls.
2. Facilities, areas, or structures used as Storm Water Management BMPs shall be enumerated as permanent real estate appurtenances and recorded as deed restrictions or conservation easements that run with the land.
3. The Operation and Maintenance Plans and agreements shall be recorded as a restrictive deed covenant that runs with the land.

SECTION 602 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

Prior to final approval of the development site's Storm Water Management Site Plan, the record owner of the Development Site shall sign and record an Operation and Maintenance agreement covering all storm water control facilities that are to be privately owned. Said agreement, as provided in Appendix G, is attached and made part hereto. The agreement shall stipulate that:

1. The Landowner, successor and assignees shall maintain all facilities in good working order in accordance with the approved maintenance schedule and shall keep all facilities in a safe manner.
2. The Landowner shall convey to the Township easements and/or rights-of-way to assure access for periodic inspections by the Township and maintenance, if required.
3. The owner shall keep on file with the Township the name, address and telephone number of the person or company responsible for maintenance activities; in the event of a change, new information will be submitted to the Township within ten (10) days of the change.
4. In the case of condominium and planned communities, separate agreements will be entered and be in a legal form capable of being enforced against the common elements and the ownership interests of the individual units or properties, as the case may be, so that the Township has the ability to force compliance with the provisions of such agreements and to assess the cost (as set forth in this Ordinance) against all owners so that the Township does not incur out of pocket expenses.
5. The owner is responsible for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of the Storm Water Management BMPs. If the owner fails to adhere to the Operation and Maintenance Agreement, the Township may perform the services required and charge the owner appropriate fees. Nonpayment of fees may result in a lien against the property.

6. Where the NPDES permit for the project requires that BMPs be installed, annual written reporting of the inspection and maintenance of those BMPs shall be included in the program.

SECTION 603 PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

1. A financial security (bond, restricted account or letter of credit) for storm water related improvements shall be supplied by the Developer in conjunction with the subdivision/land development approval, or in conjunction with the Storm Water Management Site Plan approval if no subdivision/land development plan is required.
2. The Applicant shall provide a financial security to the Township for the timely installation and proper construction of all Storm Water Management facilities, as required by the approved Storm Water Management Site Plan and this Ordinance and, as applicable, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of the MPC.
3. As the work of installing the required improvements proceeds, the party posting the financial security may request the Township to release or authorize the release from time to time, such portions of the financial security necessary for the payment to the contractor or contractors performing the work. Any such request shall be in writing and addressed to the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Supervisors shall have forty-five (45) days from the receipt of such request to allow the Township Engineer to certify, in writing, to the Board of Supervisors that such portion of the work has been completed in accordance with the approved plan. Upon such certification, the Board of Supervisors shall authorize release from the required financial security of an amount as estimated by the Township Engineer as representing the value of the work completed.
4. In the event that any Storm Water Management Facilities which may be required have not been installed as provided in the approved Storm Water Management Site Plan the Board of Supervisors are hereby granted the power to enforce any corporate bond, or other security by appropriate legal and equitable remedies. If proceeds of such bond, or other security are insufficient to pay the cost of installing or making repairs or corrections to all the Storm Water Management Facilities covered by said security, the Township may, at its option, install part of such Storm Water Management Facilities and may institute appropriate legal or equitable action to recover the monies necessary to complete the remainder of the Storm Water Management Facilities. All of the proceeds, whether resulting from the security or from any legal or equitable action brought against the Developer, or both, shall be used solely for the installation of the Storm Water Management Facilities covered by such security.
5. For Storm Water Management Site Plans that are required to have an NPDES permit and a financial security to the Township is required, evidence of the NPDES permit's executed "Notice of Termination" shall be provided to the Township prior to the release of the financial security.
6. Financial security shall not be released until an As-Built Plan, as described in Section 607, has been submitted to the Township and approved by the Township Engineer.

7. SECTION 604 MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Maintenance of Storm Water Management facilities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - A. Regular inspection of the Storm Water Management facilities to assure proper implementation of BMPs, maintenance and care, as per Subsection 2 below.
 - B. All pipes, swales and detention facilities shall be kept free of any debris or other obstruction and in original design condition.
 - C. Removal of silt from all permanent structures which trap silt or sediment in order to keep the material from building up in storm water management facilities and thus reducing their capacity to convey or store water.
 - D. Mowing grass areas as necessary to maintain adequate growth and to control weeds. Chemical weed control may be used to maintain the specified planting (i.e. grass, wetlands plants, etc.) if federal, state and local laws and regulations are met.
 - E. Liming and fertilizing vegetated channels and other areas according to the specifications in the PADEP Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Manual.
 - F. Re-establishment of vegetation by seeding and mulching or sodding of scoured areas or areas where vegetation has not been successfully established. Selection of seed mixtures shall be subject to approval by the Township.
 - G. Where the NPDES permit for the project requires that BMPs be installed, annual written reporting of the inspection and maintenance of those BMPs shall be provided to the Township. LID Practices shall be included in the annual written report. A form for reporting shall be available at the Township office. Failure to provide such reports may result in enforcement and penalties by the Township.
2. Storm Water Management BMPs shall be inspected by the Landowner, or the Landowner's designee, according to the following list of minimum frequencies:
 - A. Annually for the first five (5) years.
 - B. Once every three (3) years thereafter.
 - C. During or immediately after the cessation of a ten (10)-year or greater storm (equating to at least four and a half [4.5] inches of rainfall in a twenty-four [24]-hour period).
3. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal to dedicate ownership and operating responsibility of any Storm Water Management facilities to the Township.

SECTION 605 MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING FACILITIES / BMPS

Storm Water Management facilities existing on the effective date of this Ordinance, which have not been accepted by the Township or for which maintenance responsibility has not been assumed by a private entity such as a homeowners' association shall be maintained by the individual Landowners. Such maintenance shall include at a minimum those items set forth in Section 604 above. If the Township determines at any time that any permanent Storm Water Management facility has been eliminated, altered, blocked through the erection of structures or the deposit of materials, or improperly maintained, the condition constitutes a nuisance and the Township shall notify the Landowner of corrective measures that are required, and provide for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed thirty (30) days, within which the Landowner shall take such corrective action. If the Landowner does not take the required corrective action, the Township may either perform the work or contract for the performance of the work and bill the Landowner for the cost of the work plus a penalty of ten (10) percent of the cost of the work. If such bill is not paid by the Landowner within thirty (30) days, the Township may file a municipal claim against the property upon which the work was performed in accordance with the applicable laws. The Township shall have the right to choose among the remedies and may use one or more remedies concurrently.

SECTION 606 MODIFICATION OF APPROVED PLANS AND FACILITIES

1. Any modification which involves a change in storm water management control methods or techniques, or which involves the relocation or redesign of control measures, or which is necessary because soil or other conditions are not as stated on the approved plan, shall require the submission of a revised plan by the developer in accordance with the plan requirements as set forth in Article III of this Ordinance.
2. Any replatting, revision, or resubdivision of recorded plans or any replatting, revision, or resubdivision of any approved final plan which has not been recorded, including lot grading plans in subdivisions, shall be considered as a new application and shall comply with all the requirements of this Ordinance.

SECTION 607 AS-BUILT PLAN

Prior to the final release of the financial security, the developer shall provide the Township with one (1) Mylar, two (2) paper copies, and a Portable Document Format (PDF) file of the final as-built plan showing the following:

1. Actual horizontal and vertical location of cartway centerline versus right-of-way centerline.
2. Actual location of floodplain by elevation and dimension from property line.
3. Actual location and cross section of swales and accompanying easements.
4. Actual horizontal and vertical location of storm water management facilities including type and size of storm drainage pipes.
5. Above Ground Storage Facilities:

- A. Actual contours of the storm water management facility.
 - B. Actual outlet structure details including type, size and inverts of outlet pipes.
 - C. Actual elevation of the embankment and emergency spillway.
 - D. A table showing the stage/storage/discharge curve for the constructed conditions.
 - E. A table providing a comparison of the approved design vs. the as-built discharge rates from all storm water management facilities.
- 6. When a digital submission of an As-Built Plan is required, all coordinates as depicted on the plan shall be based on the PA South Zone State Plane Coordinate System (NAD83 for horizontal and NAVD88 for vertical).
 - 7. The As-Built Record Plan submission shall include a certification of completion signed by the Applicant's qualified professional verifying that all permanent Storm Water Management BMPs have been constructed according to the approved plans and specifications. If any qualified licensed professionals contributed to the construction plans, then a qualified licensed professional must sign the completion certificate.

SECTION 608 PROHIBITED DISCHARGES AND CONNECTIONS

- 1. The following connections are prohibited, except as provided in Section 608.3 below.
 - A. Any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, that allows any non-storm water discharge including sewage, process wastewater, and wash water to enter a separate storm sewer system (if applicable), or Waters of this Commonwealth, and any connections to the storm drain system from indoor drains and sinks; and
 - B. Any drain or conveyance connected from a commercial or industrial land use to the separate storm sewer system (if applicable) which has not been documented in plans, maps, or equivalent records, and approved by the Township.
- 2. No person shall allow, or cause to allow, discharges into surface Waters of this Commonwealth which are not composed entirely of storm water , except (1) as provided in Section 608.3 below and (2) discharges allowed under a state or federal permit.

3. The following discharges are authorized unless they are determined by the Township or PADEP to be significant contributors to pollution to the Waters of this Commonwealth:

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| - Discharges from firefighting activities | - Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands, diverted streamflows |
| - Potable water sources including water line flushing | - Uncontaminated water from foundations or from footing drains |
| - Irrigation and Landscape irrigation drainage | - Lawn watering |
| - Air conditioning condensate | - Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges |
| - Springs | - Uncontaminated pumped groundwater, rising groundwater, and groundwater infiltration |
| - 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) |

4. In the event that the Township or PADEP determines that any of the discharges identified above significantly contribute to pollution of the Waters of this Commonwealth, the Township or PADEP will notify the responsible person(s) to cease the discharge.

SECTION 609 ROOF DRAINS AND SUMP PUMPS

Roof drains and sump pumps shall discharge, to the maximum extent practicable, to infiltration or vegetative BMPs.

SECTION 610 RIGHT-OF-ENTRY

As required in Section 402.1, the Storm Water Management Site Plan shall include a note on the plan informing the owner that the Township shall have the right of entry for the purposes of inspecting all storm water conveyance, treatment, or storage facilities.

SECTION 611 NOTIFICATION

In the event that any person fails to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance, or fails to conform to the requirements of any permit issued hereunder, the Township shall provide written notification of the violation. Such notification shall set forth the nature of the violation(s) and establish a reasonable time limit, for correction of these violation(s). Failure to comply within the time specified shall subject such person to the penalty provisions of this Ordinance. All such penalties shall be deemed cumulative and shall not preclude the Township from pursuing any and all other remedies.

SECTION 612 ENFORCEMENT/VIOLATIONS

1. The Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to enforce all of the provisions of this Ordinance. All inspections regarding compliance with the Storm Water Management Site Plan shall be the responsibility of the Township Engineer or other qualified persons designated by the Township.
 - A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to undertake any activity under Section 105 on any property except as provided for in the approved Storm Water Management Site Plan and pursuant to the requirements of this Ordinance.
 - B. It shall be unlawful to alter or remove any control structure required by the Storm Water Management Site Plan pursuant to this Ordinance or to allow the property to remain in a condition which does not conform to the approved storm water management site plan.
 - C. The Township may provide a limited time period for the owner to correct any violation. In these cases, the 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, the Township may revoke or suspend any, or all, applicable approvals and permits pertaining to any provision of this Ordinance.
 - D. Any approval or permit issued by the Township pursuant to this Ordinance may be suspended or revoked for:
 - (1) Non-compliance with or failure to implement any provision of the approved Storm Water Management Site Plan or Operation and Maintenance 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.
 - E. A suspended approval may be reinstated by the Township when:
 - (1) The Township has inspected and approved the corrections to the violations that caused the suspension.
 - (2) The Township is satisfied that the violation has been corrected.
 - F. An approval that has been revoked by the Township cannot be reinstated. The Applicant may apply for a new approval under the provisions of this Ordinance.
2. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance to commit any of the following acts:

- A. To commence Regulated Activities prior to obtaining unconditional approval of a Storm Water Management Site Plan or in violation of the terms or conditions of a Storm Water Management Site Plan approved under this Ordinance.
- B. To install, repair, modify or alter Storm Water Management Facilities prior to obtaining approvals under this Ordinance, or, in a manner which violates the terms and conditions of any Approval issued under this Ordinance.
- C. To misuse or fail to maintain any Storm Water Management Facility installed upon a property.
- D. To construct any improvements upon, grade, fill, place any structure, landscaping or vegetation, or take any other action which will impair the proper functioning of any Storm Water Management Facility without the written approval of the Township.
- E. To place false information on, or, omit relevant information from an application for Approval under this Ordinance.
- F. To fail to comply with any other provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 613 PENALTIES/REMEDIES

- 1. For each violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, the owner, agent, lessee, or contractor or any other person who commits, takes part in, or assists in any such violation shall be liable upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding to pay a fine of not less than two hundred (200.00) dollars nor more than one thousand (1,000.00) dollars for each offense, together with the costs of prosecution. Each day or portion thereof in which a violation exists shall be considered a separate violation of this Ordinance, and each Section of this Ordinance which is violated shall be considered a separate violation.
- 2. The Township may also institute suits to restrain, prevent, or abate a violation of this Ordinance in equity or at law. Such proceedings in equity or at law may be initiated before any court of competent jurisdiction. In cases of emergency where, in the opinion of the court, the circumstances of the case require immediate abatement of the unlawful conduct, the court may, in its decree, fix a reasonable time during which the person responsible for the unlawful conduct shall correct or abate the same. The expense of such proceedings shall be recoverable from the violator in such manner as may now or hereafter be provided by law.
- 3. The Township may also take actions relating to suspension or revocation of permits set forth in Section 703.
- 4. The Board of Supervisors may, by resolution, appoint a code enforcement officer to enforce this Ordinance and may authorize such code enforcement officer to institute summary criminal proceedings without prior action by the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 614 APPEALS

1. Any person aggrieved by any action of the Township or its designee may appeal to the Board of Supervisors within thirty (30) days of that action. Any such appeal shall be governed by the procedures of Article V of the Local Agency Law, 2 Pa. C.S.A. §501 et seq.
2. Any person aggrieved by any decision of Board of Supervisors may appeal to the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas within thirty (30) days of that decision, in accordance with Article VII of Local Agency Law, 2 Pa. C.S.A. 701 et seq. the Local Agency Law.

SECTION 615 ORDINANCE CONSTRUCTION

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights or liability incurred, or any permit issued, or any approval granted, or any cause or causes of action existing prior to the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 616 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its enactment by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Strasburg, as provided by law.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on the 5th day of May, 2014, in lawful session duly assembled.

Township of Strasburg

(Vice) Chairman, Supervisors

Attest: _____
Secretary

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