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SMALL PROJECT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN/ EXEMPTION APPLICATION

SITE ADDRESS: _____ Lot Size: _____

APPLICANT: _____ Email: _____

Applicant Address: _____ Phone # _____

PROPERTY OWNER (if different than applicant): _____ Phone # _____

Owner Address: _____ Email: _____

CONTRACTOR: _____ Email: _____

Contractor Address: _____ Phone # _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: _____

NEW IMPERVIOUS AREA ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT: _____ SQUARE FEET

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN TYPE:

- _____ Exemption (total impervious area must not exceed 1,000 square feetⁱ – see page 2 for additional guidance)
- _____ Small Project Stormwater Management Plan (total impervious area must not exceed 5,000 square feetⁱⁱ)
- _____ Agricultural Stormwater Exemption Plan (per Ordinance 23-402.2)

PROPERTY OWNER/AUTHORIZED AGENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- Development activities shall begin only after Penn Township approves the Small Project Stormwater Management Plan.
- Stormwater runoff from the installed stormwater BMPs shall not adversely affect any property, roadways, septic systems, or drinking water wells on this or any other property.
- The installed stormwater BMPs shall be a permanent fixture of the property that cannot be altered or removed without approval by the Township.
- The Township shall have the ability to perform periodic inspections and a final inspection of the installed stormwater BMPs to ensure installation in accordance with the approved Small Project Stormwater Management Plan.
- I/we shall be responsible for paying applicable and reasonable fees associated with the Township staff and/or Township consultants processing, reviewing, and inspecting the Small Project Stormwater Management Plan, Application, and installed stormwater BMPs.
- If, after approval of the Small Project Stormwater Management Plan, I/we wish to revise the Plan, I/we shall submit a revised Stormwater Management Plan to the Township for approval. Additional fees may apply.
- False information may result in a stop work order or revocation of permits.

I/we declare that I am/we are the property owner(s), or authorized representative(s) of the owner(s) for the project for which this application is filed, and that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. I/we hereby acknowledge the above statements and agree to assume full responsibility for the implementation, construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed stormwater BMPs.

Applicant Signature(s): _____ **Date:** _____

What Type of Stormwater Management Submission is Needed?

Under the SWM Ordinance, regulated activities require the preparation and submission of an engineered stormwater management plan to be reviewed and approved by the Township. Alternative provisions have been adopted for projects that propose no more than 5,000 square feet of impervious area and meet certain criteria. These categories are referred to as “exemptions” and “small projects”, and the criteria listed below will help determine eligibility. Ultimately, Sections 401 & 402 of the SWM Ordinance govern and should be consulted in the case that interpretation is needed.

EXEMPTIONS TO THE SWM ORDINANCE

❖ **NON-CONSTRUCTION-RELATED:** Are you proposing any of the following non-construction projects? These activities are specifically exempt from the plan preparation and submission requirements of the SWM Ordinance.

- Normal agricultural activities
- Forest management and timber operations
- Implementation of a conservation plan
- Landscaping and/or vegetable gardening

❖ **CONSTRUCTION-RELATED:** Certain construction activities resulting in increased impervious areas may also be eligible for an exemption from the plan preparation and submission requirements. Does your project fit either of these two scenarios?

1. Your lot is subject to an approved stormwater management plan – likely part of a (recent) subdivision plan – that includes future impervious surface coverage assigned to individual lots.

NEXT STEP: Contact the Township Office for details and to determine eligibility.

2. Your lot is NOT subject to an approved stormwater management plan, and the construction project will create no more than 1,000 square feet of impervious area. If so, your project may be exempt if the following criteria can be met:

- Environmentally sensitive areas (e.g. floodplains, riparian corridors, steep slopes, natural drainage ways, etc.) will not be disturbed.
- Existing drainage or stormwater easements will not be disturbed.
- Disturbed areas will either be revegetated or covered by the new impervious area.
- Runoff will be directed to pervious areas on the lot, NOT onto streets or neighboring properties.
- Known problem areas or downstream properties will not be adversely impacted by the new runoff.
- The quality of runoff entering the Township’s storm sewer system will not be degraded.
- Erosion will not be created by the new runoff.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT THROUGH THE SMALL PROJECT PROCESS

If your construction project does not meet the exemption criteria above, it may be eligible for the Small Project Stormwater Management Plan process. ***Guidelines for Small Project Stormwater Management Plans***, available on the Township website and at the Township building, provides information on how to prepare the plan and includes sample BMP details.

ⁱ The 1,000 square feet of impervious area permitted by an exemption is measured cumulatively from January 1, 2011.

ⁱⁱ The maximum amount of impervious area permitted to be added through the Small Project Stormwater Management Plan process is cumulative from the date of April 29, 2014.