

Delaware River South Watershed
Act 167
Stormwater Management Ordinance
For
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Bucks County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE NO. 263

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ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 101. Statement of Findings

The governing body of the Township of Upper Makefield finds that:

- A. Inadequate management of accelerated stormwater 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 stormwater, undermines floodplain management and flood reduction efforts in upstream and downstream communities, reduces groundwater recharge, and threatens public health and safety.
- B. Inadequate planning and management of stormwater runoff resulting from land development and redevelopment throughout a watershed can also harm surface water resources by changing the natural hydrologic patterns, accelerating stream flows (which increase scour and erosion of stream-beds and stream-banks thereby elevating sedimentation), destroying aquatic habitat and elevating aquatic pollutant concentrations and loadings such as sediments, nutrients, heavy metals and pathogens. Groundwater resources are also impacted through loss of recharge.
- C. A comprehensive program of stormwater 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 Municipality and all the people of the Commonwealth, their resources, and the environment.
- D. Stormwater can be an important water resource by providing groundwater recharge for water supplies and base flow of streams, which also protects and maintains surface water quality.
- E. Through project design, impacts from stormwater runoff can be minimized to maintain the natural hydrologic regime, and sustain high water quality, groundwater recharge, stream baseflow, and aquatic ecosystems. The most cost effective and environmentally advantageous way to manage stormwater runoff is through nonstructural project design, minimizing impervious surfaces and sprawl, avoiding sensitive areas (i.e. stream buffers, floodplains, steep slopes), and designing to topography and soils to maintain the natural hydrologic regime.
- F. Public education on the control of pollution from stormwater is an essential component in successfully addressing stormwater.
- G. Federal and state regulations require certain municipalities to implement a program of stormwater controls. These municipalities are required to obtain a permit for stormwater discharges from their separate storm sewer systems under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).
- H. Non-stormwater discharges to municipal separate storm sewer systems can contribute to pollution of waters of the Commonwealth by the Municipality.

Section 102. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote health, safety, and welfare within the Delaware River South watershed by minimizing the damages described in Section 101.A of this Ordinance through provisions designed to:

- A. Promote alternative project designs and layouts that minimize impacts to surface and ground water.
- B. Promote nonstructural best management practices.
- C. Minimize increases in stormwater volume.
- D. Minimize impervious surfaces.
- E. Manage accelerated runoff and erosion and sedimentation problems at their source by regulating activities that cause these problems.
- F. Utilize and preserve the existing natural drainage systems.
- G. Encourage recharge of groundwater where appropriate and prevent degradation of groundwater quality.
- H. Address the quality and quantity of stormwater discharges from the development site.
- I. Maintain existing flows and quality of streams and watercourses in the municipality and the Commonwealth.
- J. Preserve and restore the flood-carrying capacity of streams.
- K. Provide proper maintenance of all permanent stormwater management facilities that are constructed in the Municipality.
- L. Provide performance standards and design criteria for watershed-wide stormwater management and planning.
- M. Manage stormwater impacts close to the runoff source, requiring a minimum of structures and relying on natural processes.
- N. Focus on infiltration of stormwater to maintain groundwater recharge, to prevent degradation of surface and groundwater quality, and to otherwise protect water resources.
- O. Meet legal water quality requirements under state law, including regulations at 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93.4.a requiring protection and maintenance of “existing uses” and maintenance of the level of water quality to support those uses in all streams, and the protection and maintenance of water quality in “special protection” streams.
- P. Provide a mechanism to identify stormwater controls necessary to meet NPDES permit requirements.
- Q. Implement an illegal discharge detection and elimination program that addresses nonstormwater discharges into the Municipality’s separate storm sewer system.

R. Prevent scour and erosion of streambanks and streambeds.

Section 103. Statutory Authority

The Municipality is empowered to regulate land use activities that affect runoff by the authority of the Act of October 4, 1978 32 P.S., P.L. 864 (Act 167) Section 680.1 et seq., as amended, the “Stormwater Management Act,” and the Second Class Township Code.

Section 104. Applicability

This Ordinance shall apply to those areas of the Municipality that are located within the Delaware River South watershed, as delineated in Appendix D which is hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall only apply to permanent best management practices (BMPs) and/or stormwater management facilities constructed as part of any of the Regulated Activities listed in this Section . Stormwater management and erosion and sedimentation control during construction activities are specifically not regulated by this Ordinance, but shall continue to be regulated under existing laws and ordinances.

This Ordinance contains only the stormwater management performance standards and design criteria that are necessary or desirable from a watershedwide perspective. Local stormwater management design criteria (e.g., inlet spacing, inlet type, collection system design and details, outlet structure design, etc.) shall continue to be regulated by the applicable municipal ordinances or at the municipal engineer’s discretion.

The following activities are defined as “Regulated Activities” and shall be regulated by this Ordinance:

- A. Land development.
- B. Subdivision.
- C. Construction of new or additional impervious or semipervious surfaces (driveways, parking lots, patios, tennis courts, 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 of BMPs and/or stormwater management facilities or appurtenances thereto.

Earth disturbance activities and associated stormwater management controls are also regulated under existing state law and implementing regulations. This Ordinance shall operate in coordination with those parallel requirements; the requirements of this Ordinance shall be no less restrictive in meeting the purposes of this Ordinance than state law.

Section 105. Repealer

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

Section 106. Severability

Should any section or provision 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 107. Compatibility With Other Ordinance Requirements

Approvals issued pursuant to this Ordinance do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to secure required permits or approvals for activities regulated by any other applicable code, rule, act, or ordinance.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any of the Municipality's requirements regarding stormwater matters that do not conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, such as local stormwater management design criteria (e.g., inlet spacing, inlet type, collection system design and details, outlet structure design, etc.). Conflicting provisions in other municipal ordinances or regulations shall be construed to retain the requirements of this Ordinance addressing State Water Quality Requirements.

ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

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

- A. Words used in the present tense include the future tense; the singular number includes the plural, and the plural number includes the singular; words of masculine gender include feminine gender; and words of feminine gender include masculine gender.
- B. The word “includes” or “including” shall not limit the term to the specific example but is intended to extend its meaning to all other instances of like kind and character.
- C. The word “person” includes an individual, firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, corporation, or any other similar entity.
- D. The words “shall” and “must” refers to items which are mandatory; the words “may” and “should” refer to items which are permissive.
- E. The words “used or occupied” include the words “intended, designed, maintained, or arranged to be used, occupied, or maintained.

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.

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 area 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; land disturbance.

Applicant A landowner or applicant who has filed an application for approval to engage in any Regulated Activities as defined in Section 104 of this Ordinance.

As-Built Drawings - Those maintained by the contractor as he constructs the project and upon which he documents the actual locations of the building components and changes to the original contract documents. These, or a copy of the same, are turned over the Engineer at the completion of the project.

Bankfull - The channel at the top of bank or point where water beings to overflow onto a floodplain.

Base Flow - The portion of stream flow that is sustained by groundwater discharge.

Bioretention - A stormwater management facility which utilizes woody and herbaceous plants and soils to remove pollutants before infiltration occurs.

BMP (best management practice) - Stormwater structures, facilities and techniques to control, maintain or improve the quantity and quality of surface runoff. The *PA Handbook*

of BMPs for Developing Areas and the Maryland Stormwater Design Manual may be referenced for specific BMP practices.

Channel Erosion - The widening, deepening, and headward cutting of small channels and waterways caused by moderate to large floods.

Cistern - An underground reservoir or tank for storing rainwater.

Conservation District - The Bucks County Conservation District.

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 that does or may impound water or another fluid or semifluid.

DEP - The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Department - Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Designee - The agent of the governing body involved with the administration, review, or enforcement of any provisions of this Ordinance by contract or memorandum of understanding.

Design Professional (Qualified) - A Pennsylvania Registered Professional Engineer, Registered Landscape Architect, or a Registered Professional Land Surveyor trained to develop stormwater management plans.

Design Storm - The magnitude and temporal distribution of precipitation from a storm event measured in probability of occurrence (e.g., a 5-year storm) and duration (e.g., 24-hours), used in the design and evaluation of stormwater management systems.

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

Detention District - Those subareas in which some type of detention is required to meet the plan requirements and the goals of Act 167.

Diffused Drainage Discharge - Drainage discharge not confined to a single point location or channel, such as sheet flow or shallow concentrated flow.

Disturbed Areas - Unstabilized land area where an earth disturbance activity is occurring or has occurred.

Development Site - The specific tract of land for which a regulated activity is proposed.

Downslope Property Line - That portion of the property line of the lot, tract, or parcels of land being developed located such that all overland or pipe flow from the site would be directed towards it.

Drainage Conveyance Facility - A stormwater management facility designed to transmit stormwater runoff and shall include streams, channels, swales, pipes, conduits, culverts, storm sewers, etc.

Drainage Easement - A right granted by a landowner to a grantee, allowing the use of private land for stormwater management purposes.

Drainage Permit - A permit issued by the Municipal governing body after the drainage plan has been approved. Said permit is issued prior to or with the final Municipal approval.

Drainage Plan - The documentation of the stormwater management system, to be used for a given development site, the contents of which are established in Section 403.

Earth Disturbance - A construction or other human activity which disturbs the surface of land, including, but not limited to, clearing and grubbing, grading, excavations, embankments, land development, agricultural plowing or tilling, stripping of vegetation, timber harvesting activities, road maintenance activities, mineral extraction, and the moving, depositing, stockpiling, or storing of soil, rock, or earth materials or any other activity that causes an alteration to the natural condition of the land.

Emergency Spillway - A conveyance area that is used to pass peak discharge greater than the maximum design storm controlled by the stormwater facility.

Encroachment - A structure or activity that changes, expands or diminishes the course, current or cross section of a watercourse, floodway or body of water.

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 that is designed to minimize accelerated erosion and sedimentation.

ERSAM - Existing Resource and Site Analysis Map.

Exceptional Value Waters - Surface waters of high quality which satisfy Pennsylvania Code Title 25 Environmental Protection, Chapter 93 Water Quality Standards, § 93.4b(b) (relating to antidegradation).

Existing Conditions - The initial condition of a project site prior to the proposed construction. If the initial condition of the site is undeveloped land, the land use shall be considered as "meadow" unless the natural land cover is proven to generate lower curve numbers or Rational "C" values.

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.

Floodplain - Any land area susceptible to inundation by water from any natural source or delineated as a special flood hazard area on the applicable National Flood Insurance Program Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Also included are areas that comprise Group 13 Soils, as listed in Appendix A of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Technical Manual for Sewage Enforcement Officers (as amended or replaced from time to time by DEP).

Floodway - The channel of the watercourse and those portions of the adjoining floodplains that are reasonably required to carry and discharge the 100-year frequency flood. Unless otherwise specified, the boundary of the floodway is as indicated on maps and flood insurance studies provided by FEMA. In an area where no FEMA maps or studies have defined the boundary of the 100-year frequency floodway, it is assumed—absent evidence to the contrary—that the floodway extends from the stream to 50 feet from the top of the bank of the stream.

Forest Management/Timber Operations - Planning and activities necessary for the management of 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 elevation of the design high-water and the top of a dam, levee, tank, basin, or diversion ridge. The space is required as a safety margin in a pond or basin.

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

(To) Grade - To finish the surface of a roadbed, top of embankment, or bottom of excavation.

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

Groundwater Recharge - Replenishment of existing natural underground water supplies.

HEC-HMS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC) - Hydrologic Modeling System (HMS) adapted to the Delaware River South Creek watershed.

High Quality Waters - Surface waters having quality which exceeds levels necessary to support propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife and recreation in and on the water by satisfying Pennsylvania Code Title 25 Environmental Protection, Chapter 93, Water Quality Standards, § 93.4b(a).

Hydrologic Regime (natural) - The hydrologic cycle or balance that sustains quality and quantity of stormwater, baseflow, storage, and groundwater supplies under natural conditions.

Hydrologic Soil Group - A classification of soils by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, formerly the Soil Conservation Service, into four runoff potential groups. The groups range from A soils, which are very permeable and produce little runoff, to D soils, which are not very permeable and produce much more runoff.

Hytograph - A graphical representation of average rainfall, rainfall excess rates, or volumes over specified areas during successive units of time during a storm.

Impervious Surface - A surface that prevents the percolation of water into the ground such as building rooftops, pavement, sidewalks, driveways and compacted earth or turf.

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

Infill - Development that occurs on smaller parcels that remain undeveloped but are within or in very close proximity to urban areas. The development relies on existing infrastructure and does not require an extension of water, sewer, or other public utilities.

Infiltration - The passing of stormwater through the soil from the surface.

Infiltration Structures - A structure designed to direct runoff into the ground (e.g., french drains, seepage pits, seepage trench).

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.

Land Development - (1) The improvement of one lot or two or more contiguous lots, tracts, or parcels of land for any purpose involving: (i) a group of two or more residential or nonresidential buildings, whether initially or cumulatively, or a single nonresidential building on a lot or lots regardless of the number of occupants or tenure; or (ii) the division or allocation of land or space, whether initially or cumulatively, between or among two or more existing or prospective occupants by means of, or for the purpose of streets, common areas, leaseholds, condominiums, building groups, or other features. (2) A subdivision of land. (3) Development in accordance with Section 503(1.1) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code Act of 1968 (Act 247).

Limiting Zone - A soil horizon or condition in the soil profile or underlying strata which includes one of the following:

1. A seasonal high water table, whether perched or regional, determined by direct observation of the water table or indicated by soil mottling.
2. A rock with open joints, fracture or solution channels, or masses of loose rock fragments, including gravel, with insufficient fine soil to fill the voids between the fragments.
3. A rock formation, other stratum or soil condition which is so slowly permeable that it effectively limits downward passage of effluent.

Main Stem (Main Channel) - Any stream segment or other runoff conveyance facility used as a reach in the Delaware River South Creek hydrologic model.

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.

Municipality - Upper Makefield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Natural Hydrologic Regime - see Hydrologic Regime.

Nonpoint Source Pollution - Pollution that enters a body of water from diffuse origins in the watershed and does not result from confined or discrete conveyances.

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

NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service (previously SCS).

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

Outfall - Point where water flows from a conduit, stream, or drain.

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

Parent Tract - The parcel of land from which a land development or subdivision originates as of the date of the original Delaware River South Creek Stormwater Ordinance adoption.

Parking Lot Storage - Involves the use of impervious parking areas as temporary impoundments with controlled release rates during rainstorms.

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

Penn State Runoff Model (calibrated) - The computer-based hydrologic modeling technique adapted to the Delaware River South Creek watershed for the Act 167 plan. The model has been "calibrated" to reflect actual recorded flow values by adjoining key model input parameters.

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

Planning Commission - The planning commission of Upper Makefield Township.

Point Source - Any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including, but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, or conduit from which stormwater is or may be discharged, as defined in State regulations at 25 Pa. Code § 92.1.

PMF - Probable Maximum Flood - The flood that may be expected from the most severe combination of critical meteorological and hydrologic conditions that are reasonably possible in any area. The PMF is derived from the probable maximum precipitation (PMP) as determined based on data obtained from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Predevelopment - Undeveloped/Natural Condition.

Pretreatment - Techniques employed in stormwater BMPs to provide storage or filtering to help trap coarse materials and other pollutants before they enter the system.

Project Site - The specific area of land where any Regulated Activities in the Municipality are planned, conducted or maintained.

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

Recharge Area - Undisturbed surface area or depression where stormwater collects, and a portion of which infiltrates and replenishes the underground and groundwater.

Reconstruction - The process by which existing developed area is adaptively reused, rehabilitated, restored, renovated, and/or expanded. The development relies on existing infrastructure and does not require an extension of water, sewer, or other public utilities.

Record Drawings - Original documents revised to suit the as-built conditional and subsequently provided by the Engineer to the client. The Engineer takes the contractor's as-builts, reviews them in detail with his/her own records for completeness, then either turns these over to the client or transfers the information to a set or reproducible, in both cases for the client's permanent records.

Redevelopment - The construction, alteration, or improvement exceeding 5,000 square feet of land disturbance performed on sites where existing land use is commercial, industrial, institutional, or multifamily residential.

Regulated Activities - Actions or proposed actions that have an impact on stormwater runoff and that are specified in Section 104 of this Ordinance.

Regulated Earth Disturbance Activity - Defined under NPDES Phase II regulations as Earth disturbance activity of one acre or more with a point source discharge to surface waters or the Municipality's storm sewer system, or five acres or more regardless of the planned runoff. This includes earth disturbance on any portion of, part, or during any stage of, a larger common plan of development.

Release Rate - The percentage of existing conditions peak rate of runoff from a site or subarea to which the proposed conditions peak rate of runoff must be reduced to protect downstream areas.

Retention Basin - An impoundment in which stormwater 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.

Return Period - The average interval, in years, within which a storm event of a given magnitude can be expected to recur. For example, the 25-year return period rainfall would be expected to recur on the average of once every 25 years.

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.

Road Maintenance - Earth disturbance activities within the existing road cross-section, such as grading and repairing existing unpaved road surfaces, cutting road banks, cleaning or clearing drainage ditches and other similar activities.

Rooftop Detention - Temporary ponding and gradual release of stormwater falling directly onto flat roof surfaces by incorporating controlled-flow roof drains into building designs.

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

SALDO - Upper Makefield Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Sediment Basin - A barrier, dam, or 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 the DEP Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Program manual.

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 loose stone or similar coarse material, into which surface water is directed for infiltration into the ground.

Separate Storm Sewer System - A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels or storm drains) primarily used for collecting and conveying stormwater runoff.

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

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

Source Water Protection Areas (SWPA) - The zone through which contaminants are likely to migrate and reach a drinking water well or surface water intake.

Special Protection Subwatersheds - Watersheds for which the receiving waters are exceptional value (EV) or high quality (HQ) waters.

Spillway - A conveyance that is used to pass the peak discharge of the maximum design storm controlled by the stormwater facility.

State Water Quality Requirements - As defined under state regulations -- protection of *designated* and *existing* uses (See 25 Pa. Code Chapters 93 and 96)--including:

- A. Each stream segment in Pennsylvania has a "designated use," such as "cold water fishery" or "potable water supply," which are listed in Chapter 93. These uses must be protected and maintained, under state regulations.
- B. "Existing uses" are those attained as of November 1975, regardless whether they have been designated in Chapter 93. Regulated Earth Disturbance activities must be designed to protect and maintain existing uses and maintain the level of water quality necessary to protect those uses in all streams, and to protect and maintain water quality in special protection streams.
- C. Water quality involves the chemical, biological and physical characteristics of surface water bodies. After Regulated Earth Disturbance activities are complete, these characteristics can be impacted by addition of pollutants such as sediment, and changes in habitat through increased flow volumes and/or rates as a result of changes in land surface area from those activities. Therefore, permanent discharges to surface

waters must be managed to protect the stream bank, streambed and structural integrity of the waterway, to prevent these impacts.

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 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 stormwater from other sources, but excludes domestic sewage and industrial wastes.

Stormwater - The total amount of precipitation reaching the ground surface.

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

Stormwater Management Plan - The plan for managing stormwater runoff in the Delaware River South watershed adopted by Bucks County as required by the Act of October 4, 1978, P.L. 864, (Act 167), and known as the *Delaware River South Watershed Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan*.

Stormwater Management Site Plan - The plan prepared by the applicant or his representative indicating how stormwater runoff will be managed at the particular site of interest according to this Ordinance.

Stream - A natural watercourse.

Stream Buffer - The land area adjacent to each side of a stream, essential to maintaining water quality measured 150 feet from the top of the bank.

Stream Enclosure - A bridge, culvert, or other structure in excess of 100 feet in length upstream to downstream which encloses a regulated water of this Commonwealth.

Subarea - The smallest drainage unit of a watershed for which stormwater management criteria have been established in the stormwater management plan.

Subdivision - The division or redivision of a lot, tract, or parcel of land by any means into two or more lots, tracts, parcels or other divisions of land including changes in existing lot lines for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of lease, partition of the court for distribution to heirs or devisees, transfer of ownership or building or lot development provided, however, that the subdivision by lease of land for agricultural proposes into parcels of more than ten acres, not involving any new street or easement of access or any residential dwelling, shall be exempted.

Surface Waters of the 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 waters, or parts thereof, whether natural or artificial, within or on the boundaries of the Commonwealth.

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.

Watercourse - A channel or conveyance of surface water having a defined bed and banks, whether natural or artificial, with perennial or intermittent flow.

Waters of the 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.

Watershed - Region or area drained by a river, watercourse or other body of water, whether natural or artificial.

Wellhead - 1) a structure built over a well; 2) the source of water for a well.

Wellhead Protection Area - The surface and subsurface area surrounding a water supply well, well field, spring, or infiltration gallery supplying a public water system, through which contaminants are reasonably likely to move towards and reach the water source.

Wetland - Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, including swamps, marshes, bogs, ferns, and similar areas.