



SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE

Effective January 1, 2025

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Fee based on \$200.00 + \$150.00 per UNIT

- (UNIT is defined as a single residential house lot, a townhouse unit, an apartment unit, or an individual mobile home site.)
- This fee does not include any other permit fees such as NPDES permit fees.

INDUSTRIAL / COMMERCIAL SITES

\$500.00 base fee + \$200.00/acre of disturbed area (rounded to nearest full acre).

- Disturbed area is determined from limits of disturbance of proposed project.
- This fee does not include any other fees such as NPDES.

SOLAR PROJECTS

\$1000.00 base fee + \$150.00/acre of disturbed area (rounded to nearest full acre).

- Disturbed area is determined from limits of disturbance of proposed project.
- This fee does not include any other fees such as NPDES.

TIMBER HARVESTING

For reviews of entire logging site. (Subject to additional E&S fees for general permits)

0 - 49.99 acres	\$100.00
50 - 99.99 acres	\$150.00
100 - 149.99 acres	\$200.00
150 - 249.99 acres	\$300.00
250 - 499.99 acres	\$400.00
500 + acres	\$400.00+ \$.50 per acre over 500 acres

CHAPTER 105 PERMIT REVIEWS

For total disturbance of less than 1/2 acre \$100.00 – (fee waived if plan is submitted with the General Permit application).

For greater than 1/2 acre disturbance Use Industrial /Commercial rates

WAIVER LETTERS

Written letter of waiver for E&S plan or NPDES permit coverage \$75.00



SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE GUIDELINES

January 1, 2025

Applicability of Fee Schedule

1. The fee schedule shall apply to those plans that are submitted to the Columbia County Conservation District for an adequacy review determination related to Chapter 102 (Erosion and Sedimentation Pollution Control Regulations (E&S)) and Chapter 92a (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for construction activities.)
2. Each re-submission of a different project on the same tract of land will be charged according to the fee schedule.
3. Initial submission fees will be waived for an application submitted under the name of a government sub-unit of the United States or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania including school districts and authorities. This waiver does not apply to private nonprofit organizations. Resubmission fees for third or subsequent reviews will not be waived.
4. Plans re-submitted for a second review will not be assessed an additional fee. All plans resubmitted for third or subsequent reviews will be subject to a service fee of $\frac{1}{4}$ (25%) of the original fee.
5. Failure to respond to reviews within 6 months or longer will be subject to re-submission of plans and charged $\frac{1}{4}$ (25%) of the original fee.
6. In applications consisting of both commercial and residential components, the fee will be determined by calculating a separate fee for each portion of the project and adding the separate fees.
7. **Minor Amendments** submitted for an approved NPDES plan will be subject to a **25% fee based on current rates** for new submissions. **Major Amendments** will be subject to **current review rates**.
 - a. Fees for amendments should **not include acreage that was already paid**.
 - b. If there is no new acreage required for the amendment, then only the base fee would apply.
8. An E&S Pollution Control Plan Review Application must be submitted with any Chapter 105 General Permit Registration submitted to the Conservation District. The service fee is waived if submitted at same time as Chapter 105 General Permit application, however, a \$100 fee will be charged if the E&S application is submitted separately from the E&S Review plan application.



Procedures:

1. Applicants will submit one copy of the complete subdivision or site plan, and a copy of the erosion and sedimentation pollution control narrative, a completed application form, a location map (Section of USGS map recommended), and a check or money order made payable to the **Columbia County Conservation District**.
2. Applicants who are applying for NPDES coverage are required to submit 1 full permit package as hard copies. Electronic versions are highly recommended to be submitted at the same time (but not required).
3. The Columbia County Conservation District will no longer be required to stamp approved E&S and PCSM plans. Revisions to the plans should be noted on the plans, as these dates will be incorporated into the NPDES Authorization letter. However, the District will stamp plans upon request.
4. The Conservation District service fee shall not be combined with any other municipal or county fee. The cancelled check will be the applicant's receipt.
5. Any review cannot be started until the appropriate fees have been received.
6. Submissions not containing the appropriate information will not be reviewed. The applicant will be informed of any additional information or fees needed for a review.
7. A \$30.00 charge will be assessed for any check refused by the bank for insufficient funds, and the entire application package will be returned to the applicant.
8. Applications for the NPDES permit for Construction Activities require separate checks made payable to the **Columbia County Conservation District Clean Water Fund** and **The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Clean Water Fund**.
9. A fee of \$40 will be assessed to complete **PNDI** searches related to plans/permits. For any unrelated PNDI searches, a fee of \$80 will be assessed payable to the Conservation District for this service.

The fees are intended to cover a range of services associated with the processing of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) or Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP) applications; their related erosion and sediment control (E&SC) and postconstruction stormwater management (PCSM) plans; and E&SC plans for all other earth disturbance activities for which a district review is required. Services covered include: pre-design and pre-submittal meetings, plan reviews, telephone calls, review comment conferences, pre-construction conferences, site inspections, permit termination, and administrative support. Such services are also covered for projects where no NPDES permit, and only an E&SC plan, is required.

