

SOUTH ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE 231 OF 2015

LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY ORDINANCE NUMBER 126 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ABINGTON ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AND ENACTING A NEW ORDINANCE ENTITLED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT; PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, REGULATION OF DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIVITIES CAUSING ACCELERATED RUN OFF; PROVIDING PROCEDURES AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR STORMWATER MANGAGEMENT AND STANDARDS TO MEET NPDES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Township of South Abington desires to repeal Ordinance Number 126 and substitute a new Stormwater Management Ordinance as herein set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Supervisors of South Abington Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, that Ordinance Number 126 is repealed and replace with the following new Stormwater Management Ordinance.

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ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 101. Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the South Abington Township MS4 Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Section 102. Statement of Findings

The governing board of the Municipality finds that:

- A. Inadequate management of accelerated runoff of storm water resulting from development throughout a watershed increases flows and velocities, contributes to erosion and sedimentation, overtaxes the carrying capacity of streams and storm sewers, greatly increases the cost of public facilities to carry and control stormwater, undermines flood plain management and flood control efforts in downstream communities, reduces ground water recharge, threatens public health and safety, and increases nonpoint source pollution of water resources.
- B. A comprehensive program of stormwaer management, including reasonable regulation of development and activities causing accelerated runoff, is fundamental to the public health, safety, and welfare and the protection of people of the Commonwealth, their resources, and the environment.
- C. Stormwater is an important water resource, which provides groundwater recharge for water supplies and base flow of streams, which also protects and maintains surface water quality.
- D. Federal and state regulations require certain municipalities to implement a program of stormwater controls, These municipalities are required to obtain a permit for stormwater discharges from their separate storm sewer systems under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination system (NPDES).

Section 103. Purpose

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

- A. Meet legal water quality requirements under state law, including regulations at 25 Pa. Code 93 to protect, maintain, reclaim and restore the existing and designated uses of the waters of this Commonwealth.
- B. Preserve the natural drainage systems as much as possible.
- C. Manage stormwater runoff close to the source.
- D. Provide procedures and performance standards for stormwater planning and management.
- E. Maintain groundwater recharge to prevent degradation of surface and groundwater quality and to otherwise protect water resources.

- F. Prevent accelerated erosion, scour, aggradation, and degradation of stream banks and streambeds.
- G. Provide proper operation and maintenance of all SWM BMPs that are implemented within the Municipality.
- H. Provide standards to meet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) for stormwater discharges and MS4 requirements.

Section 104. Statutory Authority

The Municipality is empowered to regulate these activities by the authority of the Act of October 4, 1978, P.S. 864 (Act 167), the "Storm Water Management Act" and The Second Class Township Code, 53 P. S. §65101, et seq., as amended. The Municipality also is empowered to regulate land use activities that affect runoff by the authority of the Act of July 31, 1968, P.L. 805, No.247. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, as amended.

Section 105. Applicability

- A. All regulated activities and all activities that may affect stormwater runoff, including land development and earth disturbance activity, are subject to regulation by this Ordinance.

Section 106. Repealer

Any other ordinance provision(s) or regulation of the Municipality inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency only. Notwithstanding the aforesaid all obligations of owners and developers their successors and assigns under prior approvals and or permits and or agreements remain enforceable by the Municipality and other appropriate bodies having jurisdiction.

Section 107. Severability

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

Section 108. Compatibility with Other Requirements

Approvals issued and actions taken under this Ordinance do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to secure required permits or approvals for activities regulated by any other code, law, regulation, or ordinance.

Section 109. 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 Municipality purporting to validate such a violation.

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

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

- A. Words used in the present tense include the future tense; the singular number includes the plural, and the plural number includes the singular; words of masculine gender include feminine gender; and words of feminine gender include masculine gender.
- B. The word “includes” or “including” shall not limit the term to the specific example but is intended to extend its meaning to all other instances of like kind and character.
- C. The word “shall” and “must” are mandatory; the words “may” and “should” are permissive.

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

Application – A landowner, developer, or other person who has filed an application to the Municipality for approval to engage in any regulated activity at a project site in the Municipality.

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

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

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. Also see Return Period.

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

DEP – The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Development Site (Site) – See Project Site.

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

Earth Disturbance Activity – A construction or other human activity which disturbs the surface of the land, including, but not limited to: clearing and grubbing; grading; excavations; embankments; road maintenance; building construction; and the moving, depositing, stockpiling, or storing of soil, rock or earth materials.

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

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

FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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

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

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

Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG) – Infiltration rates of soils vary widely and are affected by subsurface permeability as well as surface intake rates. Soils are classified into four HSGs (A, B, C and D) according to their minimum infiltration rate, which is obtained for bare soil after prolonged wetting. The NRCS defines the four groups and provides a list of most of the soils in the United States and their group classification. The soils in the area of the development site may

be identified from a soil survey report that can be obtained from local NRCS offices or conservation district offices. Soils become less pervious as the HSG varies from A to D (NRCS 3.4).

Impervious Surface (Impervious Area) – A surface that prevents the infiltration of water into the ground. Impervious surface (or areas) shall include, but not be limited to: roofs, additional indoor living space, patios, garages, storage sheds and similar structures; and any new streets or sidewalks. Decks, parking areas, and driveway areas are not counted as impervious areas if they do not prevent infiltration.

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

Land Development (Development) – Inclusive of any or all of the following meanings: (i) the improvement of one lot or two or more contiguous lots, tracts, or parcels of land for any purpose involving (a) a group of two or more buildings or (b) the division or allocation of land or space between or among two or more existing or prospective occupants by means, of, or for the purpose of streets, common areas, leaseholds, condominium, building groups, or other features; (ii) any subdivision of land; (iii) development in accordance with Section 503 (1.1) of the PA Municipalities Planning Code.

Municipality – Township of South Abington, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

NRCS – USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (previously SCS).

Peak Discharge – the Maximum rate of stormwater runoff from a specific storm event.

Pervious Area – Any area not defined as impervious.

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

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

Regulated Activities – Any earth disturbance activities or any activities that involve the alternation or development of land in a manner that may affect stormwater runoff.

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

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

Return Period – The average interval, in years, within which a storm event of a given magnitude can be expected to occur one time. For example, the 25-year return period rainfall would be

expected to occur on average once every 25 years; or stated in another way, the probability of a 25-year storm occurring in any one year is 0.04 (i.e., a 4% change).

Runoff – Any part of precipitation that flows over the land.

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

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

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

Stormwater Management Facility – Any structure, natural or man-made, that, due to its condition, design, or construction, conveys, stores, or otherwise affects stormwater runoff.

Stormwater Management Plan – The Lackawanna River Watershed plan for managing stormwater runoff adopted by the county of Lackawanna as required by the Act of October 4, 1978, P.L. 864 (Act 167), as amended, and known as the Stormwater Management Act.

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

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

Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) – The South Abington Township Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance of 1990, as amended.

USDA – United State Department of Agriculture.

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

Watershed – Region or area drained by a river, watercourse, or other surface water of this Commonwealth.

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

ARTICLE III – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Section 301. General Requirements

- A. For all regulated activities, unless preparation of an SWM Site Plan is specifically exempted in Section 302:
1. Preparation and implementation of an approved SWM Site Plan is required.
 2. No regulated activities shall commence until the Municipality issues written approval of an SWM Site Plan, which demonstrates compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.
- B. SWM Site Plans approved by the Municipality, in accordance with Section 406, shall be on site throughout the duration of the regulated activity.
- C. The Municipality may, after consultation with DEP, 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.
- D. For all regulated earth disturbance activities, erosion and sediment control BMPs shall be designed, implemented, operated, and maintained during the regulated earth disturbance activities (e.g., during construction) to meet the purposes and requirements of this Ordinance and to meet all requirements under Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code and the Clean Streams Law. Various BMPs and their design standards are listed in the *Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Program Manual (E&S Manual)*², No. 363-2134-008 (March 2012) as amended and updated.
- E. Impervious areas:
1. The measurement of impervious areas shall include all of the impervious areas in the total proposed development even if development is to take place in stages.
 2. For development taking place in stages, the entire development plan must be used in determining conformance with this Ordinance.
 3. For projects that add impervious area to a parcel, the total impervious area on the parcel is subject to the requirements of this Ordinance; except that the volume controls in Section 303 and the peak rate controls of Section 304 do not need to be retrofitted to existing impervious areas that are not being altered by the proposed regulated activity.
- F. Stormwater that flows onto adjacent property shall not be created, increased, decreased, relocated, or otherwise altered without written notification of the adjacent property owner(s) by the developer. Such stormwater flows shall be subject to the requirements of this Ordinance.

- G. All regulated activities shall include such measures as necessary to:
1. Protect, health, safety and property;
 2. Meet the water quality goals of this Ordinance by implementing measures to:
 - a. Minimize disturbance to floodplains, wetlands, and wooded areas.
 - b. Maintain or extend riparian buffers.
 - c. Avoid erosive flow conditions in natural flow pathways.
 - d. Minimize thermal impacts to waters of this Commonwealth.
 - e. Disconnect impervious surfaces by directing runoff to pervious areas, wherever possible.
 3. To the maximum extent practicable, incorporate the techniques for Low Impact Development Practices described in the *Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual* (BMP Manual) ¹.
- H. The design of all facilities over Karst shall include an evaluation of measures to minimize adverse effects.
- I. Infiltration BMPs should be spread out, made as shallow as practicable, and located to maximize use of natural on-site infiltration features while still meeting the other requirements of this Ordinance.
- J. Normally dry, open top, storage facilities should be completely drained both the volume control and rate control capacities over a period of time not less than 24 and not more than 72 hours from the end of the design storm.
- K. The design storm volumes to be used in the analysis of peak rates of discharge should be obtained from the Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the United States, Atlas 14, Volume 2, Version 3.0, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service, Hydrometeorological Design Studies Center, Silver spring, Maryland. NOAA'S Atlas 14s can be accessed at: <http://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds/>.
- L. For all regulated activities, SWM BMPs shall be designed, implemented, operated, and maintained to meet the purposes and requirements of this Ordinance and to meet all requirements under Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, the Clean Streams Law, and the Storm Water Management Act.
- M. Various BMPs and their design standards are listed in the BMP Manual¹.

Section 302. Exemptions.

- A. Regulated activities that result in cumulative earth disturbances less than one acre maximum are exempt from the requirements in Section 303, Section 304, and Article IV of this Ordinance.
- B. Agriculture and silviculture activities are exempt from the SWM Site Plan preparation requirements of this Ordinance provided the activities are performed according to the requirements of 25 Pa. Code 102.
- C. Forest management and timber operation are exempt from the SWM Site Plan preparation requirements of this Ordinance provided the activities are performed according to the requirements of 25 Pa. Code 102.
- D. Exemptions from any provisions of this Ordinance shall not relieve the applicant from the requirements in Sections 301.D. through K.
- E. The Municipality may deny or revoke any exemption pursuant to this Section at any time for any project that the Municipality believes may pose a threat to public health and safety or the environment.

Section 303 – Performance Standards

- A. The natural infiltration and water resource potential for the proposed development site shall guide design, construction, and vegetation decisions. Runoff in excess of natural conditions from roofs and other surfaces which are unlikely to contain pollutants shall be recharged to the ground water table or stored for non-potable water uses to the maximum extent possible.
- B. Improvements to manage drainage and stormwater runoff within a subdivision or land development shall be designed to increase the amount of water which infiltrates into the soil where possible, and to control the rate of runoff released off-site through temporary storage of stormwater on-site. Such improvements may include, but are not limited to, deed covenants which restrict the allowable amount of impervious surface for each lot, the provision of drainage easements, seepage pits, rain gardens, vegetated strips, swales, infiltration swales / trenches, and detention or retention basins.
- C. Existing trees and shrubs shall be preserved and protected to the maximum extent possible.
- D. All natural streams, channels, drainage swales and areas of surface water concentration shall be maintained in their existing condition except where changes can be justified on the basis of other design standards.
- E. Stormwater management facilities shall be designed so that the peak rate of runoff from any subdivision or development after development shall be no greater than the peak rate

of runoff from the site prior to development, unless this general performance standard is specifically modified by a Stormwater Management Plan.

- F. Any earth disturbance activities or any activities that involve the alteration or development of land in a manner that may affect stormwater runoff shall include measures to:
1. Protect health, safety, and property;
 2. Meet the water quality goals of this Ordinance by implementing measures outlined in Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual (BMP Manual), December 30, 2006, as amended, to:
 - a. Minimize disturbance to floodplains, wetlands, and wooded areas.
 - b. Maintain or extend riparian buffers.
 - c. Avoid erosive flow conditions in natural flow pathways.
 - d. Minimize thermal impacts to Waters of the Commonwealth.
 - e. Disconnect impervious surfaces by directing runoff to pervious areas, wherever possible.
 3. To the maximum extent practicable, incorporate the techniques for Low Impact Development Practices described in the BMP Manual.

Section 304 – Design Standards

- A. It shall be the applicant's responsibility to provide sufficient plans, documentation and other technical data to demonstrate that the capacity of the proposed stormwater management facilities will adequately control runoff from the development. The following general and technical standards shall be applied when designing such facilities.
1. General Design Criteria
 - i. In calculating the pre-development runoff rate, the following assumptions shall apply:
 - a. Impervious areas shall be used for areas such as streets, driveways, roofs, bodies of water, etc... However, only 80 percent of the total existing impervious area may be used. The remaining 20 percent shall be considered Meadow.
 - b. Meadow areas shall be used for all other cover conditions and shall include 20 percent of the existing impervious cover.
 2. For developments taking place in stages, the entire development plan must be used in determining conformance with this Ordinance.
 3. For redevelopment projects in which the existing site is disturbed, the entire proposed site is subject to the plan preparation and approval requirements of this Ordinance. For redevelopment projects in which the existing site is already controlled by a stormwater management facility, the requirement to consider 20 percent of existing impervious area as meadow area is waived provided the existing

facility meets the water quality, volume, and peak rate standards and criteria of this Ordinance.

4. The design for all proposed stormwater management improvements shall be reviewed and approved by the Township and its Engineer prior to construction of any such proposed improvements. The applicant and/or owner shall reimburse the Township for any and all engineering review charges by the Township Engineer.
5. Stormwater runoff shall not be concentrated onto adjacent properties unless written approval is given by the property owner. When stormwater drainage is to be directed into an adjacent municipality all provisions for accommodating such drainage shall be submitted to the governing body of that municipality for review prior to approval of the subdivision or land development proposal.
6. Where existing storm sewers are reasonably accessible and of adequate capacity, subdivisions and land developments may connect to the existing system, subject to approval of the authority or municipality having jurisdiction over the existing system. The Township and/or Township Engineer reserves the right to request a capacity analysis on existing storm sewers prior to allowing connection for additional stormwater flows.
7. Where a subdivision or land development is traversed by a watercourse, drainage way, channel, or stream, or such plans propose stormwater management facilities, a drainage easement conforming substantially to the line of such water course shall be provided. The drainage easement shall be of such width (Minimum 20 feet) as will be adequate to preserve the unimpeded flow of natural drainage for the 25 year design storm; or for the purpose of widening, deepening, relocating, maintaining, improving or protecting such drainage way; or for the purpose of protecting such watercourse for the purpose of stormwater management or installation of a storm sewer. Any change proposed in the existing drainage way shall be subject to the approval of the PA DEP and the U.S Army Corps of Engineers.
8. All storm drainage facilities constructed along or crossing public streets or rights-of-way shall conform to all applicable requirements of PennDOT related to such drainage facilities.

Section 305 - Volume Controls

The low impact development practices provided in the BMB manual¹ shall be utilized for all regulated activities to the maximum extent practicable. Water volume controls shall be implemented using the *Design Storm Method* in Subsection A or the *Simplified Method* in Subsection B below. For regulated activity areas equal or less than 1 acre that do not require hydrologic routing to design the stormwater facilities, this Ordinance establishes no preference for either methodology; therefore, the applicant may select either methodology on the basis of economic considerations, the intrinsic limitations on applicability of the analytical procedures associated with each methodology, and other factors.

- A. The *Design Storm Method* (CG-1 in the BMP Manual¹) is applicable to any size of regulated activity. This method required detailed modeling based on site conditions.
1. Do not increase the postdevelopment total runoff volume for all storms equal to or less than the 2-year 24-hour duration precipitation.
 2. For modeling purposes:
 - a. Existing (predevelopment) non-forested pervious areas must be considered meadow in good condition.
 - b. 20% of existing impervious area, when present, shall be considered meadow in good condition in the model for existing conditions.
- B. When CG-1 is not used, Control Guideline 2 (CG-2 in the BMP Manual) shall be implemented. This method is independent of site conditions. For new impervious surfaces:
1. The first 2 inches of runoff from new impervious surfaces shall be permanently removed from the runoff flow (i.e. it shall not be released into the surface waters of the Commonwealth). Removal options include reuse, evaporation, transpiration, and infiltration.
 2. Wherever possible, infiltration facilities should be designed to accommodate infiltration of the entire pre-development/post-development increase; however, in all cases at least the first 0.5 inches of the pre-development/post-development increase shall be infiltrated.
 3. Facilities, to the greatest extent possible and subject to the Township Engineer's discretion, shall be designed to drain the permanently removed runoff volume in a period no less than 12 hours and no greater than 72 hours. Calculations shall be submitted to the Township and Township engineer showing how the dewater time was determined.
- C. Before infiltration is proposed on a site, site conditions shall be evaluated by a qualified professional through subsurface investigation and testing to determine if site conditions are suitable to support proposed infiltration facilities. If it is determined that infiltration is not feasible due to physical constraints of the site, or will adversely impact the environment as demonstrated by the presence of acid mine drainage sinkhole formation, or other serious environmental issues, than the above volume controls must be achieved through surface BMP mitigation. Reference the BMP Manual for alternative mitigation measures that do not require infiltration.
- D. Soils on which infiltration devices are located shall have a minimum infiltration rate of 0.5 inches per hour and a maximum of 10 inches per hour, based on soils data obtained by direct testing methods in accordance with procedures outlined in the Technical

Manual for Sewage Enforcement Officers (PA DEP), the BMP Manual, or other approved DEP methods.

- E. Infiltration devices shall not be located on slopes steeper than twenty (20) percent. The longer dimensions of the devices shall be parallel to ground contours where slopes exceed five (5) percent.
- F. Stormwater runoff may be distributed among several infiltration devices, as long as the total required infiltration volume is achieved, and that corresponding discharge volumes meet the required design.

Section 306 - Rate Controls

- A. Areas not covered by a release rate map from an approved Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan:

Post development discharge rates shall not exceed the predevelopment discharge rates for the 1-, 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, and 100-year 24-hour storms. If it is shown that the peak rates of discharge indicated by the postdevelopment analysis are less than or equal to the peak rates of discharge indicated by the predevelopment analysis for 1-, 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, and 100-year, 24-hour storms, then the requirements of this section have been met. Otherwise, the application shall provide additional controls as necessary to satisfy the peak rate of discharge requirement.

- B. Areas covered by a release rate map from an approved Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan:

For the 1-, 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, and 100-year storms, the post development peak discharge rates will follow the applicable approved release rate maps. For any areas not shown on the release rate maps, the postdevelopment discharge rates shall not exceed the predevelopment discharge rates.

Section 307 - Technical Design Criteria - Basins

- A. Hydrologic times of concentration shall be computed using the procedures described in Technical Release 55 (TR-55) or as amended.
- B. All stormwater detention basins shall be designed to safely discharge the 100 year peak discharge through an emergency spillway with a minimum of one (1) foot of freeboard above the spillway outflow elevation, and all other outlets in a manner that will not damage the integrity of the basin. The emergency spillway shall be designed to convey the entire 100 year peak discharge assuming that the emergency spillway is the only operable basin outlet device.
- C. All storm water basins, except those designed to retain water or special vegetation as part of best management practices, shall be designed to completely drain within 24 hours.

Allowances for best management practices shall be made if they are designed in accordance with the publication, Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual (BMP Manual), December 30, 2006 or as amended.

- D. Earth fill embankments shall be designed using the following minimum standards:
1. The height of the embankment should not exceed twelve (12) feet. The height is measured from the lowest elevation within the basin to the top of the embankment.
 2. The minimum top width of the embankments shall be as follows:
 3.

<u>Height (feet)</u>	<u>Width (feet)</u>
0 – 5	5
5 – 12	10
 4. The side slopes shall not exceed 2 feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical for fill or cut slopes.
 5. Fill slopes shall be constructed with an impervious core (cut off trench) to prevent seepage through the embankment areas.
 6. All pipes through embankments shall be constructed with anti-seep collars. The design of such collars shall be in accordance with the design procedure and detail specifications in Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Manual (PA DEP, March 2012), or as amended.
- E. Trash racks may be required at basin outlet structures. These trash racks shall be designed in accordance with recommendations provided in Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Manual (PA DEP, March 2012), or as amended.
- F. Riser outlet structures (where required) shall be constructed on a foundation to prevent floating and movement of the outlet structure due to water and frost action.
- G. Trees and shrubs shall not be planted along the embankments of stormwater basins.
- H. The Township reserves the right to require fencing around stormwater basins where, in their opinion or the opinion of the Township Engineer, such protection is warranted.

Section 308 – Technical Design Criteria – Conveyance Systems

- A. Stormwater conveyance systems (such as storm sewers and swales) shall be designed for the 25 year design storm event.
- B. The Rational Method may be used to compute peak runoff for drainage areas involving less than 100 acres. The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) Unit Hydrograph Method or Technical Release 55 (TR-55) should be used to compute runoff rates for drainage areas involving more than 100 acres. Rainfall data for TR-55 and the SCS Unit Hydrograph method shall be obtained from the PennDOT Storm Intensity-Duration-Frequency data

for the area from PennDOT Drainage Manual, Publication 584, or as amended, Chapter 7, Appendix A.

- C. Detailed hydraulic design computations shall be provided for all storm pipes. Recommended Hydraulic computational procedures are described in detail in PennDOT Drainage Manual, Publication 584 (2010 Edition), or as amended.
- D. Energy dissipaters shall be placed at the outlets of all storm pipes. Design computations shall be submitted for all proposed energy dissipaters. Recommended design procedures are described in Erosion and Sediment Control Program Manual (PA DEP, March 2012), or as amended.
- E. Drainage swales shall be designed in accordance with procedures described in PennDOT Drainage Manual, Publication 584 (2010 Edition), or as amended and Erosion and Sediment Control Program Manual (PA DEP, March 2012), or as amended.
- F. Detailed hydraulic computations shall be provided for stormwater inlet grates. Recommended Hydraulic computational procedures are described in detail in PennDOT Drainage Manual, Publication 584 (2010 Edition), or as amended.
- G. Design water surface elevations in stormwater inlets shall be at least six (6) inches below the grate elevation to allow for proper flow of stormwater into the proposed inlets.
- H. Profile drawings shall be required for all stormwater conveyance systems.
- I. An engineering evaluation of existing stormwater facilities may be required by the Borough, Borough Engineer, or other regulatory agency as part of the proposed storm water facility design.

ARTICLE IV – STORMWATER MANAGE (SWM) SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Section 401. Plan Requirements

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

- A. Appropriate sections from the Municipality's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and other applicable local ordinances, shall be followed in preparing the SWM Site Plans. In instances where the Municipality lacks Subdivision and Land Development regulations, the content of SWM Site Plans shall follow the county's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- B. The Municipality shall not approve any SWM Site Plan that is deficient in meeting the requirements of this Ordinance. At its sole discretion and in accordance with this Article, when a SWM Site Plan is found to be deficient, the Municipality may either disapprove the submission or require a resubmission, or in the case of minor deficiencies, the Municipality may accept submission of modifications.

C. Provisions for permanent access or maintenance easements for all physical SWM BMPs, such as ponds and infiltration structures, as necessary to implement the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan discussed in Items E.9 below.

D. The following signature block for the Municipality:

The Township Engineer, on this date (date of signature), has reviewed and hereby certifies that the SWM Site Plan meets all design standards and criteria of the South Abington Township MS4 Stormwater Management Ordinance.

E. The SWM Site Plan shall provide the following information:

1. The overall stormwater management concept for the project.
2. A determination of site conditions in accordance with the BMP Manual. A detailed site evaluation shall be completed for projects proposed in areas of carbonate geology or Karst topography, and other environmentally sensitive areas, such as brownfields.
3. Stormwater runoff design computations, and documentation as specified in this Ordinance, or as otherwise necessary to demonstrate that the maximum practicable measures have been taken to meet the requirements of this Ordinance, including the recommendations and general requirements in Section 301.
4. Expected project time schedule.
5. A soil erosion and sediment control plan, where applicable, as prepared for and submitted to the approval authority.
6. The effect of the project (in terms of runoff volumes, water quality, and peak floors) on surrounding properties and aquatic features and on any existing stormwater conveyance system that may be affected by the project.
7. Plan and profile drawings of all SWM BMPs, including drainage structures, pipes, open channels, and swales.
8. SWM Site Plan shall show the locations of existing and proposed on-lot wastewater facilities and water supply wells.
9. The SWM Site Plan shall include an O&M Plan for all existing and proposed physical stormwater management facilities. This plan shall address long-term ownership and responsibilities for O&M as well as schedules and costs for O&M activities.
10. Site plans shall include information on adjacent properties showing at a minimum the property owner(s) name, deed book and page. In any areas receiving stormwater

runoff from the proposed land development, drainage paths, easements, existing structures, and any other pertinent data shall be included for adjacent properties.

11. Site plans shall contain any necessary provisions for conservation easements as necessary to properly maintain designated conservation areas. Plans shall identify which governing bodies, (i.e. Municipality, Home Owners Association, Property Owners Association, etc...), shall be given the right of access to said easements.
12. All easements shall be recorded at the Lackawanna County Court House and placed on the plans as deed restrictions preventing any property owners from changing the land from its intended purpose. The responsible party for any easement shall maintain in their files a copy of all existing easements on site.
13. All site plans shall show the existing utilities including but not limited to water, sewer, gas, electric, cable, telecommunication, fiber optic, source water facilities, waste-water facilities, drainage structures, and any other feature necessary to properly construct the proposed land development.
14. Construction details of all proposed stormwater management facilities.
15. A stormwater facility design narrative.
16. A signature block containing the name, address, and phone number of the individual responsible for the operation and maintenance plan.
17. A drainage area map with time of concentration paths shown.
18. Existing contour intervals of two feet maximum.
19. All existing features on the property and within 50 feet of property.
20. Floodplain and floodway limits
21. Proposed structures and proposed grades
22. Soil boundary lines and descriptions.
23. Date of submission, north arrow, graphic scale, and call before you dig note and reference number, location map, name of development, name and address of property owner, and individual preparing the Stormwater Management Plan.

24. Existing and proposed easements.
25. Statement signed by landowner stating that they cannot alter any stormwater management facility without prior permission of the Borough.

Section 402. Plan Submission

A. Five (5) copies of the SWM Site Plan shall be submitted as follow:

1. Two (2) copies to the Municipality.
2. One (1) copy to the municipal engineer (when applicable).
3. One (1) copy to the County Conservation District.
4. One (1) copy to the County Planning Commission/Office.

B. Additional copies shall be submitted as requested by the Municipality or DEP.

Section 403. Plan Review

- A. SWM Site Plans shall be reviewed by the Municipality for consistency with the provisions of this Ordinance.
- B. The Municipality shall notify the applicant in writing within 45 days whether the SWM Site Plan is approved or disapproved. If the SWM Site Plan involves a Subdivision and Land Development Plan, the notification shall occur within the time period allowed by the Municipalities Planning Code (90 days). If a longer notification period is provided by other statute, regulation, or ordinance, the applicant will be so notified by the Municipality.
- C. If the Municipality disapproves the SWM Site Plan, the Municipality will state the reasons for the disapproval in writing. The Municipality also may approve the SWM Site Plan with conditions and, if so, shall provide the acceptable conditions for approval in writing.

Section 404. Modification of Plans

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

Section 405. Resubmission of Disapproved SWM Site Plans

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

Section 406. Authorization to Construct and Term of Validity

The Municipality's approval of an SWM Site Plan authorizes the regulated activities obtained in the SWM Site Plan for a maximum term of validity of 5 years following the date of approval. The Municipality may specify a term of validity shorter than 5 years in the approval for any specific SWM Site Plan. Terms of validity shall commence on the date the Municipality signs the approval

for an SWM Site Plan. If an approved SWM Site Plan is not completed according to Section 407 within the term of validity, then the Municipality may consider the SWM Site Plan disapproved and may revoke any and all permits. SWM Site Plans that are considered disapproved by the Municipality shall be resubmitted in accordance with Section 405 of this Ordinance.

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

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

ARTICLE V – OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Section 501. Responsibilities of Developers and Landowners

- A. The Municipality shall make the final determination on the continuing maintenance responsibilities prior to final approval of the SWM Site Plan. The Municipality may require a dedication of such facilities as part of the requirements for approval of the SWM Site Plan. Such a requirement is not an indication that the Municipality will accept the facilities. The Municipality reserves the right to accept or reject the ownership and operating responsibility for any portion of the stormwater management controls.
- B. Facilities, areas, or structures used as Stormwater Management BMPs shall be enumerated as permanent real estate appurtenances and recorded as deed restrictions or conservation easements that run with the land.
- C. The O&M Plan shall be recorded as a restrictive deed covenant that runs with the land.
- D. The Municipality may take enforcement actions against an owner for any failure to satisfy the provisions of this Article.

Section 502. Operation and Maintenance Agreements

- A. Prior to final approval of the SWM Site Plan, the property owner shall sign and record an Operation and Maintenance (O&M Agreement substantially in the form of Appendix A) covering all stormwater control facilities which are to be privately owned. The Municipality reserves the right to amend the Appendix A from time to time or at any time. Revisions may be by Resolution. The Municipality may use, supplement or substitute development agreements as promulgated under SALDO.

1. The owner, successor and assigns shall maintain all facilities in accordance with the approved maintenance schedule in the O&M Plan.
 2. The owner shall convey to the Municipality conservation easements to assure access for periodic inspections by the Municipality and maintenance, as necessary.
 3. The owner shall keep on file with the Municipality the name, address and telephone number of the person or company responsible for maintenance activities; in the event of a change, new information shall be submitted by the owner to the Municipality within ten (10) working days of the change.
- B. The owner is responsible for operation and maintenance (O&M) of the SWM BMPs. If the owner fails to adhere to the O&M Agreement, the Municipality may perform the services required and charge the owner appropriate fees. Nonpayment of fees may result in a lien against the property.
- C. All Operation and maintenance agreements shall include a schedule, and detailed instructions on what tasks must be performed and on what frequency tasks should be performed.
- D. The site plans shall include any specific operation and maintenance responsibilities of the developers and / or contractors during construction activities until said facilities are turned over to the proper post construction entities.
- E. The responsibilities of the landowners for post construction storm water management BMP's shall be included on the site plans. The Municipality may require covenants that run with the land on all plans as to single owners or multiple owners for improvements. Further, the Municipality shall have the right but not the obligation to file liens and claims for work, jointly or severably against all responsible parties, for work, cost and expenses of the Municipality for obligations of such responsible parties for which they have failed to undertake or perform.

Section 503. Performance Guarantee

For SWM Site Plans that involve subdivision and/or land development, the applicant shall provide a financial guarantee to the Municipality for the timely installation, proper construction, and post construction operation and maintenance of all stormwater management controls and BMP's as required by the SWM Site Plan and this Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of Sections 509, 510, and 511 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. Further, the Municipality may require all security to be evergreen and in a form acceptable to the Municipality. Further, where the requirements of SALDO exceed or are deemed by the Municipality to be of greater protection to the Municipality, such terms may be applied by the Municipality.

ARTICLE VI – FEES AND EXPENSES

Section 601. General

The Municipality may include all costs incurred in the review fee charged to an applicant. The review fee may include, but not be limited to, costs for the following:

- A. Administrative/clerical processing.
- B. Administrative and Technical review of the SWM site plan and calculations.
- C. Attendance at meetings.
- D. Inspections.

ARTICLE VII – PROHIBITIONS

Section 701. Prohibited Discharges and Connection

- A. Any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, that allows any non-stormwater discharge including sewage, process wastewater, and wash water to enter a regulated small MS4 or to enter the waters of this Commonwealth is prohibited.
- B. No person shall allow, or cause to allow, discharges into a regulated small MS4, or discharges into waters of this Commonwealth, which are not composed entirely of stormwater, except (1) as provided in Subsection C below and (2) discharges allowed under a state or federal permit.
- C. The following discharges are authorized unless they are determined to be significant contributors to pollution of a regulated small MS4 or to the waters of this Commonwealth:
 - Discharges from firefighting activities
 - Potable water sources including water line flushing
 - Irrigation drainage
 - Air conditioning condensate
 - Springs
 - Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration (as defined at 40 CFR 35.2005(20))
 - Water from crawl space pumps
 - 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
 - Diverted stream flows
 - Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands.
 - Uncontaminated water from foundations or from footing drains
 - Lawn watering
 - Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges
 - Rising Ground Waters
 - Uncontaminated pumped groundwater
 - Water from crawl space pumps
 - Water from individual residential car washing
 - Routine external building wash down (which does not use detergents or other compounds)
- D. In the event that the Municipality or DEP determines that any of the discharges identified in Subsection C significantly contribute pollutants to a regulated small MS4 or to the waters of this Commonwealth, the Municipality or DEP will notify the responsible person(s) to cease the discharge.

Section 702. Roof Drains and Sump Pumps

Roof drains and sump pumps shall discharge to infiltration or vegetative BMPs.

Section 703. Alteration of SWM BMPs

No person shall modify, remove, fill, landscape, or alter any SWM BMPs, facilities, areas, or structures without the written approval of the Municipality.

ARTICLE VIII – Enforcement and Penalties

Section 801. Right-of-Entry

Upon presentation of property credentials, the Municipality may enter at reasonable times upon any property with the Municipality to inspect the condition of the stormwater structures and facilities in regard to any aspect regulated by this Ordinance.

Section 802. Inspection

SWM BMPs should be inspected by the landowner, or the owner's designee (including the Municipality for dedicated and owned facilities), according to the following list of minimum frequencies:

1. Annually for the first 5 years.
2. One every 3 years thereafter.
3. During and immediately after the cessation of a 10-year or greater storm.

Section 803. Enforcement

- A. It shall be unlawful for a person to undertake any regulated activity except as provided in an approved SWM Site Plan, unless specifically exempted in Section 302.
- B. It shall be unlawful to violate Section 703 of this Ordinance.
- C. Inspections regarding compliance with the SWM Site Plan are a responsibility of the Municipality.
- D. The Township Manager or other designee of the Municipality or as otherwise designated by law shall have enforcement authority, as appropriate under this Ordinance.

Section 804 Suspension and Revocation

- A. Any approval or permit issued by the Municipality pursuant to this Ordinance may be suspended or revoked for:
 1. Non-compliance with or failure to implement any provision of the approved SWM Site Plan or O&M Agreement.
 2. A violation of any provision of this Ordinance or any other applicable law, ordinance, rule, or regulation relating to the Regulated Activity.

3. The creation of any condition or the commission of any act during the Regulated Activity which constitutes or creates a hazard, nuisance, pollution, or endangers the life or property of other.
- B. A suspended approval may be reinstated by the Municipality when:
1. The Municipality has inspected and approved the corrections to the violations that caused the suspension.
 2. The Municipality is satisfied that the violation has been corrected.
- C. An approval that has been revoked by the Municipality cannot be reinstated. The application may apply for a new approval under the provisions of this Ordinance.
- D. If a violation caused no immediate danger to life, public health, or property, at its sole discretion, the Municipality may provide a limited time period for the owner to correct the violation. In these cases, the Municipality 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 Municipality may revoke or suspend any, or all, application approvals and permits pertaining to any provision of this Ordinance.

Section 805 PENALTIES

Section 1, Any person who shall violate or fail to conform to any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following;

- i. It shall be illegal for any person, partnership, corporation or other legal entity (collectively "person") to violate the terms of this Ordinance and a person violating same shall be prosecuted under the rules of procedure for summary proceedings before district justice. Any conviction of a violation of any section or subsection of this Ordinance shall result in the imposition of a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the second offense, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for a third and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for all subsequent offense(s), plus costs or in default of payment of said fine and costs the offender may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment subject to Pa R Crim P. 456 (c) and 42 Pa C.S. 9730 (b). Nothing herein is intended to impede or restrict the prosecution of any criminal offense for any person continuing to violate the terms of this ordinance or any order to stop or desist from any illegal conduct or from being charged with any separate offense under the criminal codes or otherwise. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed as a separate offense and shall be punishable as such. In addition to the penalties provided herein, the Municipality may sue at law or in equity to enjoin violations herein and in addition to damages may recover reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, court reporter's fees, and other expenses of litigation by appropriate suit at law or in equity against the person, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity found to

have violated this ordinance, or the orders, rules, regulations, and permits issued hereunder.

ii. In addition to assessment penalties and liens, under subsection (i), any person who violates or permits a violation of this Ordinance, upon being found liable therefore in a civil enforcement proceeding before a district justice or magisterial district judge, shall pay a fine and/or penalty of per violation of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the second offense, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for a third and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for all subsequent offense(s), plus all court costs, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Municipality in the enforcement of this Ordinance. Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. In any case where a penalty for a violation has not been timely paid, and the person against whom the penalty was imposed is found to have been liable therefore in civil proceedings, the violator shall be liable for the penalty imposed, including additional daily penalties for attorney's fees incurred by the Municipality in the enforcement proceedings. If the violator neither pays nor timely appeals the judgment, the Municipality may enforce the judgment pursuant to the applicable rules of civil procedure.

iii. In addition to all of the remedies, the Municipality is authorized to exercise and reserves all rights of enforcement and remedies for Municipal Claims and Tax Liens as permitted by law.

iv. In addition to or in lieu of a civil action before a district justice or magisterial district judge, or Court, the Municipality may enforce this Ordinance in equity. The appropriate officers or agents, including Board of Supervisors, Municipality Manager, Municipality Engineer or Code Officer of the Municipality are hereby authorized to seek all legal, statutory, mandamus or equitable relief, including injunctions (temporary/permanent or other appropriate relief), to enforce compliance herewith.

v. The Municipality shall be exempt from the payment of costs in any civil case brought to enforce this ordinance.

vi. Each day a violation occurs shall be a separate offense.

vii. The reasonable attorney's fees shall be at the rate of one hundred and twenty-five (\$125) dollars per hour. Said sum may be amended by Resolution of the Municipality, from time to time.

viii. By way of explanation and not limitation Owners and Developer shall be jointly and severally liable as permitted by law for violations.

Section 806. Appeals

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

ARTICLE IX – REFERENCES

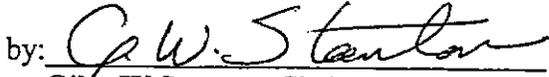
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ENACTED AND ORDAINED as an Ordinance of the Township of South Abington
this 13th day of April, 2015.

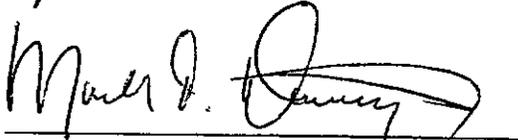
ATTEST:


Christine Griswold, Secretary

SOUTH ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

by: 
Giles W Stanton, Chairman


Joseph H Sproul III, Supervisor


Mark T Dougherty, Supervisor

APPENDIX A

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (O&M) AGREEMENT

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (SWM BMPS)

THIS AGREEMENT, is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2015, by and between _____, (hereinafter the "Landowner"), and South Abington Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, (hereinafter "Municipality");

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Landowner is the owner of certain real property as recorded by deed in the land records of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, Deed Book _____ at page _____, (hereinafter "Property").

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

WHEREAS, the SWM, BMP Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan approved by the Municipality (hereinafter referred to as the "O&M Plan") for the property identified herein, which is attached hereto as Appendix A and made part hereof, as approved by the Municipality, provides for management of stormwater within the confines of the Property through the use of BMPs; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality, and the Landowners, his successors and assigns, agree that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Municipality and the protection and maintenance of water quality require that onsite SWM BMPs be constructed and maintained on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality requires, through the implementation of the SWM Site Plan, that SWM BMPs as required by said SWM Site Plan and the Municipal Stormwater Management Ordinance be constructed and adequately operated and maintained by the Landowner, successors, and assigns.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing promises, the mutual covenants contained herein, and the following terms and conditions, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Landowner shall construct the BMPs in accordance with the plans and specifications identified in the SWM Site Plan.
2. The Landowner shall operate and maintain the BMPs as shown on the SWM Plan in good working order in accordance with the specific operation and maintenance requirements noted on the approved O&M Plan.
3. The Landowner hereby grants permission to the Municipality, its authorized agents and employees, to enter upon the property, at reasonable times and upon presentation of proper credentials, to inspect the BMPs whenever necessary. Whenever possible, the Municipality shall notify the Landowner prior to entering the property.

4. In the event the Landowner fails to operate and maintain the BMPs per paragraph 2, the Municipality or its representatives may enter upon the property and take whatever action is deemed necessary to maintain said BMP(s). It is expressly understood and agreed that the Municipality is under no obligation to maintain or repair said facilities, and in no event shall this Agreement be construed to impose any such obligation on the Municipality.
5. In the event the Municipality, pursuant to this Agreement, performs work of any nature, or expends any funds in performance of said work for labor, use of equipment, supplies, materials, and the like, the Landowner shall reimburse the Municipality for all expenses (direct and indirect) incurred within 10 days of receipt of invoice from the Municipality.
6. The intent and purpose of this Agreement is to ensure the proper maintenance of the onsite BMPs by the Landowner; provided, however, that this Agreement shall not be deemed to create or effect any additional liability of any party for damage alleged to result from or be caused by stormwater runoff.
7. The Landowner, its executors, administrators, assigns, and other successors in interests, shall release the Municipality from all damages, accidents, casualties, occurrences, or claims which might arise or be asserted against said employees and representatives from the construction, presence, existence, or maintenance of the BMP(s) by the Landowner or Municipality.
8. The Municipality intends to inspect the BMPs at a minimum of once every three years to ensure their continued functioning.
9. There shall be no claim for damage or taking against the Municipality for work performed or the taking of ownership of all or part of stormwater control facilities now or herein after constructed. Additionally, at the option of the Municipality it may file all liens and claims as allowed by law, including but not limited to the Municipal Claims Act or similar law as maybe amended, in the event the land owner or responsible party fails to operate and maintain improvements.
10. The Municipality shall require such security in the amount in form as our acceptable to it.

This Agreement shall be recorded at the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, and shall constitute a covenant running with the Property and/or equitable servitude, and shall be binding on the Landowner, his administrators, executors, assigns, heirs, and any other successors in interests, in perpetuity.

ATTEST:

WITNESS the following signatures and seals:

(SEAL)

For the Municipality:

For the Landowner:

ATTEST:

_____ (City, Borough, Township),

County of _____, Pennsylvania

I, _____, a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, whose commission expires on the ____ day of _____, 20__ , do hereby certify that

_____ and _____ whose name(s) is/are signed to the foregoing Agreement bearing date of the ____ day _____, 2015, has acknowledged the same before me in my said county and state.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS ____ day of _____, 20__ .

NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

