

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing and consider for possible adoption a revised Stormwater Management Ordinance, a summary of which is set forth below, which will amend and replace Chapter 26, Part 3, Stormwater Management, of the East Rockhill Township Code of Ordinances. The Board will hold a public hearing on December 17, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., at the East Rockhill Township Building at 1622 Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18944. Copies of the full text of the ordinance are available at the offices of this newspaper, Bucks County Law Library, and Township offices during normal business hours. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING.

Summary of Ordinance

Article I - General Provisions

This section provides the purpose of this comprehensive Stormwater Management Ordinance, which is to promote health, safety, and welfare within East Rockhill Township by minimizing damages from inadequate management of accelerated runoff resulting from development including increases in flood flows and velocities, accelerated erosion and sedimentation, degradation of water quality, increased cost of public facilities to convey and manage stormwater and reduction in groundwater recharge. Applicability and exemptions of regulations are also provided for in this section.

Article II - Definitions

This section contains definitions to be used throughout the Ordinance.

Article III - Stormwater Management

This section identifies stormwater management districts within the Township and performance standards related to each district. This section also contains provisions for nonstructural project design, water quality, groundwater recharge, streambank erosion, stormwater management facility design criteria, calculation methodology, erosion and sedimentation control, and water quality requirements.

Article IV - Stormwater Management Plan Requirements

This section establishes minimum requirements for information to be included within required plans and studies. Procedures for plan review, modification of plans, resubmission of disapproved plans, and issuance of certificate of completion and occupancy permits are established in this section.

Article V - Inspections

This section establishes a schedule of required municipal inspections and right of entry.

Article VI - Fees and Expenses

This section establishes plan review fees and identifies expenses covered by such fees.

Article VII - Prohibitions

This section identifies prohibited discharges and connections to the municipal storm sewer system. Also included are restrictions on alteration of stormwater BMPs and waste disposal which may cause or contribute to pollution.

Article VIII - Maintenance Responsibility

This section provides the responsibility for maintenance of stormwater BMPs during and after construction, including the establishment of an Operation and Maintenance Plan and

Agreement. Regulations for stormwater management easements and contributions to the stormwater maintenance fund to defray costs of periodic inspections and maintenance are also established in this section.

Article IX - Enforcement and Penalties

Standards for notification of property owners who fail to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance and subsequent enforcement and penalties are established in this section. This section also contains provisions for appeals from a determination of Township Staff, Board of Supervisors, and/or Township Zoning Hearing Board.

Article X - Township Adoption, Repealer, and Severability

Appendices

The Appendices include data and typical details for the design and construction of stormwater management facilities, including stormwater management design criteria, riparian forested buffer, wetland management plant list, application and fee schedule, watershed map, standard maintenance and monitoring agreement, simplified stormwater management procedures for existing single family dwellings, nonstructural stormwater management BMPs, pervious hardscaping system design and impervious area credit criteria, hot spots, West Nile Virus guidance, storm sewer bedding/backfill detail, and site evaluation and soil infiltration testing guidance.

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