

Item III.5
Lancaster County Conservation District
Erosion & Sedimentation Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday August 27, 2026 1:30 P.M.
Farm & Home Center - Sunroom – Upstairs Room 222
Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Attendance: Kyle Solyak, Commissioner Ray D’Agostino (online), Deryk Shaw (online), Chris Thompson, Adam Stern, Eric Hout

1. East High Street Elementary School, Elizabethtown Borough – Enforcement Action

In June 2026, the Conservation District received a complaint of a tributary to the Conoy Creek in Elizabethtown being muddy. Eric Hout inspected the stream and traced the pollution event back to East High Elementary School, where a geothermal well installation was underway and sediment laden runoff was observed to be reaching a stormwater basin which discharged into the stream. Mr. Hout discussed the pollution event, the Chapter 102 violations observed to date, and the cooperativeness of the contractors in resolving the District’s requests with the committee. At this time, the Committee members do not recommend immediately proceeding with an enforcement action, but rather directed District staff to notify the contractors and school district that all remaining Chapter 102 violations are expected to be fully corrected and to discuss the District’s expectations on compliance with Chapter 102 moving forward. Failure to demonstrate compliance within a reasonable timeframe will result in this site being brought back to the Committee for reconsideration of a formal enforcement action.

The Committee members and staff also discussed the potential development of a set of guidelines to assist in determining when violations of Chapter 102 warrant an enforcement action. It was noted that while each site has its own unique set of circumstances, such a set of guidelines may provide greater direction to the Staff and the Committee on how sites with violations are handled. Staff and the Committee members intend to continue discussion on this potential set of guidelines at future meetings.

2. Chapter 102 Program Evaluation Follow Up & Next Steps

Staff presented the final Chapter 102 Program Evaluation Report provided by PA DEP (final edit dated 8/7/26). Staff are addressing ongoing process improvements for the minor items identified in the evaluation. Staff held a call with PA DEP Central Office staff the morning of Thursday 8/27/26 to discuss improved tracking on review timeline compliance and reporting to DEP moving forward. Staff will continue to finalize documentation and logistics for hiring a Professional Engineer (PE) to facilitate the post-construction stormwater management (PCSM) portion of the Chapter 102 program. The current target for bringing a call to hire to the Board is January 2027.

3. 2027 E&S Department Draft Budget & Initial 2027 Fee Schedule Discussion

Staff presented the current draft of the 2027 E&S Department Budget. The Committee requested additional historic expense & income data to aid in their review. Staff will prepare a proposed 2027 service fee schedule for initial review at the September Committee meeting. This will include comparisons to neighboring county conservation districts.

Next Scheduled Meeting
Thursday September 24, 2026 @ 1:30 PM
Farm & Home Center and virtually via Microsoft Teams