



Public Education Information for Stormwater Management, Grading, and/or Erosion Control Permit Submittal

As part of the Township's Federal National Pollution Detection and Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (NPDES MS4) requirements, the Board of Commissioners adopted both the "Caln Township Stormwater Management Ordinance" and the "Grading, Erosion, and Sediment Control Ordinance" on December 19, 2013, with an effective date of January 1, 2014. With the adoption of these two ordinances, one of the many mandated requirements is the Township's need to track all impervious coverage added to any and all properties since January 1, 2014. Unless exempted by either of these Ordinances listed above, all activities proposing disturbance to the topography and/or vegetation of a property **may** be required to obtain a Stormwater Management, Grading, Erosion, and Sediment Control Permit (hereinafter "SWM/G/ESC Permit").

It is noted that the Zoning review for impervious coverage is separate from the Stormwater Management review for impervious coverage. The Zoning review will track impervious coverage from an intensity of the hard surfaces on a lot standpoint whereas the Stormwater Management review will track the impervious coverage from the ability of the water to get back into the ground (as opposed to running off). With this noted, some of the impervious coverage from a Stormwater Management standpoint may, on a case by case basis as determined by the Township Engineer, be reduced and/or omitted upon review whereas there will be no reduction nor omission of impervious coverage from a zoning standpoint.

Regarding the impervious coverage, each property is exempt from Stormwater requirements if the cumulative amount of new impervious coverage installed since January 1, 2014 is less than 1,000 square feet. Conversely, if the cumulative amount of impervious coverage installed since January 1, 2014 is over 1,000 square feet, stormwater controls are required. The Township understands the complexity of the stormwater requirements and is making efforts to reduce the timeframe associated with issuing zoning and building permits for those properties that are exempt from the stormwater requirements, meaning those properties where the new impervious coverage added since January 1, 2014 is less than 1,000 square feet.

With the above stated, it is imperative that all zoning and building permit applications submitted to the Township must be accompanied by a fully completed Impervious Coverage Worksheet for review. This completed Worksheet will help guide the review process and hopefully lead to a shorter turn around for the associated permits. Should you have any questions, please contact the Township Engineer, Mr. Jeffrey W. McClintock, P.E., C.F.M., at (610) 384-0600 or engineer@calntownship.org.

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