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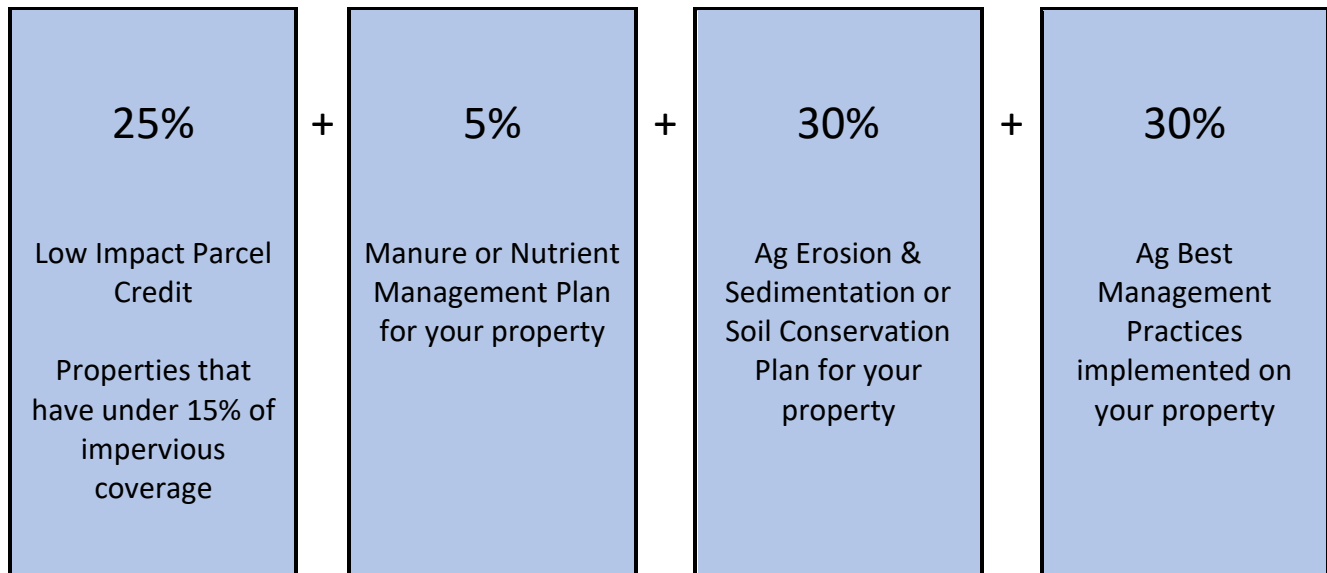
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Stormwater Fee Credits Available for Agricultural Properties

Silver Spring Township has several credit opportunities for agricultural properties. Through the Stormwater Partnership Credit, agricultural property owners can apply for additional credits to reduce their monthly bill for Stormwater Fees by up to 90%. If you are eligible, a 25% Low Impact Parcel Credit has already been applied to your account. An additional 5% credit will be given to those properties that provide documentation of either a Manure Management or a Nutrient Management Plan. Documentation of an Ag Erosion & Sedimentation or Soil Conservation Plan will allow for an additional 30% credit. Finally, when property owners verify that Agricultural Best Management Practices are being implemented on their land as described in the Plans, another 30% credit will be available.

Silver Spring Township Stormwater Program

← **Up to 90% credit for agricultural properties** →



Please refer to the flow charts on the following pages to determine which plans are needed in order for you to receive these additional credits. For the final 30% credit, a BMP Maintenance Agreement is required (see attachment to Credit Policy Manual). If you have questions or would like to discuss the contents of this mailing further, please do not hesitate to contact Tyler Erb, MS4 Program Coordinator, at terb@sstwp.org or 717-766-0178 ext. 3013.



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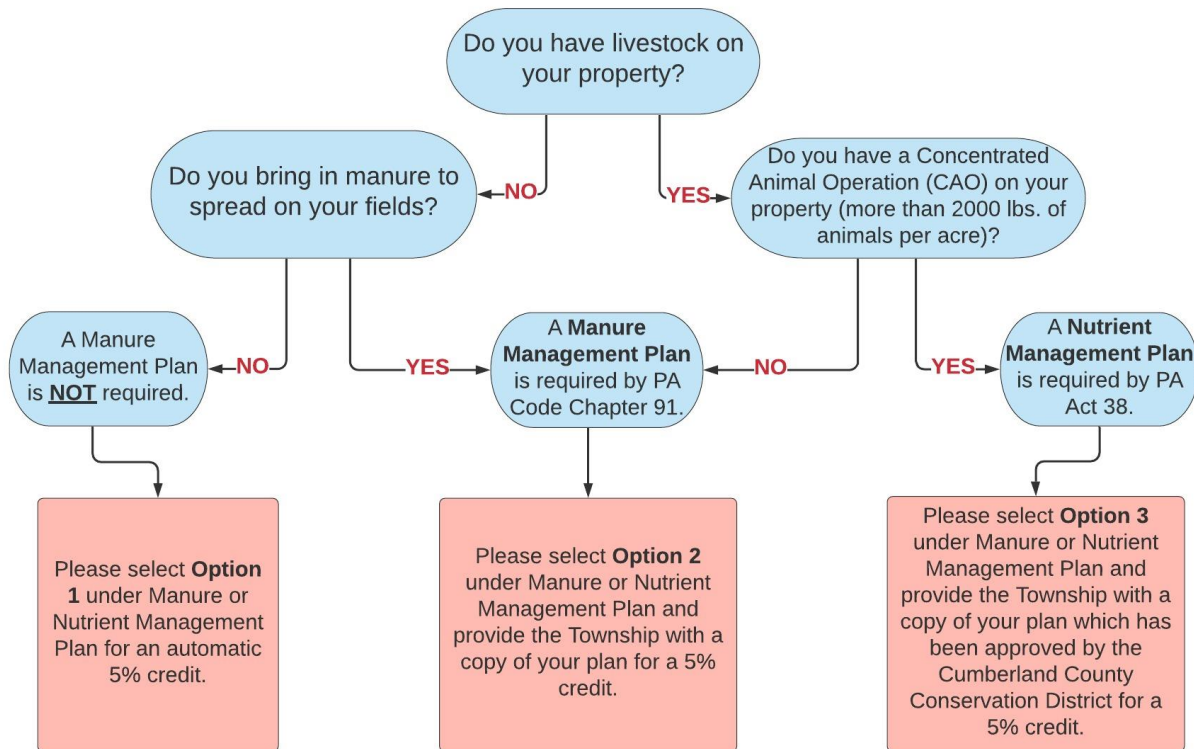
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What is my Ag BMP credit eligibility – part 1?

MANURE OR NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN



Notes

¹ Manure Management Plan: do not need to be written by a certified specialist (farmer can develop the plan themselves according to Manure Management Plan standards).

² CAO = farms with more than 2,000-lbs. of animals per acre of cropland; CAFO = farm with more than 700 cows, 2,500 hogs, 500 horses, 82,000 layers, 125,000 broilers or 1,000,000-lbs. or live weight of animals (combined animals) or more than 300,000-lbs. of animals and a CAO

³ Nutrient Management Plan: written by a certified nutrient management specialist to meet Nutrient Management Act 38 standards and approved by the Cumberland County Conservation District.

Flow chart modified from PSU Extension example: <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/nutrient-management/manure/understanding/what-type-of-plan-do-you-need-for-your-farm>



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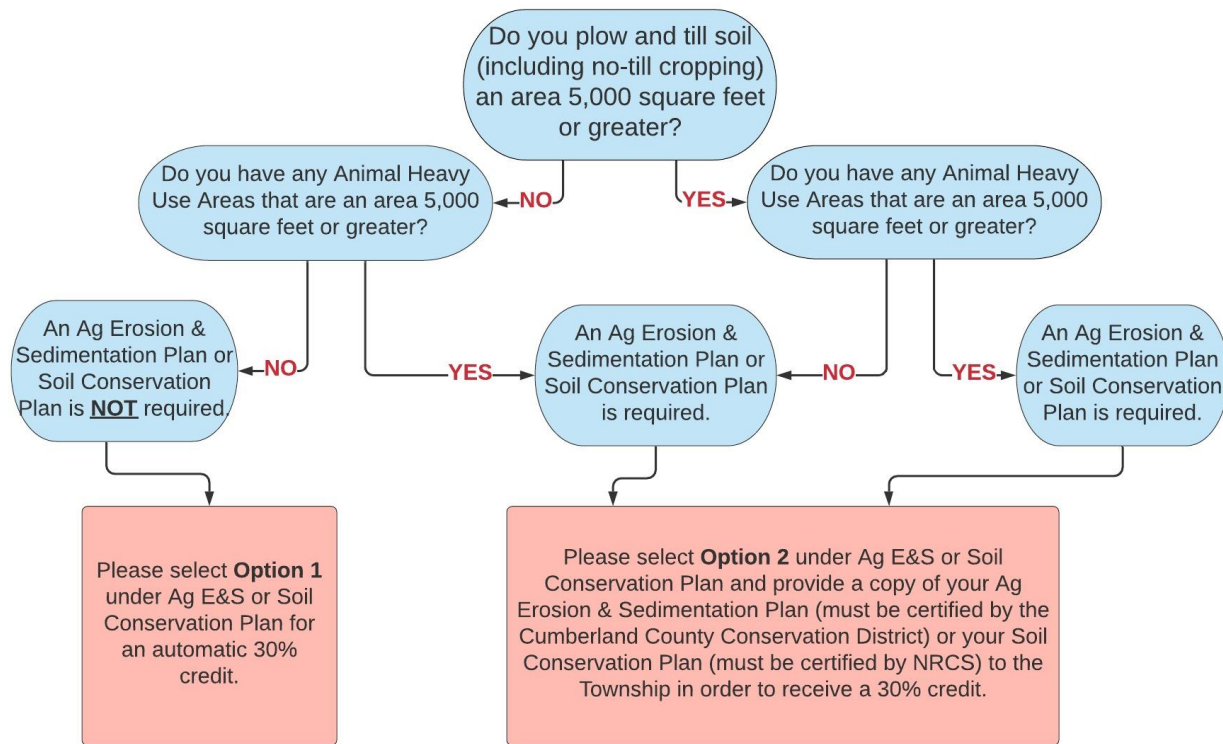
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What is my Ag BMP credit eligibility – part 2?

AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION OR SOIL CONSERVATION PLAN



Notes

¹ Soil Conservation Plan: written by a qualified specialist to meet USDA-NRCS requirements.

Ag E&S Plan: written by a qualified specialist to meet Chapter 102 regulations and approved by the Cumberland County Conservation District.

² Animal Heavy Use Areas = barnyard, feedlot, loafing area, exercise lot or other similar area on agricultural operations where, due to the concentration of animals, it is not possible to establish and maintain vegetative cover of a density capable of minimizing accelerated erosion and sedimentation by usual planting methods. (Is it muddy where your animals spend time outdoors?)

Flow chart modified from PSU Extension example: <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/nutrient-management/manure/overview-of-deps-manure-management-manual/the-basics-of-agricultural-erosion-and-sedimentation-requirements>

Ag Credit Information

1. Manure Management Plans do not need to be written by a certified specialist. A farmer can develop the plan themselves according to DEP Pennsylvania Chapter 91 Manure Management Plan standards.
2. Nutrient Management Plans must be written by a certified nutrient management specialist to meet Pennsylvania's Nutrient Management Act 38 Standards and must be approved by the Cumberland County Conservation District.
3. Ag Erosion & Sedimentation (Ag E&S) Plans must be written by a qualified specialist to meet PA Clean Streams Law, Chapter 102 regulations and must also be approved by the Cumberland County Conservation District.
4. Soil Conservation Plans must be written by a qualified specialist to meet USDA-NRCS requirements.
5. Animal Heavy Use Areas (AHUAs) are barnyards, feedlots, loafing areas, exercise lots or other similar areas on agricultural operations where, due to the concentration of animals, it is not possible to establish and maintain vegetative cover of a density capable of minimizing accelerated erosion and sedimentation by usual planting methods.
6. If you need assistance in writing any of the abovementioned agricultural plans, please contact one of the following organizations*:
 - a. Cumberland County Conservation District: Carlisle, PA – 717-240-7812
 - b. USDA-NRCS: Carlisle, PA – 717-249-1037
 - c. Northeast Land Management, LLC: Carlisle, PA – 717-991-1095
 - d. TeamAg Inc.: Ephrata, PA – 717-721-6795
 - e. Rosetree Consulting: Shillington, PA – 610-396-7101
 - f. AET Ag Consulting: Lititz/Thomasville, PA – 717-625-2218/717-792-1274
 - g. Red Barn Consulting: Lancaster, PA – 717-393-2176
7. DEP has an Agricultural Plan Reimbursement Program that provides reimbursement to farmer applicants who spend money on developing the plans that are right for them. The current registration deadline is April 1, 2021. Reference DEP's website for more information:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/Pennsylvania%E2%80%99s%20Chesapeake%20Bay%20Program%20Office/agriculture/Pages/Funding-Programs.aspx>

or reach out to Cumberland County's contact for the program:

Jedd Moncavage, TeamAg Inc.

jeddm@teamaginc.com

(717) 721-6795

120 Lake St.

Ephrata, PA 17522

*Silver Spring Township does not promote or endorse any of these service providers. Their contact information is provided as a courtesy, and the applicant is responsible for verifying their qualifications for the services.

Agricultural Credit Application Instructions

1. This form is provided to Agricultural Property Owners in Silver Spring Township who believe that they may qualify for an approved Stormwater Management Credit. Please review the Credit Manual for additional information on eligibility.

2. Please fill out this application (front & back), sign and return it with any necessary documentation to the Township office in person or by mail at:

Silver Spring Township
8 Flowers Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Attention: Stormwater Management Credit Administrator

3. Please note that submitted documentation will not be returned to the applicant. If you would like us to make a copy of your documents, please stop by the office Monday – Friday from 8 am to 4 pm.

4. Where a complete credit application is received by December 31, 2020, and the application is approved by Township staff, credits will be retroactively applied to the beginning of the program.

5. A Township representative will review this Agricultural Credit Application and accompanying documents within 60 days of receipt of the completed form.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low Impact Parcel Credit	Automatically applied.	No action is necessary to receive this credit.	25% credit
Manure or Nutrient Management Plan – check one box				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Option 1	A Manure or Nutrient Management Plan is not required.	Please check the box and return this credit application to the Township for a 5% credit.	5% credit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Option 2	A Manure Management Plan is required.	Please check the box and submit a copy of your plan along with this credit application to the Township for a 5% credit.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Option 3	A Nutrient Management Plan is required.	Please check the box and submit a copy of your plan with Cumberland County Conservation District approval to the Township along with this credit application for a 5% credit.	
Ag Erosion & Sedimentation or Soil Conservation Plan – check one box				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Option 1	An Ag E&S or Soil Conservation Plan is not required.	Please check the box and return this credit application to the Township for a 30% credit.	30% credit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Option 2	An Ag E&S or Soil Conservation Plan is required.	Please check the box and submit a copy of either your Ag Erosion & Sedimentation Plan (Cumberland County Conservation District approval needed) or your Soil Conservation Plan (NRCS approval needed) to the Township along with this credit application for a 30% credit.	

Following is a list of some Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs). Please check any that have been implemented on your property, or write in other BMPs at the bottom of the list. To get additional credit for these BMPs, you must have them documented and verified by the Cumberland County Conservation District or you must schedule a visit with our MS4 Coordinator for an inspection to verify the BMPs called for in your Plans are in place. Additional credit for these BMPs is 30%.

Structural BMPs		Agronomic BMPs		30%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Animal Mortality Facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Crop Rotation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Animal Walkways	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Tillage & No-till	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diversions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contour Buffer Strips	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grassed Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contour Farming	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heavy Use Area Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cover Crops	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Liquid Manure Storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pasture Management	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roof Runoff Structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residue Management	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stream Crossings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Riparian Buffers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stream Fencing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strip-Cropping	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Streambank Stabilization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Terraces	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		

I, (please print name) _____ agree to all conditions of the Credits I have applied for as outlined in the Silver Spring Township Stormwater Management Program Credit Manual. Additionally, I agree that Silver Spring Township may at reasonable times, with advanced written notice, enter my property to inspect the condition or operation of BMPs.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Customer Information

Owner's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alt. Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Property Address: _____

Parcel Number(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Account Number: _____

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Date Received:	Credit(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Date Reviewed:	% Credit to be Applied:
Date of Credit Expiration:	Reviewer: