

Justifications:

The fee amendment is to provide recovery of the Department's cost of inspections, enforcement, and erosion and sedimentation land disturbance activity construction compliance during the full 18-month construction period. The Erosion Control Program is mandated to conduct inspections per the Department of Environmental Quality, DEQ, every 2 weeks cycle, or within 48 hours of any run-off producing rainfall event. The proposed fee covers regular maintenance inspections of the required site plan features to be compliant with both local and State law and to prevent off-site sediment transport and protection of water quality, wetlands, perennial streams, and resource protection areas adjacent to land disturbance construction activity on any exceptional acreage scale and scope of operations. Due to the required time to conduct inspections, inspections personnel staffing size, and total land area to cover on exceptional sized land disturbance, the current fee schedule will not cover costs to the County under the current unified fee schedule necessitating an amendment.

Methodology:

Due to the extreme scope of a massive construction project projected above that covers huge expanses of property and requires exceptional hours to complete mandated inspections, such projects are inspected under procured inspections from third-party engineering firms under contract with the County. The fees estimate the hours for such inspections at procured labor rate and time for field, administration, and engineering personal services.