

PORTAGE COUNTY STORM WATER DISTRICT

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT APPLICATION

COMPLETED BY APPLICANT	APPLICANT INFORMATION	APPLICANT NAME:	DATE
		PROPERTY ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION:
		PARCEL NUMBERS (IF KNOWN)	
APPLICANT: FORWARD TO SWCD AT 6970 STATE ROUTE 88, RAVENNA, OHIO 44266			

COMPLETED BY SWCD	REVIEW DETERMINATION	CREDIT TYPE: (CHECK BOX)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple adjacent parcels with average area less than 2 acres/parcel.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Four or more parcels operated by producer with qualified plan.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a current farm plan?	
		NOTES:	
CREDIT EARNED:			
REVIEWED BY:		DATE:	
SWCD: FORWARD APPLICATION TO DISTRICT FOR PROCESSING			

COMPLETED BY DISTRICT	APPROVAL	APPROVED BY:	DATE:

If you have any questions please contact Portage SWCD at 330-297-7633

Agriculture Credit System Summary

The purpose of the agricultural credit program is to encourage producers to implement best management practices. Following an approved management plan, producers will be able to incorporate these practices into their farming operations and have a positive impact on water quality and our environment.

Credit Eligibility Requirements:

- 50% maximum credit (but not less than 3 ERUs)
- Applicant must have 4 or more parcels, operated by a producer with a qualifying farm plan.
Recommend consultation with Portage Soil & Water Conservation District prior to application.

NOTE: For the purpose of this credit, “farm plan” is defined as a management plan approved by the Portage SWCD or USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

- Parcels must be enrolled in the current agricultural use valuation (CAUV) program

Credit Application Procedure

1. Obtain and complete the agriculture credit application form. These forms may be obtained at the Portage SWCD office (6970 State Route 88, Ravenna, OH 44266), the Portage county web site at PortageCo.com/Stormwater.htm, or at the Portage County Auditors office (449 South Meridian Street, Ravenna, OH 44266).
2. Submit a completed agricultural credit application form to the Portage Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) office **no later than May 1st**. Credit application form must include the name and contact information of the landowner applying for a credit.
3. Indicate if an approved farm plan has been developed for the parcels. If a farm plan does not exist, the Portage SWCD and USDA-NRCS will work directly with the agricultural producer to develop a qualifying farm plan.
4. The Portage SWCD shall review the credit application, verify the status of the farm plan covering the parcel(s) and forward the approved credit application to the Stormwater Coordinator. The Stormwater Coordinator shall revise the user fee for the parcel(s) on the official user fee roster.

NOTE:

- Credits approved by the Stormwater Coordinator prior to June 30 of each year shall be applied to the user fee to be billed the following January and shall be valid for the term of the current Ohio Environmental Protection Agency NPDES Phase II permit, or until the land use or CAUV status changes.
- Agricultural producers with approved credits must begin implementation of BMPs outlined in the qualifying farm plan during the current OEPA Phase II permit period. Current OEPA Phase II permit expires 2013. The implementation status will be reviewed prior to credit renewal. Producers who have implemented their current farm plan will be issued a renewal of their credit status.
Approved farm plans shall be updated to reflect current producer farming operations.

Multiple adjacent parcel credit summary:

The purpose of the multiple adjacent parcel credit is to allow a reduction of up to 50% for landowners who have acquired multiple adjacent parcels, for the purpose of agricultural production. These parcels with an average size of less than 2 acres are typically managed as a single parcel and are not buildable lots.

Credit & Eligibility Requirements:

Landowners that own multiple adjacent parcels with an average size of less than 2 acres enrolled in the current agricultural use valuation (CAUV) program are eligible for up to a 50% credit.

Credit Application Requirements:

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2. Submit a completed agricultural credit application form to the Portage Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) office located at 6970 State Route 88 **no later than May 1st**. Credit application form must include the name and contact information of the landowner applying for a credit.
3. The Portage SWCD shall review the credit application, and verify the average parcel size and CAUV status on the parcels. Approved credit application forms shall be forwarded to the Stormwater Coordinator. The Stormwater Coordinator shall revise the user fees for the parcel (s) on the official user fee roster.

NOTE: Credits approved by the Stormwater Coordinator prior to June 30 of each year shall be applied to the user fee charges to be billed the following January and shall be valid for the term of the current Ohio Environmental Protection Agency NPDES Phase II permit, or until the land use or CAUV status changes.