

**PORTAGE COUNTY STORM WATER DISTRICT**

**CHURCH CREDIT APPLICATION**

<b>COMPLETED BY APPLICANT</b>	<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>	CHURCH NAME	DATE				
		CONTACT NAME	PHONE				
		MAILING ADDRESS					
		EMAIL ADDRESS					
		CHURCH LOCATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM MAILING ADDRESS)					
		PARCEL NUMBERS (IF KNOWN)					
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<i>APPLICANT: FORWARD TO SWCD AT 6970 STATE ROUTE 88, RAVENNA, OHIO 44266</i>							

<b>COMPLETED BY SWCD</b>	<b>REVIEW DETERMINATION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> STORM WATER EDUCATION PLAN SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION		
		<input type="checkbox"/> CONSULTED WITH SWCD TO DEVELOP EDUCATION PLAN		
		<input type="checkbox"/> 25%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> 75%
		NOTES:		
		TOTAL CREDIT EARNED:		
REVIEWED BY:		DATE		
<i>SWCD: FORWARD APPLICATION TO DISTRICT FOR PROCESSING</i>				

<b>COMPLETED BY DISTRICT</b>	<b>APPROVAL</b>	APPROVED BY:	DATE:

## **Church Eligibility Requirements**

- 25% - Water quality educational display and distribution of educational literature
- 50% - Installation of water quality best management practice (BMP) with an annual educational component for the congregation;  
**and** educational display and literature distribution
- 75% - Annual community service activity related to water quality (stream cleanup, storm drain stenciling, etc);  
**and** educational display and literature distribution;  
**and** installation of water quality BMP with education component

## **Church Credit Application Procedure**

1. Complete the *Church Credit Application Form*. Forms may be obtained from the Portage Storm Water District website at [www.portageco.com/stormwater.htm](http://www.portageco.com/stormwater.htm)
2. Create a Storm Water Education Plan that outlines how your church will meet the requirements for the desired education credit level(s). Education Plan must cover the time period from June 30 in year of submittal through June 30, 2013.  
*\*recommend consultation with Portage Soil & Water Conservation District prior to development of education plan*
3. Submit the completed *Church Credit Application Form* and your Storm Water Education Plan to the Portage Soil & Water Conservation District (6970 State Route 88, Ravenna OH 44266) no later than May 1.
4. Portage Soil & Water Conservation District shall review the Education Plan and either approve the plan or recommend changes. The approved plan shall be submitted to the Storm Water Coordinator for credit verification. Upon verification, the Storm Water Coordinator shall revise the user fee for the parcel(s) on the official user fee roster. Credits approved by the Storm Water Coordinator prior to June 30 of each year shall be applied to the user fee charges to be billed in the following January and shall be valid for the remaining duration of the current Ohio Environmental Protection Agency NPDES Phase II Permit.
5. Church applicant must report annual progress using the reporting instrument provided by the Portage Soil & Water Conservation District.

## **Church - Storm Water Education Plan Development Considerations**

1. Water quality educational displays and literature may be supplied by Portage Soil & Water Conservation District.

2. Churches that choose to install a water quality BMP with an educational component or that choose to conduct a community service activity may be eligible to apply for a Storm Water Education Grant to assist with the project cost.

*\*recommend consultation with Portage Soil & Water Conservation District*

*\*Storm Water Education Grant program availability is dependent on funding approval by the Storm Water Coordinator and the Portage County Board of Commissioners*