



# Agricultural Enhancement Program Heavy Use Area Protection Application

Applicant Information	Farm Information
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Monongahela Conservation District</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	<b>County :</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>Farm Name:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>	<b>Farm # :</b>
<b>Application Date:</b>	<b>Tract # :</b>
	<b>Field # or #'s:</b>
<b>Are you a WVCA/WFCD employee?</b> YES/NO	<b>Are you a Conservation District Supervisor?</b> YES/NO
<b>Are you a family member of a WVCA/WFCD employee?</b> YES/NO	<b>Are you a family member of a District Supervisor?</b> YES/NO
<b>Do you operate land with a WVCA/WFCD employee?</b> YES/NO	<b>Do you operate land with a District Supervisor?</b> YES/NO
Best Management Practice	

*Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for:*

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Amount Requested
<b>Heavy Use Area Protection</b>	<u>Gravel and Fabric</u> For use around watering facilities and gate passageways NO ROADS	75% (cost of materials and labor) up to \$1.35/square foot  2,500 sq. ft. maximum \$3,375.00 maximum	_____ Square Feet

### Program Eligibility

**Definition:**

The stabilization of areas frequently and intensively used by animals and/or vehicles by surfacing with suitable materials. Suitable construction materials include a combination of clean gravel, crushed stone, and geotextile fabric to provide the area with increased load bearing strength, drainage, separation of material, and soil reinforcement.

**Purpose:**

*Heavy Use Area Protection* reduces soil erosion, improves water quantity and quality, and livestock health.

**Policies for Program:**

- Applicant must be a District Cooperator. (a form is available upon request)
- Applicant is ineligible for a practice reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.
- No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
- When an applicant has cancelled an AgEP Agreement for two fiscal years, he/she will not be eligible to participate for the next two immediate fiscal years.
- Government land is ineligible.
- Property must be used as a farming operation to be eligible for the program: having the potential for producing at least \$1000 of farm products annually.

- In combination with other practices applicant **cannot** exceed **\$7,000.00** of assistance per fiscal year (*July 2021-June 2022*).
- Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and a ranking process.

**Policies for Practice:**

- To be used at the following sites affected by livestock use: ***watering areas (troughs), lanes/walkways, loading/unloading areas, and gate passageways.***
- NOT to be used for livestock feeding areas.
- NOT to be used for roads.
- NRCS standards and specifications must be followed.
- A job sheet with *Heavy Use Area Protection* specifications will be provided that includes:
  - Fabric material type, thickness of stone layers, size(s) of stone, and amount of stone needed along with other construction guidance.
- Stone used must be graded.
- Care must be given to protect soil and water quality during and after installation.
- Disturbed areas must be seeded and mulched.
- Landowner agrees to maintain this practice for a period of at least 10 years after the date of completion.

**Payment Rates and Limits:**

- Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator (*lessee*).
- The maximum reimbursement is 75% up to \$1.35 per foot with a cap of 2500 square feet per application (*\$3,375.00*).
- This practice is limited to 2500 square feet per application.
- The *Heavy Use Area Protection* must be **completed** and **fully functioning** by **May 20, 2022**.

**Reimbursement Process:**

- The payment will be approved as: 1. Receipts are received; 2. Cooperator completes a W-9 form; 3. Site visit is done; 4. Verification form is signed; 5. District approves the payment.
- All receipts and forms are due to the Monongahela Conservation District Office by **May 20, 2022** otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied.
- **No contract extensions will be granted for any reason.**

**Application due **May 28, 2021** and must include the following:**

- Cooperator Agreement (*if applicable*)
- Practice Application Form
- Farm map with the area identified where the *Heavy Use Area Protection(s)* is proposed.
- Lease agreement when applicable which is at least the length of the practice life (*10 years*).
- Application deadline may be extended upon Monongahela Conservation District approval.

By signing this I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this document.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received:	
Time Received:	