



FY23 Agricultural Enhancement Program Heavy Use Area Protection Application



Applicant Information
Name:
Mailing Address:
Telephone:
Email Address:
Application Date:
What is your preferred method to receive written notification? Email/Letter
Do you own or lease the land associated with this application? Own/Lease
Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a WVCA employee working within Monongahela Conservation District? Yes/No
Are you a dependent family member of a WVCA employee? Yes/No
Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a WVCA employee working within Monongahela Conservation District? Yes/No
Are you a dependent family member of a Mon Conservation District Supervisor? Yes/No

Farm Information
MONONGAHELA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
County Where Farm is Located:
Farm Name (Optional):
Farm #:
Tract #:
Field # or #'s:
Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation? Yes/No
If yes, does the operation have the potential for producing \$1,000 in value from its products per year? Yes/No
What was the name and/or topic of the last conservation related educational event you attended? Name/topic of event:
Was the event attended prior to July 1, 2021? Yes/No
Is the project associated with this application part of another cost-share program for Heavy Use Areas? Yes/No
Has the <i>Heavy Use Area Protection</i> been cost-shared by AgEP or another program in the past 10 years? Yes/No

Best Management Practice			
BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Area Requested
Heavy Use Area Protection	8 in. thick <u>Gravel</u> and <u>Tygar</u> NOT intended for Feeding Areas	75% (<i>cost of materials and labor</i>) up to \$1. 35/square foot 2,500 sq. ft. maximum <u>\$3,375.00</u> maximum	<input type="checkbox"/> Trough <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Lane/Walkway <input type="checkbox"/> Loading Area <input type="checkbox"/> Gate Passageway

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)*
- Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator *(lessee)*.
- 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.
- 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.
- Cooperators are limited to 2 approved applications and \$7,000.00 of assistance per fiscal year *(July 2022-June 2023)*.
- 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.
- A job sheet with *Heavy Use Area Protection* specifications will be provided that includes:
 - a. 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 10 years after the date of completion.
- The heavy use area protection must be **completed** and **fully functional** by **December 02, 2022**.

Reimbursement Process:

- The payment will be approved as: 1. Receipts are received; 2. Verification form is signed; 3. Site visit is completed 4. District approves the payment.
- All receipts and forms are due to the Monongahela Conservation District Office by **December 02, 2022** otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied.

Application deadline is **May 27, 2022 and must include the following:**

- Cooperator Agreement *(if applicable)*
- Signed Practice Application Form
- IRS W-9 Form
- Farm map with individual fields and areas identified where the practice is proposed.
- Lease agreement, Producer Application Form, or USDA-FSA Annual Farm Report *(if applicable)*.
- 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.

Applicants Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	