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| Agricultural Enhancement ProgramHeavy Use Area Protection Application  |
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| **Applicant Information** |  | **Farm Information**  |
| **Name:** |  |  | **Monongahela Conservation District** |
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|  **Mailing Address:** |  | **County :** |
|  |  |  | **Farm Name:** |
|  **Telephone:** |  |  | **Farm # :**  |
|  **Email Address:** |  |  | **Tract # :**  |
|  **Application Date:** |  | **Field # or #’s:** |

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| Best Management Practice |
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| BMP | Limits | Cost-Share Rate | Amount applied for |
| Heavy Use Area Protection  | Limit of 2,500 sq. ft. per applicant per fiscal year, geotextile & gravel Applied to the area around watering facilities and gate passageways only5 year maintenance agreement by landowner  | $1. 35/square foot up to 2500 sq. ft.$3,375.00 maximum cap | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Square Feet  |

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| Program Eligibility |
| 1. **Definition**
2. The stabilization of area frequently and intensively used by animals and/or vehicles (where soil erosion is an immediate threat to surface water) by surfacing with suitable materials. The base shall be either gravel, crushed stone or geotextile to provide the site with a need for increased load bearing strength, drainage, separation of material, and soil reinforcement
3. **Purpose**
4. Reduce soil erosion. Improve water quantity and quality, aesthetics and livestock health.
5. Can be used for the following: Livestock watering areas livestock trail and walkways, loading and unloading area, and post-harvest processing areas
6. **Policies for Practice**
7. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
8. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
9. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
10. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
11. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
12. This practice is limited to one payment per fiscal year unless a variance is granted by the Monongahela

Conservation District.1. Landowner agrees to maintain this practice for a period of at least 5 years after the date of completion.
2. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
3. After approval applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
4. Farm animals must be on the property for there to be a resource concern that justifies this practice.
5. **Payment Rates and Limits:**
6. The maximum for reimbursement is $1.35 per foot with a cap of 2500 square feet per applicant ($3,375.00) per fiscal year. This practice is limited to 2500 square feet per fiscal year unless a variance is granted by the Monongahela Conservation District.
7. In combination with other practices applicant cannot exceed $7,000.00 of assistance.
8. **The practice must be completed and functional by \_May 31, 2019\_\_.**
9. **Cooperator Requirements for Program Participation Consideration (must be submitted as a package)**
10. Applicant must be a District Cooperator
11. Practice Application Form
12. Lease agreement when applicable which is at least as long as the practice lifespan (10 Years).
13. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and a ranking process.
14. After approval, the applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
15. The program participant is responsible for obtaining any permits necessary for installation of this practice.
16. **Payment Process**
17. The payment will be approved as: 1. Paid invoices are received; 2. the cooperator completes a W-9 form; 3. a verification visit is done; 4. a verification form is signed: 5. the District approves the payment.
18. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
19. **All invoices, signed & dated W-9 and Program Cost Verification Forms must be received at the Monongahela Conservation District Office by \_\_May 31, 2019\_\_\_\_ otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied.**
20. **No contract extensions will be granted for any reason**. Contracts may be cancelled with notification to the Monongahela Conservation District in writing.

**Note:** The Monongahela Conservation District reserves the right to change policies and/or cost share rates during the fiscal year without notice. Any changes will not affect or change any agreements retroactively with the cooperator from the time the Conservation District approved their contract.

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| **OFFICE USE ONLY:** |
| **Date Received:** |  |
| **Time Received:** |  |
| **Ranking Score:** |  |
| **If Approved:** |
| **BD Date Approved:** |  |
| **Contract Expiration Date:** |  |
| **Application #:** |  |
| **Verification #:**  |  |

Please refer to job sheets provided at the time of approval and signing of contract.By signing this I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this document. **Farm Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |