

CONSERVATION ENGINEERING PRACTICE AGREEMENT

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The Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District, with technical assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, provides consultative, survey and design assistance for the construction of conservation practices. These services are provided to District Cooperators without charge.

ENGINEERING DEPOSIT

To assure the installation of planned practices, the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District requires a refundable deposit for engineering plans according to the following policy:

- **\$3.00/acre deposit** for subsurface drainage plans (**Minimum of \$100.00**)
- **\$100.00 deposit** for each conservation engineering plan (other than subsurface drainage plans) developed for individuals.
- **\$300.00 deposit** for each conservation engineering plan (other than subsurface drainage plans) developed for groups of two or more landowners.

This policy does not apply where financial cost sharing is involved or on County Petition Projects or Ditch Maintenance.

The deposit will be collected from the landowner after the preliminary investigation is complete and prior to the start of any survey and design work. The deposit will be refunded after a SWCD or NRCS employee certifies that the practice has been installed to meet plan specifications. If corrections necessary to meet design specifications are not fulfilled within 60 days of the construction check, or if construction has not been completed within two years from the date the plan was received by the landowner, the deposit shall be forfeited. Forfeiture of deposit constitutes a donation to the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District. Engineering plans involving two (2) or more landowners require a completed Group Request (OSWCC No. 31) prior to investigation.

A maintenance easement may be used in lieu of application for county maintenance (O.R.C. 6131).

The deposit is set to provide an incentive to landowners to construct a project according to specifications. **Any assistance the landowner can provide in locating existing tile, mowing, clearing brush, locating utilities, etc. will expedite project completion.**

I shall require the contractor to follow the District designed engineering plan without change unless changes are approved by a SWCD or NRCS representative.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Township _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

A deposit of \$ _____ has been received by the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District. This deposit covers the following practices:

Practice _____ Deposit Received _____ Receipt # _____

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SWCD staff will work with the landowner and contractor through the completion of the conservation project, and will provide any assistance needed (layout, leveling, construction checks, etc.)

SWCD Representative _____ Date _____

The engineering deposit posted prior to the construction of the conservation project has been returned.

Practice _____ Deposit Refunded \$ _____ Date _____ Ck# _____

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Tract # _____ Tract # _____ Tract # _____

Farm # _____ Farm # _____ Farm # _____