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Pike County Conservation District

Dirt, Gravel, and Low-Volume Road Program Evaluation and Prioritization Form

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Date: _____

Applicant: _____

Worksite Location: _____

Stream Name/Chapter 93 Designated/Existing Use: _____

Select type of application	
	Unpaved (Dirt and Gravel)
	Paved (Low Volume Road)

SECTION 1: APPLICATION VALIDATION

	circle choice		
Does this road site negatively impact a stream, lake, wetland, or other water body?	YES	NO	
Will the proposed project reduce environmental impacts to a water body?	YES	NO	
Is someone from the applying entity "ESM Certified" within the past 5 years?	YES	NO	
Was a pre-application site visit held before submitting application? Date_____	YES	NO	
Does the proposed application meet all State Conservation Commission requirements?	YES	NO	
Does the proposed application meet all policies adopted by the Pike County QAB?	YES	NO	
Has the applicant identified and agreed to obtain all necessary permits?	YES	NO	N/A
If applicable, is the stream crossing eligible for replacement with program funds based on a DGLVR Program-Stream Eligibility Determination?	YES	NO	N/A
Low Volume Road (LVR) ONLY:			
Does the *LVR Traffic Count Validation Form* verify 500 vehicles per day or less?	YES	NO	

If any of the questions above are answered "NO", the application is currently not eligible for funding.

SECTION 2: APPLICATION RANKING *

A. DIRT AND GRAVEL/LOW VOLUME ROAD: SEVERITY OF PROBLEM WORKSITE ASSESSMENT:

a. **Road Sediment in Stream:** None-**0** Slight-**10** Moderate-**15** Severe-**20** _____ (20)

b. **Wet Site Conditions:** Dry-**0** Saturated Ditches-**3** Roadside Springs-**5** _____ (10)
Flow in Ditches-**7** Saturated Base-**10**

c. **Road Surface Material Condition (choose one):**

i. **D&G EVALUATION**: Hard Gravel-**0** Mixed Stone-**5** Soft Stone-**7**
Mixed Stone/Dirt/Dust-**10** Severe Dust-**15**

ii. **LVR EVALUATION:** Good-**0** Fair, Some Cracking-**5** _____ (15)
Poor, Cracking, Unevenness-**7** Damaged-**10** Severely Damaged-**15**

d. **Road Slope:** <5%-**0** 5-10%-**5** >10%-**10** _____ (10)

e. **Road Shape (cross-slope/crown):** Good-**0** Fair- **3** Poor-**5** _____ (5)

f. **Slope to Stream:** <30%-**0** 30-60%-**5** >60%-**10** _____ (10)

g. **Distance to Stream:** >100'-**5** 50'-100'-**10** <50'/crossing-**15** _____ (15)

h. **Outlet to Stream:** None-**0** Near Stream-**3** Directly to Stream-**5** _____ (5)

i. **Stability of Ditch Outlets/Turnouts:** Stable/None-**0** Moderate-**3** Unstable-**5** _____ (5)

j. **Stability of Culvert Outlets:** Stable/none-**0** Moderate-**3** Unstable-**5** _____ (5)

k. **Stability of Road Ditches:** Stable/None-**0** Fair-**5** Poor-**10** Unstable-**15** _____ (15)

l. **Stability of Road Bank:** Stable/None-**0** Fair-**5** Poor-**10** Unstable-**15** _____ (15)

m. **Amount of Canopy Cover:** Minimal-**0** Moderate-**3** Heavy-**5** _____ (5)

n. **Vegetative Buffers:** Heavy-**0** Moderate-**5** Minimal -**10** _____ (10)

o. **Off-ROW Impacts:** None-**0** Minimal-**3** Many-**5** _____ (5)

Roadway Assessment Subtotal _____ (150)

B. STREAM CROSSING: SEVERITY OF PROBLEM WORKSITE ASSESSMENT:

a. **Severity of Barrier (North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative "NAACC"):**
None-**0** Insignificant-**4** Minor-**8** Moderate-**12** Significant-**16** Severe-**20** _____ (20)

b. **Structure/Bankfull Ratio:** 100%-**0** <100%-**5** <75%-**10** <50%-**15** _____ (15)

c. **Miles of Stream Reconnected:** <0.5-**0** <0.75-**5** <1-**10** >1-**15** _____ (15)

d. **Stream Bank Erosion (downstream):** None-**0** Present-**7** Severe-**15** _____ (15)

e. **Stream Bank Erosion (upstream):** None-**0** Present-**7** Severe-**15** _____ (15)

f. **Stream Bed Erosion (downstream):** None-**0** Present-**10** Severe-**20** _____ (20)

g. **Stream Bed Deposition (upstream):** None-**0** Present-**10** Severe-**20** _____ (20)

i. **PA Fish and Boat Commission Designation:**
None-**0** Stocked Trout-**10** Naturally Reproducing Trout-**20** Class A Wild Trout-**30** _____ (30)

Stream Crossing Assessment Subtotal: _____ (150)

C. EFFECTIVENESS OF SOLUTION _____ (100)

Will the proposed project solve the problem(s)?
Slightly - 10 minimally - 30 moderately - 55 Highly - 100

D. ENVIROMENTAL IMPACTS

Will the proposed project improve water quality of the impacted water body? _____ (100)
Slightly - 10 minimally - 30 moderately – 55 Highly – 100

Effectiveness of Solution/Environmental Impacts Subtotal: _____ (200)

OTHER FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

In-Kind Contributions - percentage covered by applicant_____ %

Has the applicant maintained previously contracted projects? YES NO N/A

Will the project address road hazards or safety concerns? (flooding, winter icing issues, etc.) YES NO N/A

If yes, please describe: _____

TOTAL SCORE: _____ (350)

*Form Completion Notes for Quality Assurance Board:

1. The numbers indicated under each assessment item are not ranges. Choose from the numbers listed.
2. Projects without a stream crossing: Complete Sections A, C, and D.
3. Stand-alone stream crossings: Complete Sections B, C, and D.
4. Projects with both road improvements and a stream crossing: Complete Sections A, B, C, and D. For consistency in evaluation and prioritization, average the scores from Sections A and B for final subtotal.
5. For small exemption (Level 3) stream crossings, the replacement may be considered incidental or necessary to the project; therefore, Section B is not completed. The QAB may exercise discretion in determining when completion of Section B is appropriate for Level 3 stream crossings.
6. Refer to the DGLVR Road Assessment Evaluation Criteria and the Stream Crossing Replacement Policy, Standard and Technical Manual for guidance completing on Sections A and B.
7. "Other Factors for Consideration" will be utilized at the QAB's discretion to resolve total score ties.