

# FY26 Chesapeake Bay Program Heavy Use Area Protection Application

Applicant Information	Farm Information
Name:	Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle Conservation District
Mailing Address:	County:
Telephone:	Farm Name:
Email Address:	Farm #:
Application Date:	Tract #:
	Field # or #'s:

## 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 applied for
Heavy Use Area Protection	Use of gravel and fabric only. No concrete	Flat rate of \$1.32/sq. foot Maximum per producer \$2,000	_____ Sq. Ft.

## Program Eligibility

### A. Definition

The stabilization of areas frequently and intensively used by animals and/or vehicles by surfacing with suitable materials. The base shall be either gravel, crushed stone and geotextile to provide the site with a need for increased load bearing strength, drainage, separation of material and soil reinforcement.

### B. Purpose

Reduce soil erosion. Improve water quantity and quality, aesthetics and livestock health. Can be used for the following: Livestock watering areas, livestock trail and walkways, loading and unloading areas, and post-harvest processing areas.

### C. Policies for Practice

1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
2. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
3. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
4. Applicant must provide one of the following documents: Written lease for current time period, Current Farm Service Agency Farm Data Report or WVCA Operator Form. This will describe who is the owner and/or lessee.
5. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field where the proposed installation will be.
6. Approvals will be approved monthly at the EPCD Board Meeting, while funds are available
7. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the AEP Heavy Use Protection Area ranking form.
8. Invoices must be submitted by May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### D. Payment rates & limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be at a flat rate of \$1.32 per sq. ft.
2. Maximum of \$2,000 per applicant.
3. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and an AEP representative has made a site visit.
4. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

### E. Practice Specifications

1. NRCS standards and design specifications must be followed.
2. After approval applicants must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
3. The life span of this practice is a minimum of 10 years.

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

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	
Ranking Score:	
If Approved:	
District Bd Date Approved:	
Contract Expiration Date:	
Application #:	
Verification #:	