



**FRANKLIN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AND CITY OF GAHANNA WORKING AGREEMENT**

This working agreement is entered into on 1st day of March, 2002 and becomes effective on the date of the last signature. The agreement is subject to the limitations of authorities, resources and policies of the District, City of Gahanna and cooperating agencies.

Franklin Soil and Water will provide the following services for the City of Gahanna:

New Development and Redevelopment Sites

- Work with City of Gahanna to provide technical expertise relating to soils, drainage, erosion and sediment control, and NPDES Phase 2 compliance relating to development sites.
- Develop lines of communication with appropriate municipal staff to ensure that the District has the necessary support needed so that site inspections and reports have enforcement backup from Gahanna.
- Provide initial sketch plan review and comments to the developer.
- General review and comment on natural resource concerns such as soils, drainage, and stream buffers.
- Review construction plans and make comments related to soil and erosion sediment control practices on plan.
- Meet with engineer or other design parties to discuss comments and concerns and to confirm submittal of paperwork for Ohio EPA Notice of Intent and confirmation of OEPA NPDES permit number.
- Arrange pre-construction meeting no less than 7 days prior to any earth disturbing activity to outline and discuss construction sequence activities.
- Perform routine (bi-weekly) site inspections from approved stormwater protection plan (SWPP) and recommend any necessary changes to plan resulting from earth moving activities.
- Maintain lines of communication with appropriate development, zoning or other departments through the duration of the project.
- At the end of the project, schedule a close-out meeting to discuss OEPA Notice of Termination paperwork and outline maintenance and management criteria for permanent

erosion and sediment controls and stormwater management basins. This information is provided to whomever is responsible for long-term management of practices (i.e. Homeowners association, etc.).

Education Services and Landowner Consultation

- Carry out a continued public information program relating to the wise use of natural resources and provide to the local government and its representatives information and education materials relating to the management of soil and water and related resources. Provide specific education outreach programs as agreed to with the local government. The focus of the assistance will be geared to meet NPDES Phase 2 compliance.
- Perform on-site inventory and evaluations of soils, drainage, erosion and sedimentation, stream bank erosion, and soil stabilization concerns. Make technical recommendations and comments to landowners when requested.

The City of Gahanna will provide the following:

- Working agreement and relationship defined with Gahanna Review Board, Development Department, and Zoning Department and Road Department.
- Consultation with the District on interpretation of resource data.
- Participation in the District's annual planning process.
- Recognition that the District is a conservation technical and education expert that does not possess regulatory authority in the Ohio Revised Code.
- Grant assistance to cover costs of service. To start this process, the District and City of Gahanna will need to determine the estimated time involved. The grant can be partially offset by collection of service fees and with District funding assistance available through state match dollars.

It is Mutually Agreed:

- That the working relationship, including lines of communications with appropriate departments, will be defined.
- That the local government and District will meet when necessary to review and coordinate activities and programs with the aim of developing a multi-discipline approach to resource management.
- That the standards and specifications developed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and ODNR rainwater handbook will be used in planning and application of conservation measures.
- That all parties will review quality of service and address concerns as they arise.

- Credit will be given in natural resource/ NPDES Phase 2 related publications to the District, prior to publication.
- This working agreement may be amended or terminated at any time by mutual consent of both parties, or the agreement may be terminated by either party giving sixty (60) days notice in writing to the other.

SIGNATURES

The below signatures certify consent on the above agreement.

FRANKLIN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Signature	Title	Date
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CITY OF GAHANNA

Signature	Title	Date
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