

Coastal Zone Management Program – Agriculture Policies Checklist

Name of Project:

5.3 COASTAL USES

5.3.8 Agriculture

Agriculture Policy 1 – Soil Conservation & Sediment Control to Protect Water Quality. Agricultural land management practices may not add, introduce, leak, spill, or otherwise emit soil or sediment into waters of the State unless a plan is being implemented on the property that is designed to conserve soil and protect water quality. MDA (C4) Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 4-213.

Select appropriate response:

Project will be consistent with the Soil Conservation & Sediment Control to Protect Water Quality policy. Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Agriculture Policy 2 – Use of Best Management Practices to Protect Non-Tidal Wetlands. A person conducting an agricultural activity shall implement best management practices to protect non-tidal wetlands. MDE (C3) COMAR 26.23.05.02.

Select appropriate response:

Project will be consistent with the Use of Best Management Practices to Protect Non-Tidal Wetlands policy. Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Agriculture Policy 3 – Use of Best Management Practices at Animal Feeding Operations. Animal feeding operations shall use best management practices designed and approved by a local soil conservation district to limit livestock access to surface water. MDA (C4) COMAR 26.08.03.09.

Select appropriate response:

Project will be consistent with the Use of Best Management Practices at Animal Feeding Operations policy. Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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Agriculture Policy 4 – Nutrient Management Shall Minimize Water Quality Impacts. An agricultural operation with \$2500 a year in gross income or more than 8000 pounds of livestock that uses chemical fertilizers, sludge, or animal manure shall use these nutrients in a way that minimizes impacts on water quality. MDA (C4) Md. Code Ann., Agric. § 8-803.1.

Select appropriate response:

Project will be consistent with the Nutrient Management Shall Minimize Water Quality Impacts policy. Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Agriculture Policy 5 – Agricultural Drainage Projects Shall Provide Substantial Agricultural Benefits, Minimize Environmental Impacts, & Be Consistent with Soil Conservation Plans. Agricultural drainage projects shall provide substantial agricultural benefits, prevent direct over bank flow into the ditch, be truncated as far upstream as possible, minimize adverse environmental impacts, and implement and maintain approved soil conservation district conservation plans. MDE (C3) COMAR 26.17.04.11.

Select appropriate response:

Project will be consistent with the Agricultural Drainage Projects Shall Provide Substantial Agricultural Benefits, Minimize Environmental Impacts, & Be Consistent with Soil Conservation Plans policy.

Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy: