

## APPLICATION FOR LAND EVALUATION

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Phone: 410-546-4446 LE #: \_\_\_\_\_ Application fee: \$450.00 

Cash Credit/Debit Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_ Property ID: Location of property: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing address (if different): Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_ (C): \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_ Reason for land evaluation: Has site been previously approved for on site sewage? ☐ Yes ☐ No Documentation: This application is for: ☐ Initial evaluation of vacant property - no subdivision requested (\$450 per site) ☐ Evaluation of property for a subdivision Per lot - # of lots requested: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$450 per site) IF PROPOSAL IS >3 LOTS, FIELD WORK CANNOT BEGIN WITHOUT A SKETCH PLAT. (NOTE-in order to subdivide a property which is already improved, the existing improvement must be evaluated to verify that it has a compliant sewage area and well location available for subdivision. An additional fee will be required.) ☐ Re-establishment of existing sewage disposal area / System design verification (\$200 per site) ☐ Sewage reserve area modification:  $\square$  > 30% modification (\$400 per site)  $\square \le 30\%$  modification (\$200 per site) ☐ Other: Please specify: Owners and applicants should be aware that Health Department approval does not guarantee that a property is buildable or that it may be subdivided. Applicants are advised to consult with all regulatory agencies regarding the feasibility of a proposal. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED ONCE FIELD WORK HAS BEGUN OR AFTER 30 DAYS FROM APPLICATION DATE. There will be a \$50.00 fee on all NSF checks. OWNER'S STATEMENT: I own the property described above and grant permission for Department personnel to enter thereon and perform tests, and indemnify the Department and its agents from any claims arising therefrom. Owner (s) signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ Owner (s) Agent: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Agent's address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: Dept. Use: Assigned to: \_\_\_\_\_ GPR Zone: \_\_\_\_ Cross References: \_\_\_\_\_ 

Approved - Number of approvals : \_\_\_\_\_ Not approved - number not approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Land evaluation Information Sheet

- Applications should be received by November 1st.
- Wet season typically begins in January and ends when groundwater levels drop and fluctuations occur in late
  winter/early spring. This is dependent on weather and has begun as early as November and lasted as late as
  May. Some years there is no wet season at all. Land Evaluations are held for a year if necessary. An extreme rain
  event outside of wet season does not constitute wet season, as groundwater levels have dropped and are
  fluctuating.
- Before the land evaluation can commence, a minimum of 10,000 sq. ft. must be flagged per proposed Sewage
  Reserve Area (SRA). If the property being assessed is improved with an existing dwelling, a minimum 10,000 sq.
  ft. area must be flagged to evaluate as area for the dwelling also. Our office will provide the owner with flags to
  mark the four corners of the area(s) to be tested. This area must also be shown on a site plan (sketch), included
  with the Land Evaluation Application.
- The site plan must include changes in topography/contour.
- The Sewage Reserve Area (SRA) must meet all applicable setback distances including:
  - Property Line:
    - 5' from property line for standard trench systems
    - 10' from property line for system at grade or elevated, such as sand mound systems
    - 10' from all road fronts
  - 25' from slopes >25%
  - 25' from floodplain soils and non-tidal wetlands
  - 25' from drainage easements and drainage ways (ditches)
  - 100' from water bodies not serving as potable water supplies, including rivers, streams, ponds, and groundwater penetrating ditches
  - Wells (including those located on adjacent property):
    - 100' from unconfined aguifer wells
    - 50' from confined aquifer wells
  - Existing and proposed buildings/dwellings:
    - 10' for trench type systems
    - 25' for sand mound systems, where structure is down gradient of mound system
- In addition, the SRA shall be exclusive of all buildings, easements, right-of-ways (including power lines), driveways and any other permanent or physical objects.
- Methods of soil evaluation may include, but are not limited to, soil test pits via hand excavation and/or mechanical
  excavation, at the discretion of the approving authority. It is the responsibility of the owner to contact an excavator
  and have them contact Environmental Health for scheduling.
- Once a complete application is received, the property will be added to the wet season land evaluation list. Please
  note, no refunds will be granted once any field work has begun, including, but not limited to: soil profiles, water
  table readings, and percolation testing. If the owner would like to discontinue the land evaluation with neither an
  approval nor denial, they must submit in writing for a refund within 30 days from the application date.
- Six water table readings within wet season are required to make a determination of a passing land evaluation. If
  wet season does not extend long enough for six readings to be taken, the land evaluation will be held over to the
  next wet season.