

**AUGUSTA COUNTY POLICY
FOR SECTION 9-18 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ORDINANCE
RELATING TO STORMWATER PERMIT MAINTENANCE FEES**

This policy is to set forth the standards for determining stormwater permit maintenance fee amounts per Section 9-18, paragraph E of the Environment Ordinance. The intent of this policy is to create a uniform procedure to ensure that every permittee is treated in a fair and consistent manner. In addition, this document will outline the acceptable procedures so that the Augusta County Board of Supervisors, County Administrator, County Staff, Developers, Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Permittees will know how maintenance fees will be handled.

Environment Ordinance

Section 9-18, paragraph E states: “The following annual permit maintenance shall be imposed in accordance with Table 3, including fees imposed on expired permits that have been administratively continued. With respect to the general permit, these fees shall apply until the permit coverage is terminated.”

Table 3: Permit Maintenance Fees

Type of Permit	Fee Amount
VSMP General / Stormwater Management – Small Construction Activity/Land Clearing (Areas within common plans of development or sale with land disturbance acreage less than 1 acre)	\$50
VSMP General / Stormwater Management – Small Construction Activity/Land Clearing (Sites or areas within common plans of development or sale with land disturbance acreage equal to or greater than 1 acre and less than 5 acres)	\$400
VSMP General / Stormwater Management – Large Construction Activity/Land Clearing (Sites or areas within common plans of development or sale with land disturbance acreage equal to or greater than 5 acre and less than 10 acres)	\$500
VSMP General / Stormwater Management – Large Construction Activity/Land Clearing (Sites or areas within common plans of development or sale with land disturbance acreage equal to or greater than 10 acre and less than 50 acres)	\$650
VSMP General / Stormwater Management – Large Construction Activity/Land Clearing (Sites or areas within common plans of development or sale with land disturbance acreage equal to or greater than 50 acre and less than 100 acres)	\$900
VSMP General / Stormwater Management – Large Construction Activity/Land Clearing (Sites or areas within common plans of development or sale with land disturbance acreage equal to or greater than 100 acres)	\$1,400

“General permit coverage maintenance fees shall be paid annually to the County, by the anniversary date of general permit coverage. No permit will be reissued or automatically continued without payment of the required fee. General permit coverage maintenance fees shall be applied until a Notice of Termination is effective.”

Application Review

The following is to be submitted for review no later than fifteen days prior to the anniversary date of general permit coverage.

1. A VSMP/LDP application with updated information such as disturbed acreage, contractor contact information, etc. This information will be verified by County Staff. Disturbed acreage may be reduced for the purpose of continued permit coverage and may not be increased without submission of revised plans depicting the revised limits of disturbance and associated control measures.

Or

2. A Notice of Termination will be required to end permit coverage. The site will need to be fully stabilized in accordance with the approved plan, construction record drawings will need to be submitted/approved and stormwater maintenance agreement will need to be recorded prior to project closeout.

Determination of Fee Type

County staff will determine the Type of Permit for the renewal based on the submitted information and staff verification of the current disturbed acreage.

When to Submit Maintenance Fees

Per the County Ordinance, maintenance fees are due on or before the anniversary date of general permit coverage, upon receipt of fee renewal letter from the County. A Notice of Termination submitted after the anniversary date of general permit coverage will be accepted only with payment of the appropriate permit maintenance fee.