

Appendix B

Permanent Stormwater System Maintenance and Inspection Agreement

In accordance with Columbia County Code of Ordinances Section 34-156 which requires the Landowner, its successors and assigns, including any property owner's association, shall adequately maintain privately owned stormwater management/Best Management Practices (BMP) facilities. This includes all pipes and channels built to convey stormwater to the facility, as well as all structures, improvements, and vegetation provided to control the quantity and quality of the stormwater. Adequate maintenance is herein defined as good working condition so that these facilities are performing their design functions. Columbia County requires that the Landowner, its successors and assigns, inspect the stormwater management/BMP facility in accordance with the attached maintenance plan. The purpose of the inspection is to assure safe and proper functioning of the facilities. The inspection shall cover the entire facilities, berms, outlet structure, pond areas, access roads, etc.

The Landowner, its successors and assigns, hereby grant permission to Columbia County, its authorized agents and employees, to enter upon the Property and to inspect the stormwater management/BMP facilities whenever Columbia County deems necessary. The purpose of the inspection is to follow-up on reported deficiencies and/or to respond to citizen complaints. Columbia County shall provide the Landowner, its successors and assigns, copies of the inspection findings and a directive to commence with the repairs if necessary.

The Landowner, its successors and assigns, will perform the work necessary to keep these facilities in good working order as appropriate. A maintenance schedule for the stormwater management/BMP facilities (including sediment removal) shall be outlined on attached maintenance and inspection plan. The owner shall keep written records of any maintenance and/or observations. These records shall be made available to Columbia County for review upon request.

This Agreement imposes no liability of any kind whatsoever on Columbia County and the Landowner agrees to hold Columbia County harmless from any liability in the event the stormwater management/BMP facilities fail to operate properly.

I accept responsibility for ownership and proper maintenance of the stormwater system (pond, swales, etc.) on the _____ site per the approved maintenance plan. I will complete any necessary repairs and/or preventive maintenance procedures in a timely manner to ensure proper functioning as a stormwater management device(s).

It is my understanding that if the maintenance plan is deemed to be inadequate, Columbia County may require the plan to be revised and I will abide by any prescribed revisions. I will continue to own and maintain the Stormwater Management/BMP Facility until Columbia County is notified in writing of a transfer in ownership and maintenance responsibility. The notification will include a date for the transfer of responsibility and a letter of acceptance from the new owner.

I understand that failure to adhere to the signed maintenance agreement may result in fines of up to \$2,500.00 per day, per violation and /or the institution of a court action.

Owner/Agent Printed

Date

Owner/Agent Signature

Address

Notary Stamp/Signature/Date

My Commission Expires _____