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- Introductions
- Get the sense of the flow of this webinar

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 Objectives – next slide – Manure Manage Plans, Ag E&S Plans, points about farm sales, farm protection with LLCs, PA Ag Ombudsman program for neighbor relations, then come back and discuss MMPs more

Objectives of webinar:

- 1. Introduce Manure Management Plan (MM Plan) requirements to PA producers who produce or use manure.
- Introduce PA Ag Erosion & Sedimentation
 (Ag E&S) requirements to farmers who disturb more than 5,000 square feet of soil.
- 3. Discuss resource materials for handling dead livestock.
- 4. What other resources are available?

2 sided flyer that summarizes the PA requirements on MM Plans & Ag E&S **Plans**





How does this involve me?

Agricultural activities generate nearly \$6 Billion in sales each year in PA; about \$4 Billion in animal and animal products sales, and \$2 Billion from crops. There are more than 63,000 farms, and 98% are family owned. Agriculture has a huge impact on PA's economy, with a history rich in conservation and environmental stewardship. Before "green" was fashionable, farmers were finding the best ways to take care of their land, by conserving the soil and making the most of all their natural resources.

There are rules, laws and regulations everywhere. Many rules are meant to keep people safe. Others are meant to keep our environment safe. Environmental regulations cover industrial pollution as well as pollution controls for agriculture.

State law regulations require both Ag E&S and Manure or Nutrient Management plans.

Two of PA's ag-related environmental regulations were recently updated. Those regulations are PA Chapter 102 (Erosion & Sedimentation) and Chapter 91 (includes Manure Management). This brochure highlights the recent changes, and explains what is needed in a written Agricultural Erosion & Sedimentation Plan and a written Manure Management Plan.

If you have questions regarding the information in this brochure, please contact your County Conservation District, or regional Department of Environmental Protection office.

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A Manure Management Plan includes . . .

- Acres of the operation: Owned and Rented
- Animals on the operation: Animal type, Animal #
- Manure application rates and timing
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas (streams, waterwells, etc.)
- Winter application of manure: If applicable
- Manure storage facilities: If applicable
- Solid manure stockpiling or stacking
- Pasture areas
- Animal Concentration Areas (ACAs), such as barnyards, feed lots, etc.



Does your farm qualify for a Manure Management Plan?

Total pounds of livestock on farm

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Total acres available for spreading manure on farm

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Pounds of livestock per Acre

 If you have less than 2,000 pounds of livestock per acre of land that is available for spreading manure on, you qualify for being covered under a Manure Management Plan If you have an average of <u>over</u> 2,000 pounds of animals per acre on your land available for spreading, this is the wrong webinar — you will need a <u>Nutrient</u> Management Plan (NM Plan) - which has to be written by a commercial planner, costs >\$1,000, and takes months to complete.

*These examples assume there is no pollution to the Waters of the Commonwealth.

- A Manure Management Plan (MMP); prepared by the farmer, is to be kept at the farm; sometimes a township will have an ordinance that you have to provide them a copy.
- 2. MM Plan workbook is only 12 pages long. The entire manual is ~75 pages long do not print it unless you really need to!
- 3. A MM Plan does not have to be approved by the County Conservation District; however, your local District technician can verify it for you, if you wish.
- 4. Part of my job at the Westmoreland Conservation District is to assist farmers with preparing their plan so far, it is a free service. Your local District probably has someone who can assist you.

The "Go – to" web page for all things concerning manure:

https://extension.psu.edu/programs/nutrient-management/manure

Drill down on the above link to get to this link below to choose to download a WORD copy of the MM Plan Workbook:

https://extension.psu.edu/programs/nutrientmanagement/manure/plan-writing

Manure Management Plan Workbook 12 page WORD Version

LAND APPLICATION OF MANURE

A supplement to Manure Management for Environmental Protection

MANURE MANAGEMENT PLAN

WORKBOOK

To Be Completed, Implemented and Retained By All Farmers that Land Apply Manure



Heads up! Subject change!

• If we have time at the end, we will come back to the Word version of the MM Plan for discussion.

 Now we are going to change over to look at the Ag E&S Plan requirements

Reminder – An <u>Ag E&S Plan</u> is required it you disturb more than 5,000 sq. ft. of soil (50' X 100' – essentially a big garden) This is a 2 part plan – these are the cover pages of the 2 parts:

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AGRICULTURAL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN (AG E&S PLAN) ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW GUIDE

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| | | Tillage and planting methods | □Yes □No □N/A |
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Yes, if you only have pasture you need an Ag E&S Plan. Yes, no-tilling with a drill or corn planter is still considered tillage!

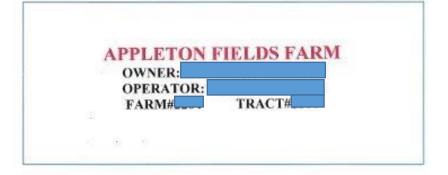
No, if you build any kind of roofed structure, this plan does not cover that – you need a DEP Chapter 102 Construction Permit from your Conservation District. Farmers are not exempt from permits for construction with soil disturbance – even for horse riding barns!

Be very careful with construction – any soil disturbance over 1 acre will throw you into needing an NPDES permit. It will cost you >\$5,000 just to pay the engineer to fill out the form!



A Conservation Plan from NRCS fulfills the PA requirement for an Ag E&S Plan. A beginning farmer will not likely have a Conservation Plan unless they sign up for one of the assistance programs offered by NRCS and request that a Conservation Plan be prepared.

Conservation Plan







Resources Conservation Service United States Department of Agriculture To the right are the basic components of the Ag E&S Plan Summary: (this plan is not simple to fill out like the MM Plan – it will take hours!)

The Ag E&S Plan
Summary is based on a
very detailed map of
your farm. The easiest
way is to start the FireFox
browser and go to:
PAOneStop.org

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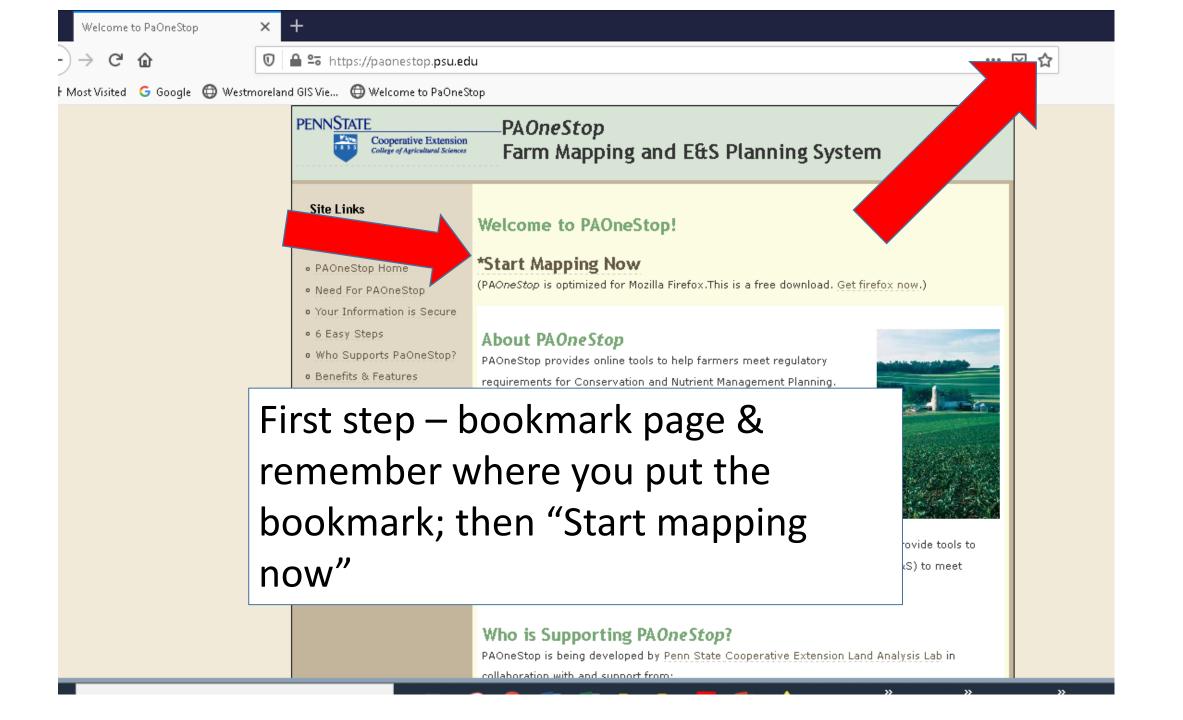
PART 1 With PAOneStop (in FireFox browser!) you can:

- create a map of your farm on Google;
- insert all the BMPs you already have and those you plan on installing; show and label all the details of your farmstead and fields;
- indicate where there are water wells and gas wells, springs, and ponds; label the roads and a host of other features.



My strongest caution – <u>Do Not Start the Mapping by</u> <u>Outlining your entire Farm – Build your Farm Field by</u> <u>Field!</u>

50% of the people reading this will forget it and the first thing they will do in PAOneStop is to click on the polygon tool and outline their entire farm – that means their entire farm becomes one field and they will not be able to add any more fields (so, you delete that and start over).





PennState Extension PaOneStop: Farm Planning System



Login PaOneStop Farm Planning System

If you have an existing user account, login below to view and edit your farms. If you don't have an account, you can create one by clicking 'Create New User Account' below.

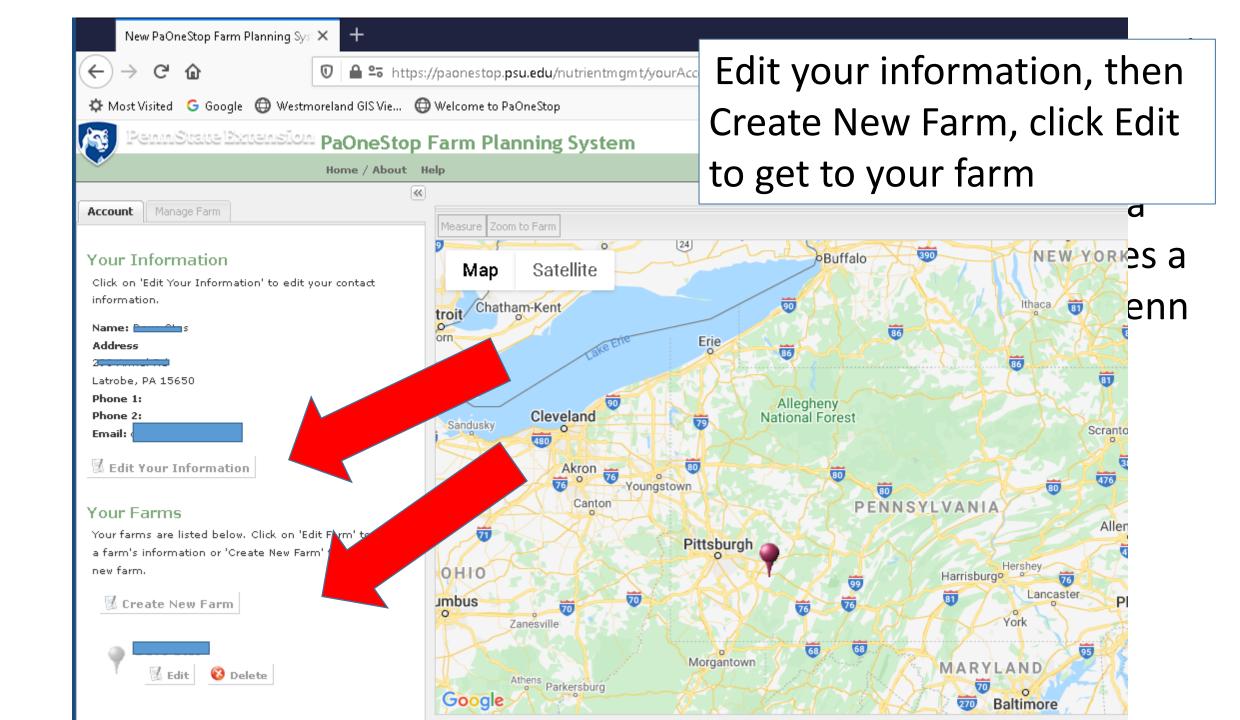
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Create New User Account with a User Name and Password – stop and write them down! Getting a new password requires calling a real person at Penn State!

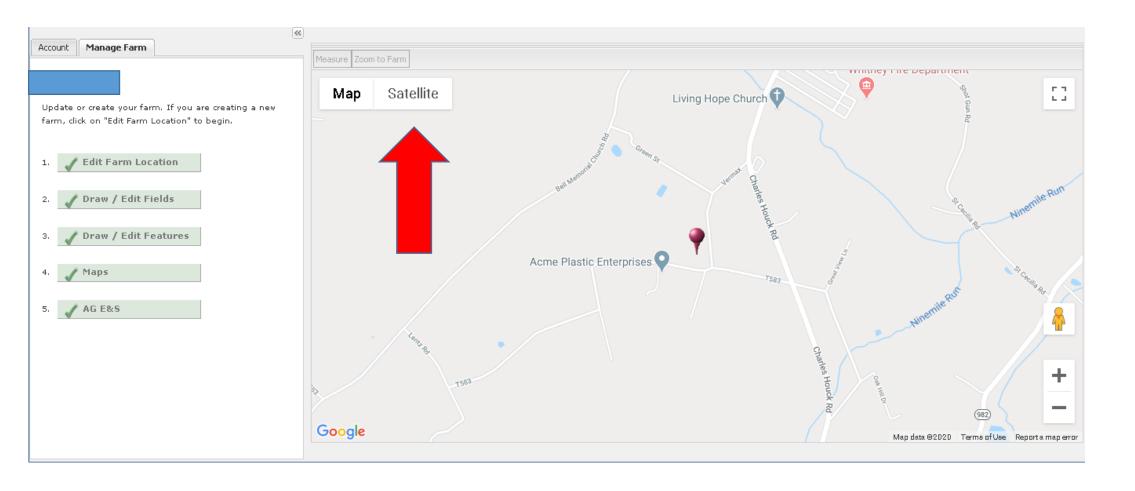
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University. We specialize in
the use of GIS and related
advanced information
system technologies for
environmental assessment,
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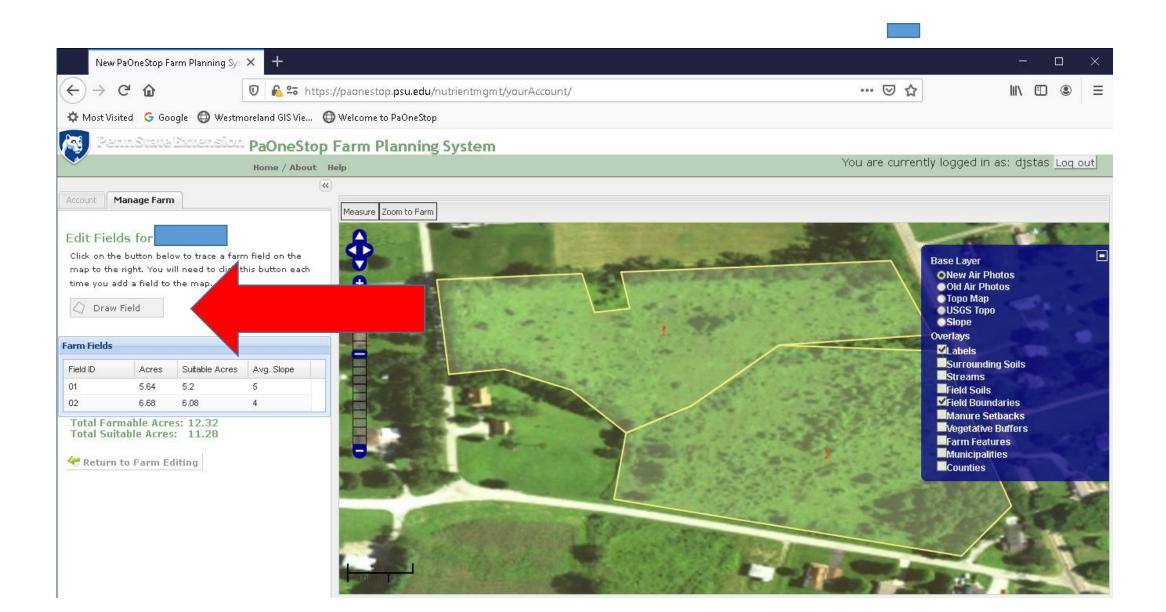




This is where the fun starts: work through these 5 steps. Each step has multiple parts to it and can actually be fun once you get to know what you are doing, but until you get to that point, expect frustration. Click on "Satellite" to get Google maps.



Step 2 Draw fields – one by one; zoom in closer to get boundaries right

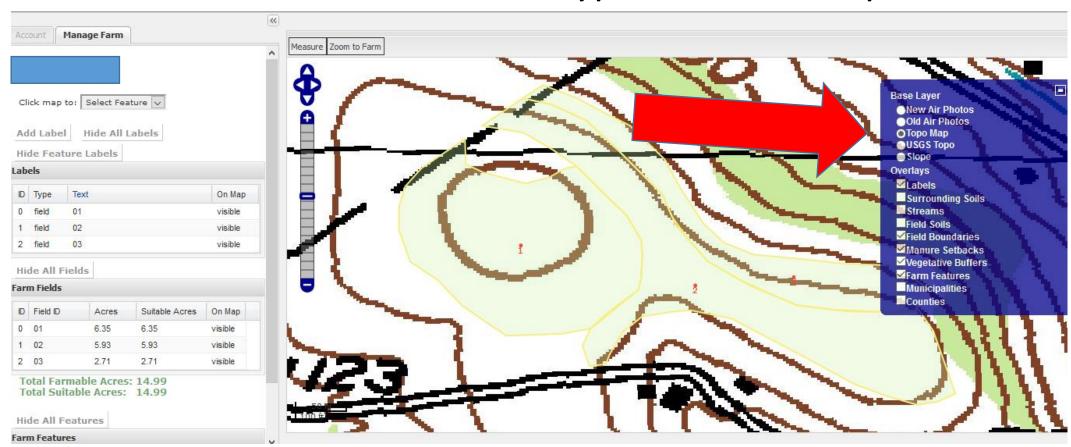


Step 3 is where you insert and label features with points, lines, & polygons.

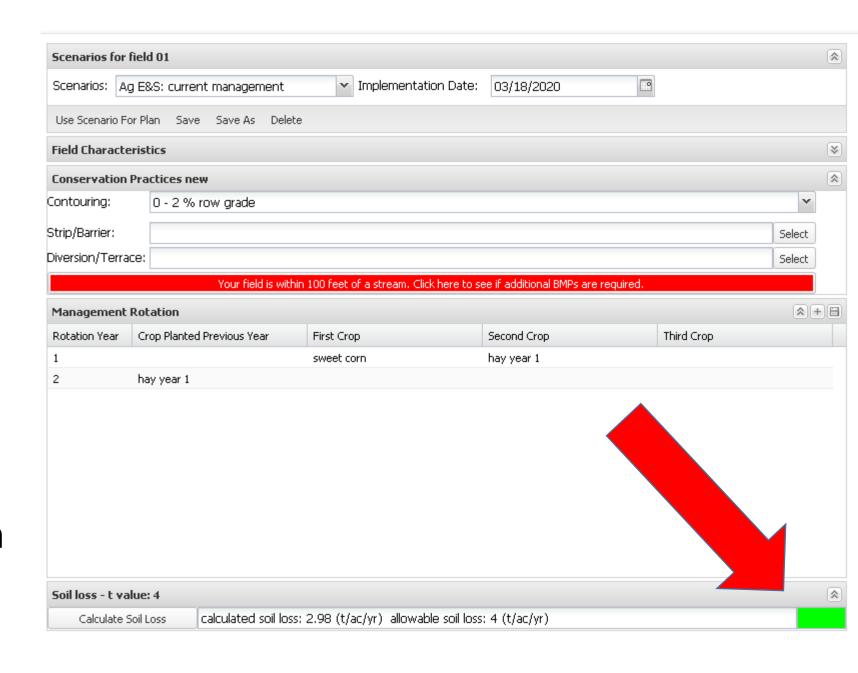


In Step 4 you can print your 3 maps, choosing the features from the blue box on the right. You will need to print:

1. An aerial view 2. Soil types view 3. Topo view



Going on to Step 5 is where things really get complicated – you have to complete the form on the right for each field and get a green box at the bottom. This is beyond the scope of this webinar. This plan takes a 6 hour workshop.



Remember that this is a 2 part plan (from slide #11)? Congratulations! You have finished the 1st part! Now to the 2nd part (on the right)

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Residents

Businesses

Public Participation

Once you get the plan summary printed out from PAOneStop.org, you have to continue down through this fillable template from this DEP website.

Resources

<u>DEP > Businesses > Water > Bureau of Clean Water > Agricultural Operations > Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control</u>

ultural Operations

Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control

- Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control Manual
 - Fillable Template for Writing Ag E&S Plans
 - Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Manual altural Operations
 - Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Manua Comment and Response Document
- DEP Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control Re
 - Definitions Chapter 102.1 ☑
 - Text of Regulations Chapter 102.4(a)

CAFO Reports Manure Management Manure Storage Agricultural-Compliance

PART 2 10 page DEP Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Fillable Template for Writing Ag E&S Plans

https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/AgriculturalOperations/Pages/Agricultural-Erosion-and-Sediment-Control.aspx

Easy questions on Ag E&S before we go on to other things?

If you have livestock, you will have dead stock. Make sure you have a plan of what you are going to do with your dead stock. Here is an excellent flyer on animal mortality in PA:

http://paagombudsman.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Livestock-Poultry-Mortality-Disposal updatedFeb2016.pdf

Much more information about dealing with dead animals on this website:

https://extension.psu.edu/on-farm-mortalitycomposting-management-principles-and-informationresources Penn State Extension Online Courses about a multitude of ag topics:

https://extension.psu.edu/

Anyone who sells products from the farm:

Contact Brian Moyer by email and ask to be put on his Farm Marketing email distribution list. Over the years, he has accumulated more material on farm market topics than you will be

able to read:

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The best article I have seen on how to protect your farm investments that you are working so hard for:

https://www.farmprogress.com/enterprise-management/4-types-llcs-can-benefit-farm-operations?NL=FP-004 NEW&Issue=FP-004 NEW 20200507 FP-

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