

**CITY OF ZANESVILLE
STORMWATER UTILITY PROGRAM**

POLICY: AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES

I. DISCUSSION:

This is the ninth billing policy paper in a series of billing policy papers that document the overall billing mechanism development process. Agricultural properties will be a potential issue during the classification and measurement of properties for billing purposes. It can be argued that agricultural property should be classified as residential since they typically encompass a single-family home. The occupants generally view farms as residences. As a single-family residential property, a farm would be assigned one ERU for stormwater billing purposes. All adjacent properties with same ownership will be consolidated to one master billing account.

An agricultural property must contain impervious area and be located within the City of Zanesville to cause calculation of a stormwater charge. Impervious area is defined as gravel or paved driveways, rooftops (houses, buildings, barns etc.), parking lots and sidewalks. Any property that does not contain impervious area will not have a stormwater charge calculated.

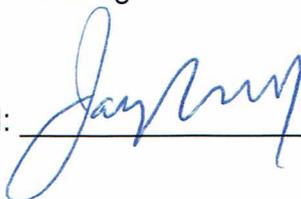
The JHA/ERC Team searched the parcel database provided by the Muskingum County GIS Department and found one (1) property with the agricultural classification located in city limits.

II. TAC RECOMMENDATIONS:

The JHA/ERC Team recommends the City of Zanesville classify all agricultural properties located in the city as residential properties and charge each developed property owner 1 ERU.

III. TAC ACTION:

The TAC reviewed, discussed and approved this billing policy paper during the May 17, 2017 TAC meeting.

Approved:  Date: 5/17/17