

## Permitting and Regulatory

### Situation Overview:

*As shared by Andy Bollinger*

A. *What was the process the farm went through to prepare for necessary permits?* We had a preliminary meeting with the Township Zoning Officer, and subsequent development of an acceptable stormwater management plan as per the township ordinance. No other permits (other than the Stormwater Management Permit) aside from a Township Building Permit, were required for our project.

B. *Please list the necessary permits needed for your modernization and technology project. Please also include the approval agency (DEP, County Conservation District, or Township), time to receive permit and cost of permits.*

<b>Stormwater Management – Small Project</b>	Township	6 weeks	\$2,500
<b>Building Permit</b>	Township	4 weeks	\$585

### Challenges and Opportunities:

C. *Were there setbacks during the permitting process?* No. According to our transformation team leader, this was a very easy process. He loves working with Ephrata Township!

D. *Which permit was the most challenging to secure?* The stormwater permit was more challenging than the building permit, but it was not very difficult.

E. *How did you resolve those challenges?* No real challenges because we followed the ordinances.

F. *What resources or resource people were used in addressing those challenges?* Red Barn Consulting Engineering Staff and Project Manager, Jeff Ainslie, for township meetings.

### Results:

G. *Was the local township supportive of the permitting process? Please explain.* Yes. The township staff was very supportive and great to work with on this project.

