

SECTION VI

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

The Natural Resource Protection Summary (the matrix), presented on the following pages, was developed to provide current natural resource information and data to the municipalities within the Pennridge Study Area. The matrix serves as a quick reference for each municipality's natural resource standards. The values within the matrix were incorporated based on a thorough analysis of the most current zoning ordinance, subdivision and land development ordinance, comprehensive plan, and open space plan of each municipality. To ensure that all values are accurate, the planners at the Bucks County Planning Commission who are responsible for conducting Act 247 reviews for each municipality reviewed the matrix.

The format of the matrix was implemented for easy access to information and location of certain standards for each municipality. The matrix was also formatted for easier updating capabilities. Any new ordinances and information can quickly and efficiently be inserted into the appropriate cell. The shaded-in cells represent standards that do not currently exist for the corresponding municipality.

Although the matrix contains the most accurate and updated information, it should only be used as a guide for natural resource protection within the Pennridge Study Area. The validity of the matrix is influenced by the test of time. Municipalities and planning commissions establish and/or change laws and ordinances that affect their natural resources every year. Therefore, in order to maintain the integrity of the matrix, it is essential that a consistent effort be taken to simultaneously upgrade the matrix with any municipal ordinance amendments.