Glasgow, Kentucky
Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)
Site Planning and Design Practices (SPDs)

SPD-04.3

Activity: Conservation Easements

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Design Life:
Permanent

Acreage Needed:
Varies

Estimated Unit Cost:
High

Monthly Maintenance:
N/A

Target Pollutants

Significant ♦ Partial ◈ Low or Unknown ♢

Sediment ♦ Heavy Metals ♢ Nutrients ♢ Oxygen Demanding Substances ♢ Toxic Materials ♢
Oil& Grease ♢ Bacteria & Viruses ♢ Floatable Materials ♢ Construction Waste ♢

Description

Another useful tool for protecting sensitive areas is a conservation easement. A conservation easement incorporates legal provisions into a property deed that limits the use of the property. Conservation easements allow for the continued private ownership of the land but restrict land uses to current uses or to nondamaging activities. The legal concession may be donated by or purchased from the owner. The land owner also may be compensated by reduced property taxes on the land in the easement.