Developing New and Existing Properties

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# Chapter 102

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#### The Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law (1937)

#### **SUMMARY:**

- The clean streams law protects Pennsylvania's waters and regulates all types of pollutants
- Provides the basis for many environmental regulations

- Chapter 93:	Water Quality Standards (1971)
- Chapter 102:	Erosion & Sedimentation Control (1972)
- Chapter 105:	Dam Safety & Waterway Mgmt. (1980)

#### **102.1 Definitions**

- NPDES Permit (Construction) Permit required for <u>discharge</u> or <u>potential</u> <u>discharge of stormwater into waters of PA</u> from <u>construction activities</u> including clearing & grubbing, grading & excavation of <u>1 acre or more</u> of earth disturbance activity or an earth disturbance activity on <u>any portion</u>, part or during <u>any stage</u> of a larger common plan of development or sale that involves <u>1 acre or more</u> of earth disturbance activity <u>over the life of</u> <u>the project</u>
- Stormwater permit driven by earth disturbance

#### Chapter 102: NPDES Exceptions

- Agricultural tilling or plowing
- Animal heavy use areas
- Timber harvesting activities
- Road maintenance activities
  - ► Timber Harvesting and Road Maintenance Activities with ≥25 acres of earth disturbance require an Erosion and Sediment Control Permit (E&S Permit)
- Oil and Gas Activities with ≥5 acres of earth disturbance require an Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP)

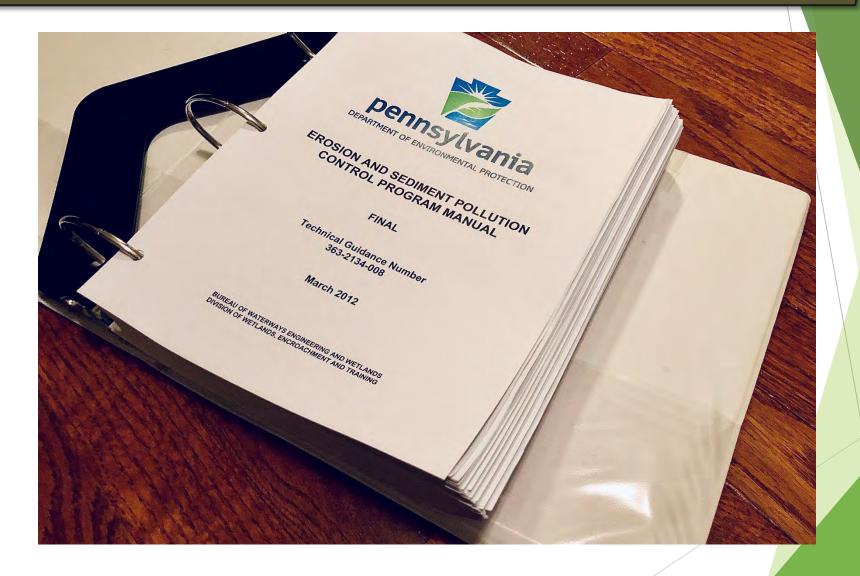


#### Minimize Accelerated Erosion





#### **Erosion & Sedimentation Control BMPS**

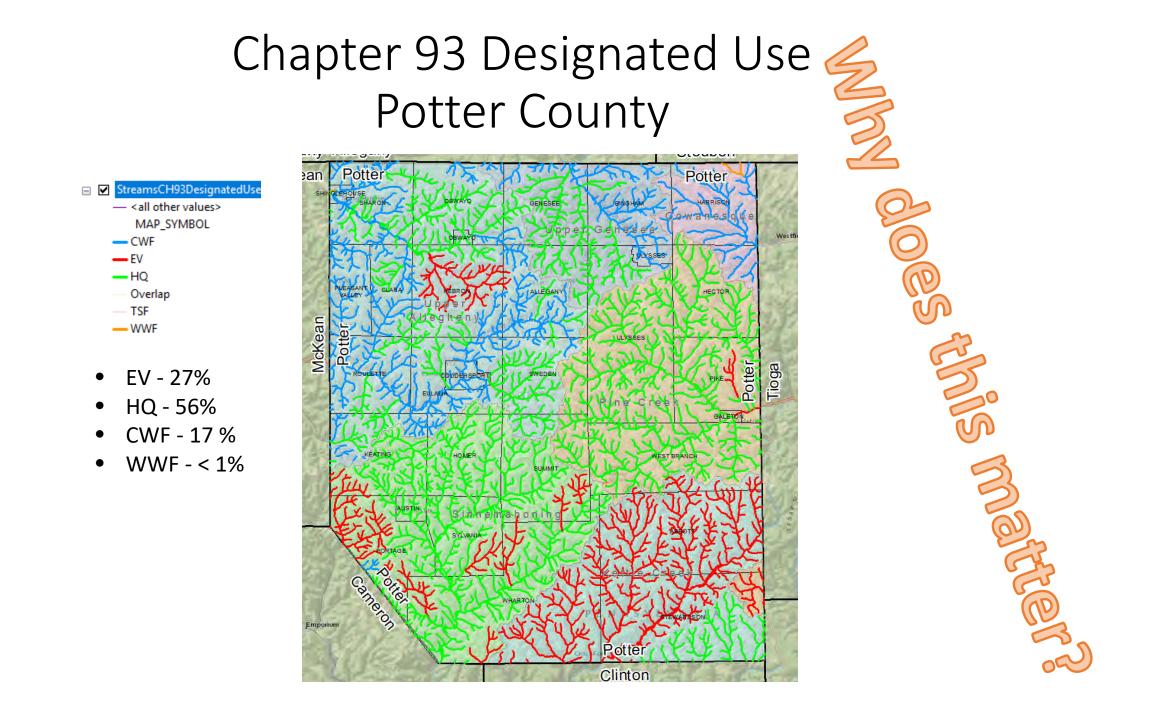


#### Potter County Watershed Characteristics

- <u>**Pennsylvania**</u> is second only to Alaska in the miles of streams it contains.
- <u>Potter County, Pennsylvania contains 3,131 miles</u> of waterways within its borders.
- The county has an abundance of exceptional value and high quality, naturally producing trout streams.
  - Nearly 60 streams are designated <u>Class A Wild Trout</u> Streams by the PA Fish and Boat Commission in Potter County.
  - Approximately **27%** are classified **Exceptional Value (EV).**
  - Approximately 56% are classified High Quality (HQ).
  - Approximately 17 % are classified <u>Cold Water Fishery</u>. (CWF).
  - < 1% are classified Warm Water Fishery (WWF).







#### Earth Disturbance Requirements

Disturbed Area	Written E&S Plan On-Site	E&S Plan Approval	NPDES Stormwater Construction Permit	PCSM Plan	PCSM Plan Approval	Riparian Buffer Requirement
0 to 5,000 Sq. Ft.	No (YES-HQ,EV)	No May be required upon complaint referral to Conservation District/ DEP	No	No	No	No (50' Rule Applies)
5,000 Sq. Ft. to less than 1 acre	Yes	No May be required upon complaint referral to Conservation District/ DEP	No	No Municipal-167 If Applicable	No Municipal-167 If Applicable	No (50' Rule Applies)
1 or more acres	Yes	Required Conservation District/ DEP	Yes	Yes Conservation District/ DEP/ Municipality-167	Yes Conservation District/ DEP/ Municipality-167	Yes 150' Setback (PAI)

Why is stormwater management important?

- Minimize or Reduce the risk of flooding
- Legacy SW issues from sites without proper management (167)
- New sites developed with SW BMP's
  - Manage volume and rate of the site from a pre to post development condition
  - Recording requirements for new sites.
- Maintaining SW BMP's for development on existing sites with a change of use



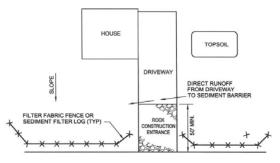
Generally, E&S Plans identify:

What the earth disturbance will involve

How erosion, sediment and other potential pollutants will be controlled during the operation

How the site will be stabilized after the operation is completed

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STREET OR ROADWAY

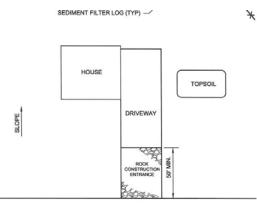
THE UPSLOPE DIVERSION CHANNEL SHOULD BE INSTALLED WHEREVER THE LOT EXTENDS MORE THAN 150 FEET ABOVE THE ROADWAY OR WHERE RUNOFF FROM AREAS ABOVE THE LOT IS NOT OTHERWISE DIVERTED AWAY FROM THE LOT. THE CHANNEL SHOULD BE PROPERLY SIZED AND PROVIDED WITH A SUITABLE PROTECTIVE LINING. THE DESIGNER MUST EXERCISE CAUTION TO PROTECT ALL DOWNSTREAM PROPERTY OWNERS WHEN SELECTING THE DISCHARGE POINT FOR THIS CHANNEL.

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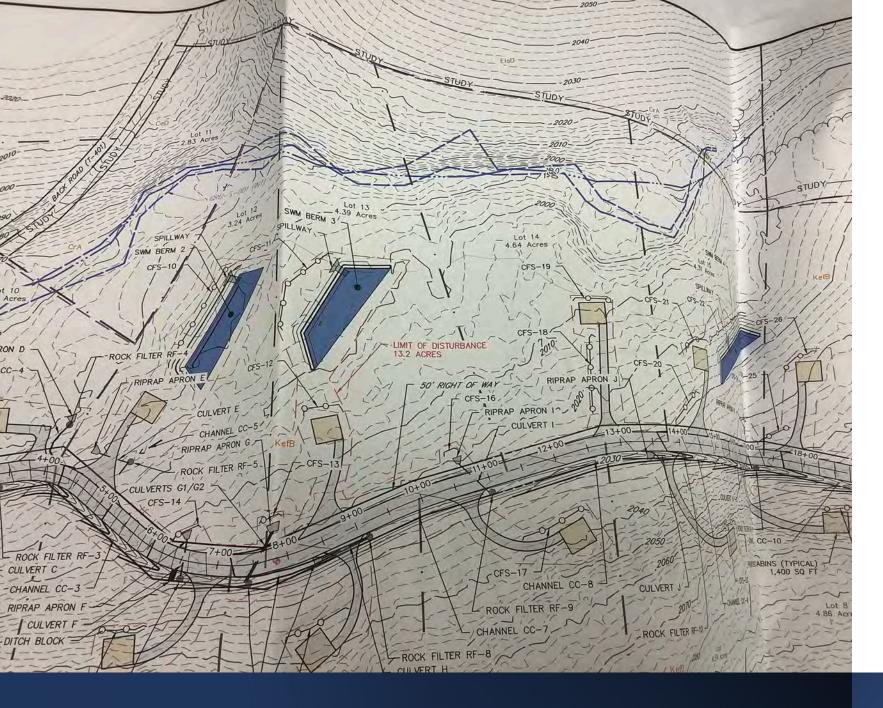
# E&S Plans

- <1 Acre
- Twp 167 Applies
- Building Code
- SEO
- CCD





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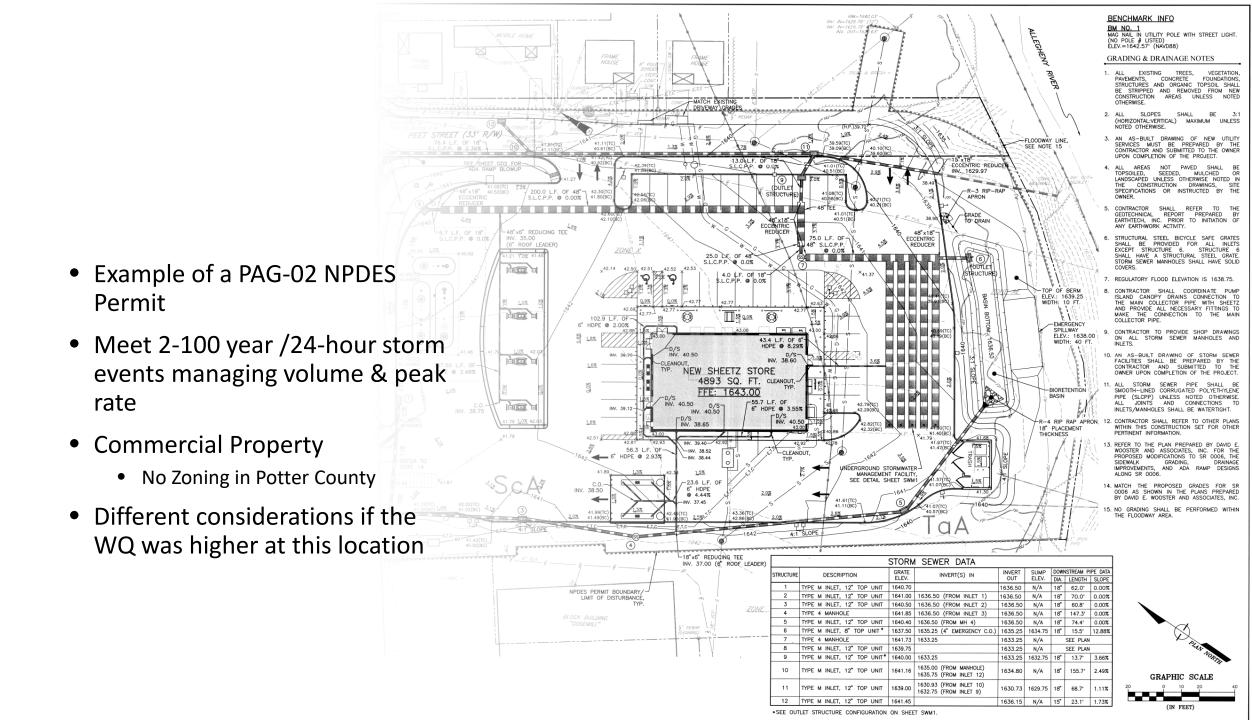
#### NPDES

- Example of a PAI Individual Permit
- Housing Development
- E&S & SW BMP's



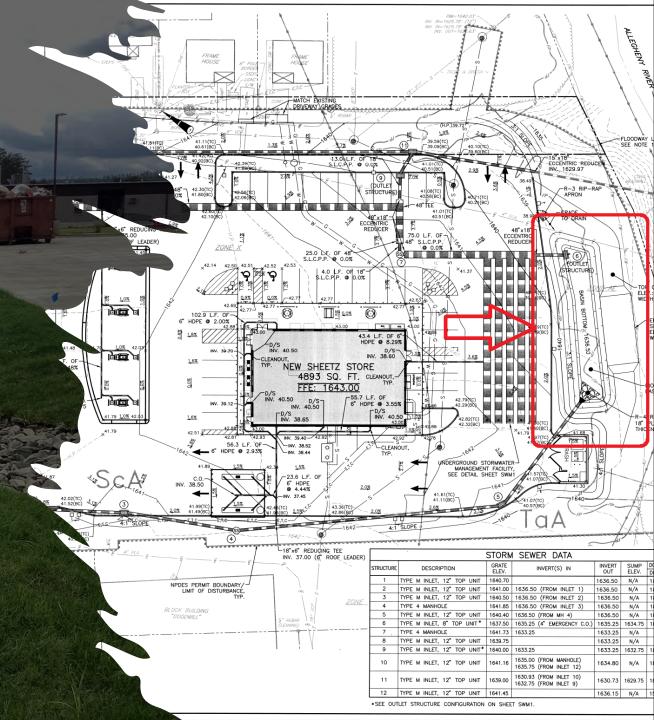
#### Riparian Buffer

- Buffer requirements apply in Special Protection Watersheds
- Individual Permits
- Equivalency and/or offsetting within 0-100/100-150 from stream if earth disturbance occurs in that area



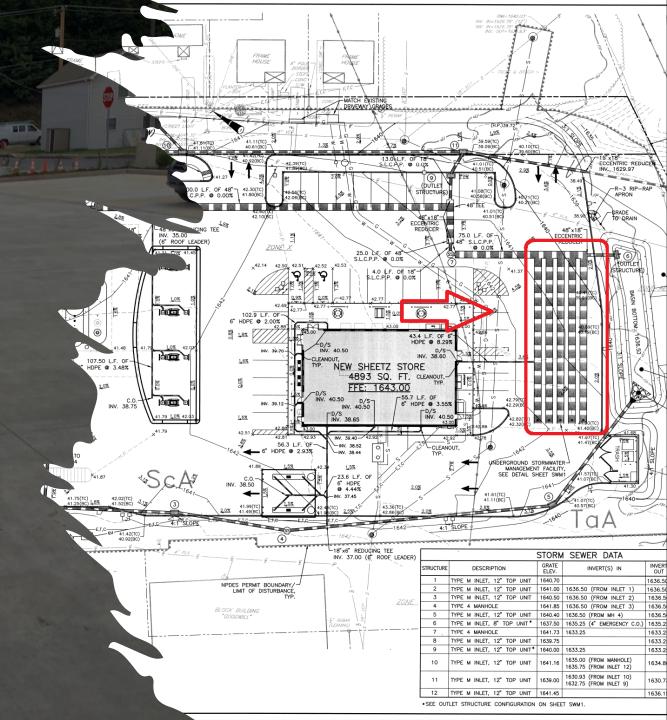
#### SW BMP's

- Installation / O&M
- Last Treatment before Discharge
- Recognizable SW BMP



### SW BMP's

- Perpetuity
- May not always be visible
  - Site Constraints
- Deed filings with as-built drawings
- If the site use changes these BMP's need to be maintained



#### \$89,900 - 8.9 acres - Under Contract

• 200 Sq.Ft.

Whitney Creek Road, Lot#WP001 , Coudersport, PA 16915 - Potter County

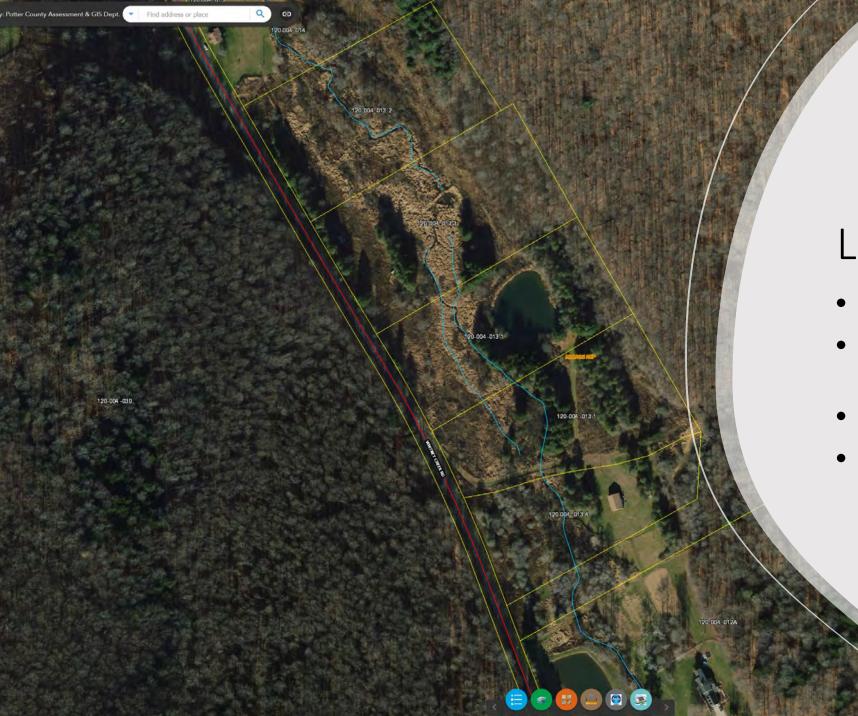
MHITNEY CREEK RD

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Recreational Timberland Hunting

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Property ID 15024319



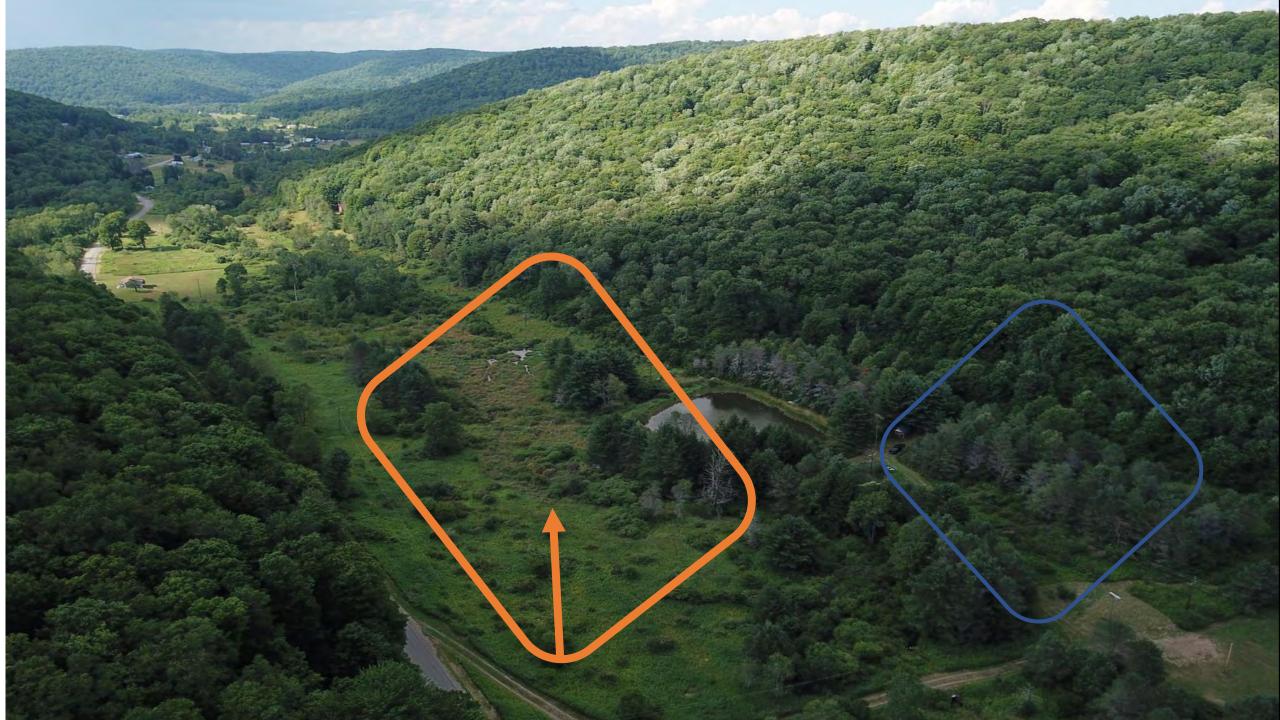
#### Listing Example

- Stream Name: Whitney Creek
- Stream Designation: EV,Class A (Exceptional Value)
- Wetland: EV
- Development Considerations
  - Residential/Commercial
  - E&S vs NPDES

#### Listing Example

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- 105 Impact potential
  - Stream Crossing
  - Wetlands
  - Pond Maintenance
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- <1 Acre Feasible but limited
- <1 Acre Individual NPDES Permit
  - \$\$\$\$
  - Buffer Requirements



\$220,000 - 22.18 acres • Available Club Hill Road , Galeton, PA 16922 - Potter County

Undeveloped



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#### POTTER COUNTY 22.18 ACRES CLUB HILL RD

You gotta see this 22.18 acres of open fields overlooking Germania with incredible views!! This acreage sits right along the ATV and Snowmobile trails and is overlooking the Waldheim and Germania Hotel area. Come build your home, cabin or split up and create your AirBNB paradise in God's Country. This land has been used as agriculture fields in the past.

#### Example 2 Listing

- No Obvious Chapter 105 needs
- Special Protection Watershed
  - Mosch Hollow- EV, MF, Trout Natural Reproduction
- <1 Acre-E&S plan and 167</li>
  - Twp
  - Building Code
  - SEO
  - CCD
- >1 Acre-Individual NPDES Permit
  - Twp
  - Building Code
  - SEO
  - County-Land Development or Planning
  - CCD / DEP

## Questions?