



POLICY:

At the landowner's request, Beaver County may backslope on private lands adjacent to and parallel to County roads.

GUIDELINES:

The County will determine whether a given location is suitable for backsloping and, subject to existing workload requirements, when the work will be completed. Areas requiring the use of equipment other than graders and bulldozers will not be considered unless funding is available within the current year's road construction budget.

Council shall prioritize all backslope applications in the following manner:

1. Locations in which the encroachment of brush from a backslope into the road allowance compromises traffic safety.
2. Locations in which the ability to maintain the road surface or, the overall integrity of the road surface is at risk due to brush encroaching into the road allowance from a backslope.
3. Locations in which backsloping will improve weed control and/or other ditch maintenance.
4. Locations in which backsloping will result in additional arable land for crop or hay production.
5. Locations in which backsloping will improve the ability to maintain or ease replacement of fence.

PROCEDURE:

1. The landowner shall submit a project application form, Attachment 1, to the County Office, no later than May 31st for Council consideration and project completion within the calendar year.
2. Backsloping projects will generally be completed after harvest operations or other agricultural operations have been completed until conditions are no longer suitable to perform backsloping work.
3. Council will limit the number of projects to a maximum of 10 (ten) per year, and only 1 (one) 800 meter (maximum) project per Landowner per year.
4. Upon council approval, a written agreement shall be entered between the County and the landowner prior to the commencement of any work.
5. The County shall be responsible for locating, protecting and/or relocating any utilities on site.
6. The landowner shall be responsible for the removal of all fence, rocks, and other debris prior to the commencement of any work.
7. The landowner shall be responsible, at no cost to the County, for all required replacement fencing, disposal of brush piles, rocks, and other debris. Burning of brush piles may be done at the discretion of the landowner, and is subject to conditions of required fire permits.



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8. All projects will be subject to inspection by County staff prior to and upon completion of any work for conformance with this policy.
9. Backslope applications which are not approved for completion within the calendar year of an application being submitted will be placed on the project list for consideration by Council in the subsequent year(s).