

Maryland Department of the Environment Permit Information

TIDAL WETLAND LICENCES & PERMITS:

Piers
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bulkheads
dredging
marsh/shoreline restoration and planting

Application Process:

1. Complete a JOINT FEDERAL/STATE APPLICATION (Fees range from \$500 for minor modifications to \$750 for general minor projects. For major projects or modifications which have higher fees, contact MDE.
2. Mail in the original plus four (4) copies of the application, site and construction plans, vicinity maps and any other supporting documentation, along with check or money order to cover fee to:

Regulatory Services Coordination Office (RSC)
MDE, Water Management Administration
1800 Washington Blvd., Suite 430
Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708

3. Upon receipt, the RSC will determine what type of permit is necessary and forward the application to the appropriate governmental agencies, including the Army Corps of Engineers.
4. Depending on the nature of the project, it may be advertised for comment and an opportunity for a public hearing. The applicant will be required to notify adjacent property owners.
5. The Department may perform a site evaluation.
6. At the conclusion of the review process, the Department will make a decision on the application. Upon receipt of final construction plans, a permit or license is issued by the Department. A letter of approval and license from the Army Corps of Engineers will also be forthcoming.
7. Local government approvals and permits shall be obtained before commencing with any construction. Talbot County requires a copy of the MDE permit and the Army Corps permit and letter of approval be submitted along with the supporting site plans and construction plans. Application for a Zoning Permit should be made at the Talbot County Department of Permits & Inspections.

MDE Turn-around Time

Minor projects – 5 months
Major projects – 10 months

Term of MDE/Army Corps Permit - Maximum of three years

Contact Information - Contact MDE at 410-537-3837 for technical assistance and guidance on the preparation of the permit application. For Permit Status: call 1-800-876-0200

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