

Wetland Conservation General Permit Application

Instructions Determine eligibility for this general permit:

- Choose an activity decision module on web, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways>, or
- Review the eligibility criteria below.
 - If the project does not meet all of the eligibility standards, apply for an Individual Permit

To apply:

- Apply online using our online ePermitting System at <http://dnr.wi.gov/permits/water>.
- Include all required attachments. Each document must be less than 15 megabytes and our online system offers a help guide to reduce file sizes.
- Permit processing review times begin when all of the required application materials are received by the DNR. The Department may require additional information to evaluate the project.
- If you have questions regarding your application, contact the local Water Management Specialist for your county <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/contacts.html#county>.
- Your signed submittal of this project application checklist constitutes a request that certifying authority (State of Wisconsin) review and take action on this CWA 401 certification request, as required, within the applicable reasonable period of time.

Please note, prior to starting any work at the project site, you are responsible for obtaining:

- Obtain all necessary local (e.g. city, town, village or county) permits.
- Obtain U.S. Army Corps of Engineer permits or approvals, <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.
- Any other applicable state permits.

Informational Requirements:

1. **Application form.** A complete, signed application form "Water Resources Application for Project Permits (WRAPP)" (Form 3500-53)
3. **Application Checklist** – a signed copy of the permit application checklist certifying that the applicant agrees to meet the eligibility criteria and permit conditions established in WDNR GP24-2023.
4. **Ownership documentation** - (i.e. copy of deed, land contract, current property tax statement/receipt)
5. **Photographs** that clearly show the on-the-ground conditions of the existing project areas. Remember that too much snow cover or vegetation may obscure important details. If possible, have another person stand near the project area for size reference. Color images are preferred.
8. **Narrative description of your proposal on a separate page. Please include:**
 - What the project is, purpose of project, and need for the project
 - How you intend to carry out the project, including methods, materials, and equipment
 - Your proposed construction schedule and sequence of work
 - What temporary and permanent erosion control measures will be used
 - The location of any disposal area for dredged or excavated materials
 - For disturbances or fill, provide a description of type, composition, and quality of materials
 - How you plan to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to waterways
 - Area (e.g. linear feet) impacted

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9. **Endangered and threatened Resources** - The applicant is not required but is encouraged to request an endangered resources (ER) review letter before applying for the permit. Information on how to obtain a review can be found by visiting the website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ERReview/Review.html>. The applicant can also visit the NHI Public Portal, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ERReview/PublicPortal.html>, to determine if a full ER Review is required. Read the 'What is an ER Preliminary Assessment and what do the results mean?' section to determine follow-up steps.

General Eligibility criteria:

The project purpose is wetland conservation (restoration, enhancement, preservation or management of wetlands). For example, this general permit does not authorize the construction of a detention basin in wetlands for stormwater management, even if the detention basin or the project of which the basin is a part will also result in some habitat creation or enhancement. Similarly, this chapter does not authorize a flood control project that may also result in creation or enhancement of some wildlife habitat.

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General Eligibility criteria:

Projects that do not meet all criteria are not eligible for this general permit. If your project does not qualify for this general permit, you may apply for an individual permit.

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Eligibility Criteria for Projects Sponsored by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS):

The NRCS or the FWS is the project sponsor for the wetland restoration project. For wetland restoration projects conducted on private lands, NRCS and/or FWS have obtained a binding wetland conservation project agreement with the landowner(s).

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A dam or water control structure placed across a watercourse must meet the definition of a small dam, including
i. Dam failure will not endanger life, health, or property.
ii. Dam structural height is less than 25 feet and the maximum storage capacity is less than 50 acre-feet of water.

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Note: Please reference "Large Dam vs. Small Dam Diagram" for the necessary criteria at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/> with keyword "large dam small dam max".

Eligibility Criteria for Projects Not Sponsored by NRCS or FWS

A dam or water control structure placed across a water course must meet **a. and b. or a. and c.:**

a) Dam failure will not endanger life, health, or property

AND

b) Dam structural height is 2 feet or less and the maximum storage capacity is less than 50 acre-feet of water.

OR

c) Dam structural height is 6 feet or less and the maximum storage capacity is less than 50 acre-feet of water and the dam has been designed by a professional engineer registered in Wisconsin.

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Other Authorities

☐ By checking this box, I certify that the proposed project will not occur in a mapped floodplain (official Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or local zoning map), or if the project is located in a regulated floodplain, I am obtaining or have obtained applicable floodplain permits or approvals from the local zoning authority.

Certification

I certify that I have read and understand all project eligibility criteria and agree to design and construct my project in accordance with all listed eligibility criteria found in this checklist. In addition, I agree to meet all conditions required for structure placement as identified in the above referenced eligibility criteria.

☐ *This form may be signed electronically, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Chapter 137. By checking the electronic signature acknowledgement box and typing your name, you are expressing intent to sign this form and certifying that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete, to the best of your knowledge and belief. If you decline to sign this form electronically, you must physically sign this form and all other forms required for your project.*

Signature _____

Date signed _____

