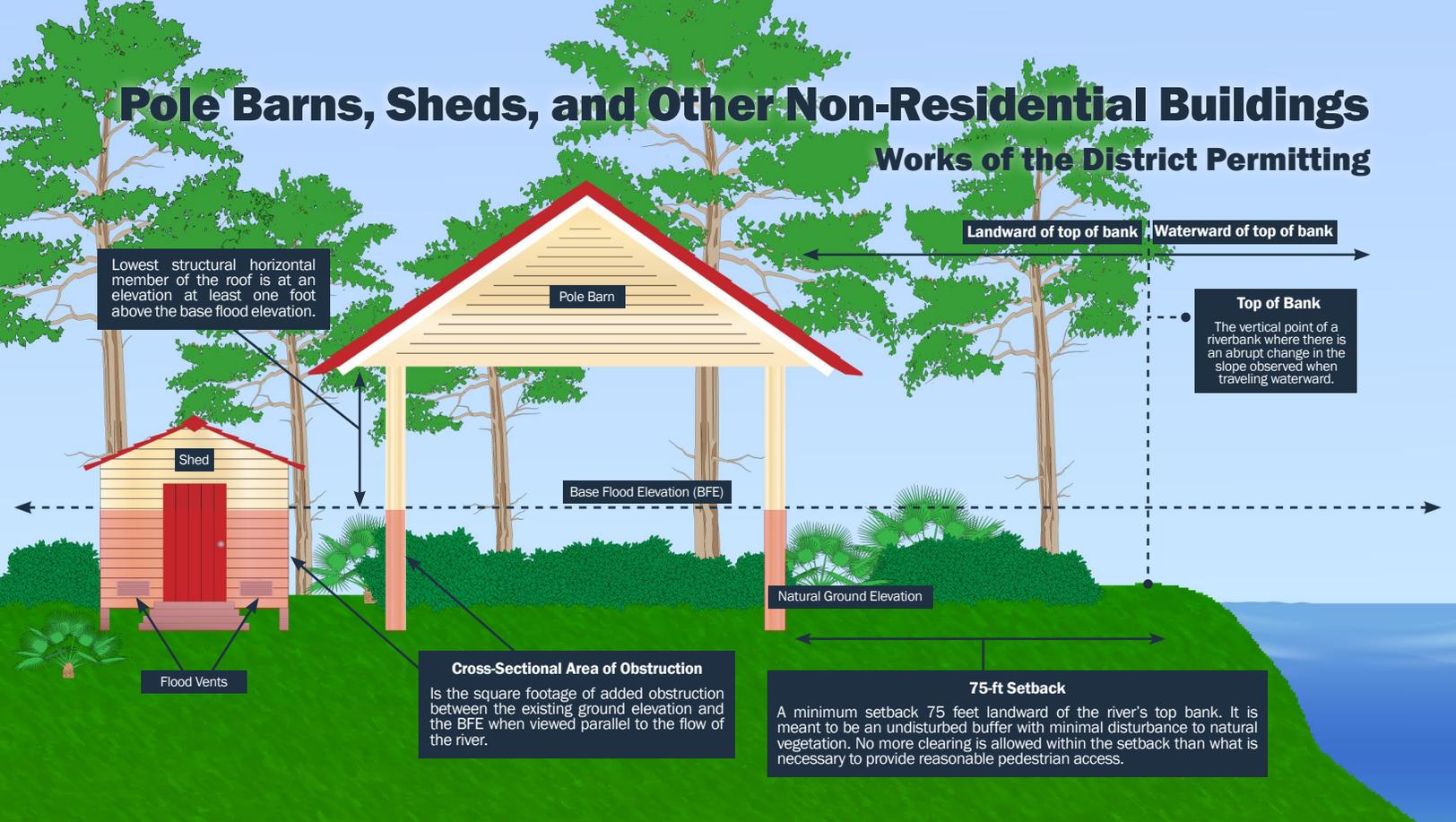


Pole Barns, Sheds, and Other Non-Residential Buildings

Works of the District Permitting



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This guide was created to assist property owners with frequently asked questions (FAQs) about permitting requirements for pole barns, sheds, and other non-residential buildings within Works of the District (WOD) floodways.

WOD refers to rules that are established by the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) for construction within the floodways of five rivers: Alapaha, Aucilla, Santa Fe, Suwannee, and Withlacoochee.

Different permitting and/or fee requirements may apply if:

- Your project will be used for any purposes other than residential;
- You would like to include additional structures with your permit;
- There is already an existing District permit at your property;
- Your proposed project is located in, on, or over wetlands/surface waters.

Schedule a free pre-application meeting with District staff to discuss proposed activities and determine if an engineer and/or environmental consultant should be hired for the project.

What is the difference between a pole barn and a shed?

A pole barn/carport is a non-residential structure typically consisting of pole supports and a roof with no walls, screens, or doors on any side, whereas a shed is typically an enclosed non-residential structure with walls, screens, and/or doors.

Can I clear my property to install a pole barn, shed, or other non-residential structure?

All areas of the floodway should remain in a natural state to the greatest extent possible. Disturbance to natural vegetation should be limited to that necessary for construction and not occur in the 75-foot setback.

What is the base flood elevation for my property?

You can find your BFE using the Suwannee River Flood Report Tool located at www.srwmfloodreport.com.

Where can I find an engineer and/or environmental consultant who has previously submitted permit applications to the District?

A list is available on our website: www.mysuwanneeriver.com/553/Engineers-Surveyors-Environmental-Consul.

When are flood vents required?

Flood vents are required for structures with enclosed areas below the base flood elevation. See 44CFR60.3(c) for flood vent requirements.

	Exempt	Noticed General	General
Total Cross-Sectional Area of Obstruction on the Property	Max 50 sq ft	Max 100 sq ft	More than 100 sq ft
Application Fee	\$100	\$250	\$490
Site & Profile Plans	Sketches	Sketches	Engineered plans
Topographic Survey			Required
Zero-Rise Certification			Required

Please note: This document is intended as a guide. Please refer to 40B-4, F.A.C. and 62-330, F.A.C. for complete information. A District permit does not eliminate the necessity to obtain any required federal, state, local and special district authorizations prior to the start of any construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal, or abandonment authorized by a District permit. Please contact your federal, state, and local agencies for further guidance.

Please visit our website at www.mysuwanneeriver.com to learn more or email us at resourcemanagement@srwmd.org for all your permitting questions.



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