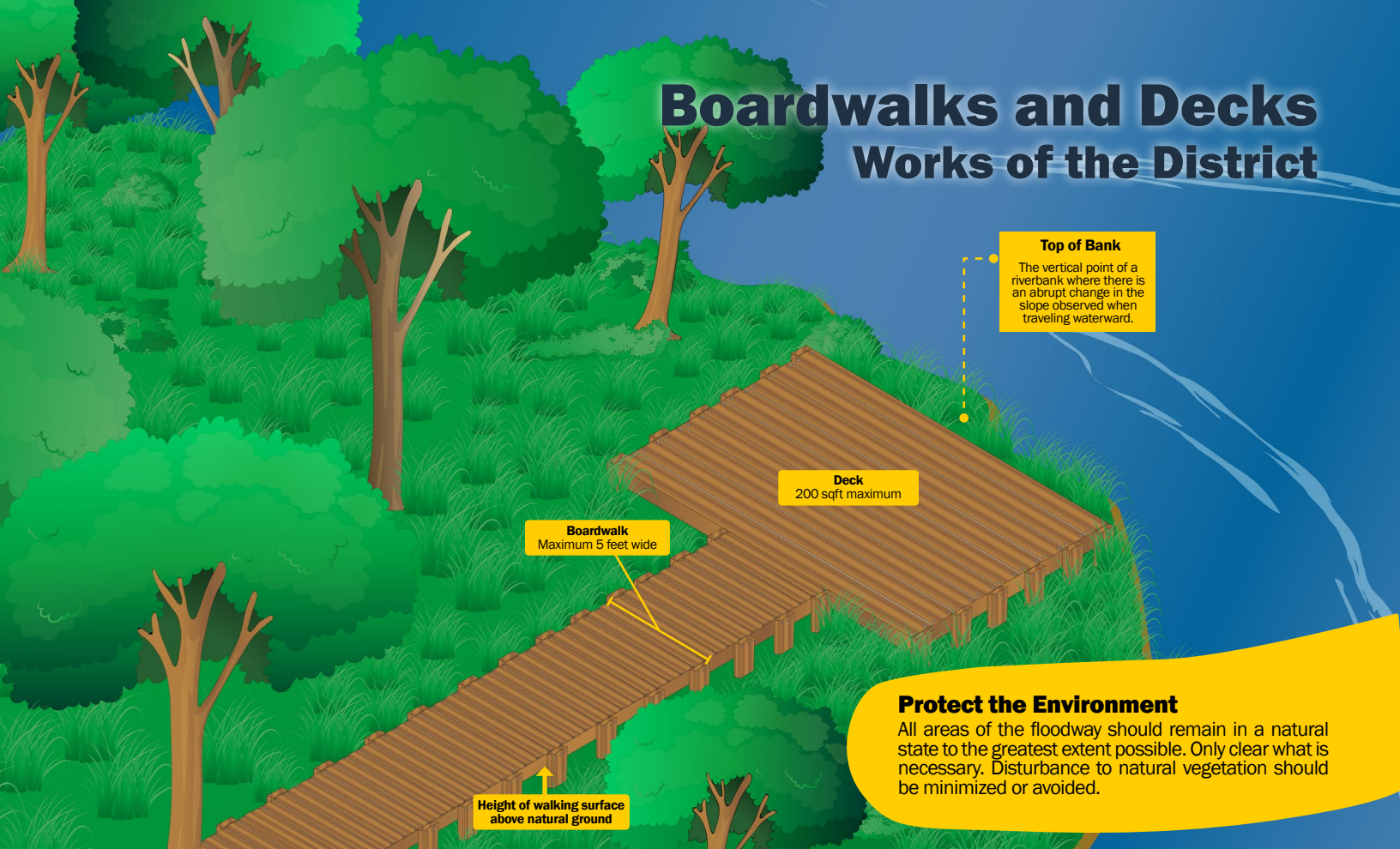


Boardwalks and Decks Works of the District



Top of Bank

The vertical point of a riverbank where there is an abrupt change in the slope observed when traveling waterward.

Deck
200 sqft maximum

Boardwalk
Maximum 5 feet wide

Height of walking surface above natural ground

Protect the Environment

All areas of the floodway should remain in a natural state to the greatest extent possible. Only clear what is necessary. Disturbance to natural vegetation should be minimized or avoided.

Works of the District

This guide was created to assist property owners with frequently asked questions (FAQs) about permitting requirements for decks landward of the top of the river bank and boardwalks 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.

Do I need a WOD permit for a deck/boardwalk?

Yes! A permit is required for any structure(s) within the 75-foot setback from the river's top of bank. Anyone who owns river frontage within the floodway can build one deck and a boardwalk within the 75-foot setback, with the appropriate permit. Additional requirements may apply if your proposed structures are in wetlands. A signed Form 40B-4.3020 is required by the property owner.

What is a deck?

A flat structure on land that does not extend beyond the top of the bank. All decks must be less than 200 square feet.

What is the 75-foot setback?

A minimum setback measured 75 feet landward of the river's top of bank. No clearing is allowed in the 75-foot setback than what is necessary to provide reasonable pedestrian access to the river.

Can I include a roof on my deck and/or boardwalk?

Yes, if all portions of the roof are a minimum of 1 foot above the 1% Annual Chance Base Flood Elevation. However, the deck and/or boardwalk shall not be enclosed by walls, screens, or doors on any side.

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.

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.

	Noticed General	General
Height of Walking Surface above Natural Ground*	Less than or equal to 1 foot	Greater than 1 foot
Application Fee	\$250	\$490
Site & Profile Plans	Sketches	Signed and Sealed Engineering Plans by a FL Licensed Professional
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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