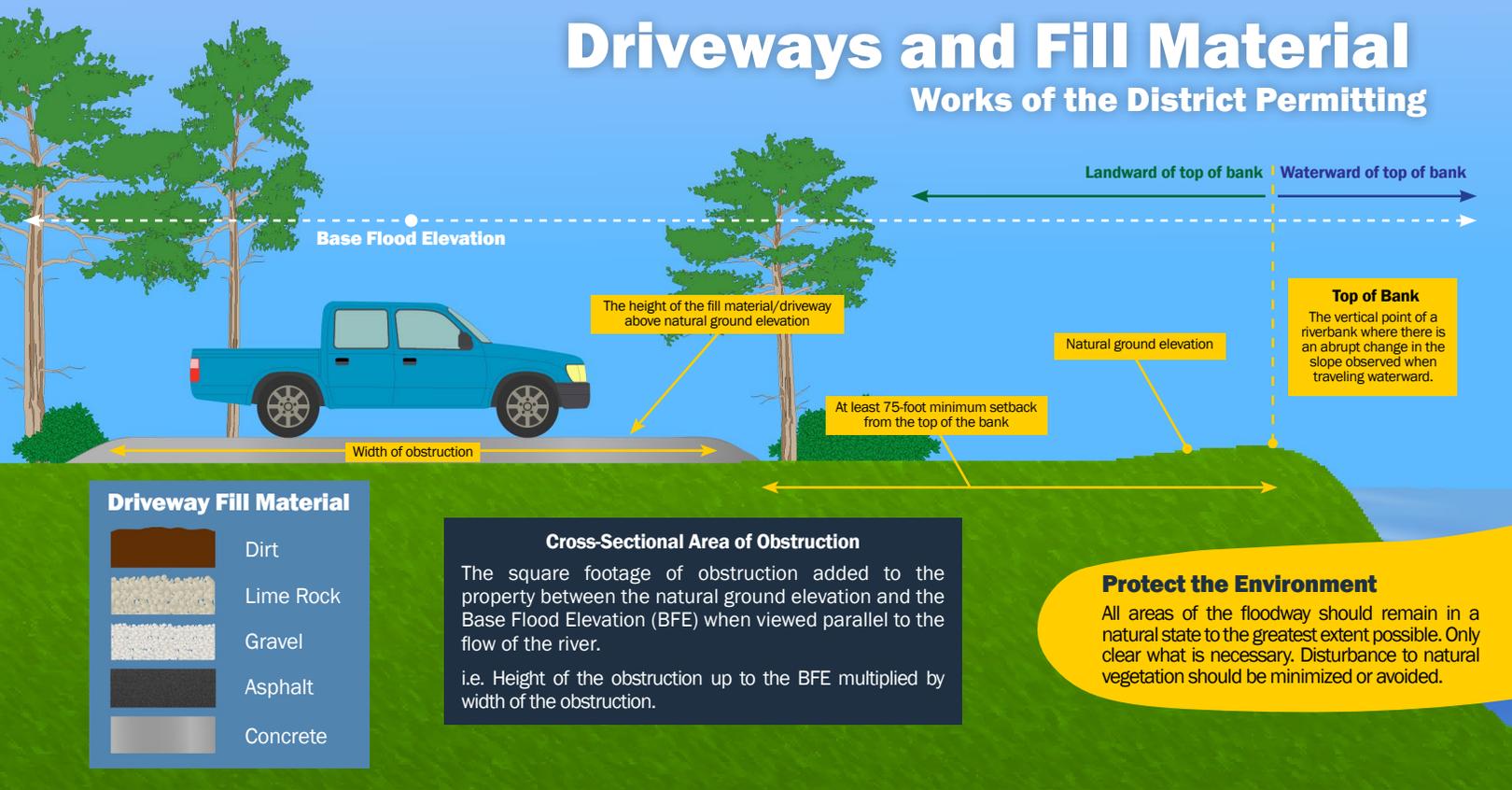


Driveways and Fill Material

Works of the District Permitting



Works of the District

This guide was created to assist property owners with frequently asked questions (FAQs) about permitting requirements for driveways and fill material 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 within the District boundaries: Alapaha, Aucilla, Withlacoochee, Santa Fe, and Suwannee.

Different permitting and/or fee requirements may apply if:

- o Your project will be used for any purposes other than residential;
- o You would like to include additional structures with your permit;
- o There is already an existing District permit at your property;
- o 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.

Where can I place a driveway or fill material on my property within the floodway?
 With a permit, fill can be placed outside of the 75-foot setback, at least 25 feet away from wetlands, and not under any residential structures.

What is the 75-foot setback?
 A minimum setback measured 75 feet landward from the top of the river bank. It is meant to be an undisturbed buffer with minimal disturbance to natural vegetation.

Can I place a driveway/fill material in/through a low spot of my property?
 The reason that most people want to put fill in a low spot of their property is because it sometimes gets wet, or the ground becomes soft and mushy. These low spots are typically wetlands. Please schedule a pre-application meeting to determine additional wetland permitting requirements.

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

What is the base flood elevation (BFE) for my property?
 You can find your BFE using the Suwannee River Flood Report Tool located at www.srwmfloodreport.com.

	Exempt	Noticed General	General
Height of Driveway Above Natural Ground	Max 6 in	Max 1 ft	Higher than 1 ft
Total Cross-Sectional Area of Obstruction on the Property	Max 50 sq ft	Max 100 sq ft	Max fill material 100 sq ft
Application Fee	\$100	\$250	\$490
Site & Profile Plans	Sketches	Sketches	Engineered Plans
Topographic Survey			Required
Zero-Rise certification			Required

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.