

# PERMITTING: WORKS OF THE DISTRICT

## RESIDENCES IN THE FLOODWAY

### Permitting Construction Within Floodways

Works of the District (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. These rules are in place to best protect our environment through permitting and management of assets that could affect our natural resources.

Find your base flood elevation (BFE) for your property:  
[srwmdfloodreport.com](http://srwmdfloodreport.com)

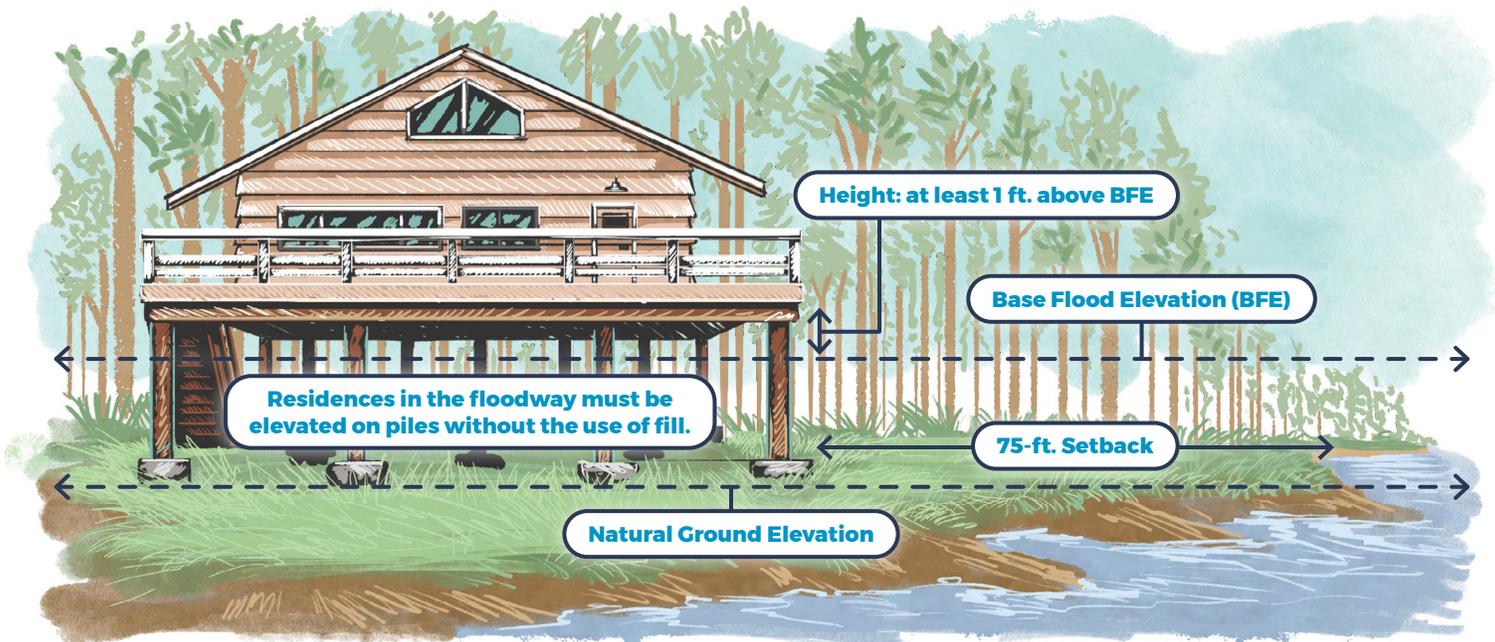
### Terms:

- **Wetland:** Residences must be located at least 25 feet away from wetlands. If there is not sufficient upland area on the property, residences may also require an Environmental Resource Permit.
- **Floodway:** A designated channel over a river and adjacent land areas reserved to discharge the 100-year flood.
- **Setbacks:** Residences must be located outside of the 75-foot setback from the river's top of bank.
- **Height:** The lowest structural member of the residence must be elevated at least one foot above the BFE.
- **Base Flood Elevation (BFE):** The elevation of the 1% annual chance flood. It is based on the modeled flood elevation relative to sea level.

### Common Questions:

- **Where can I find an engineer who has previously submitted a zero-rise certification to the District?** A list is available on our website here: [www.mysuwanneeriver.com/553/Engineers-Surveyors-Environmental-Consul](http://www.mysuwanneeriver.com/553/Engineers-Surveyors-Environmental-Consul)

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



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WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Ask Us Questions:  
[ResourceManagement@srwmd.org](mailto:ResourceManagement@srwmd.org)

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