

# PERMITTING: WORKS OF THE DISTRICT

## BOARDWALKS AND DECKS

### Permitting Construction Within Floodways

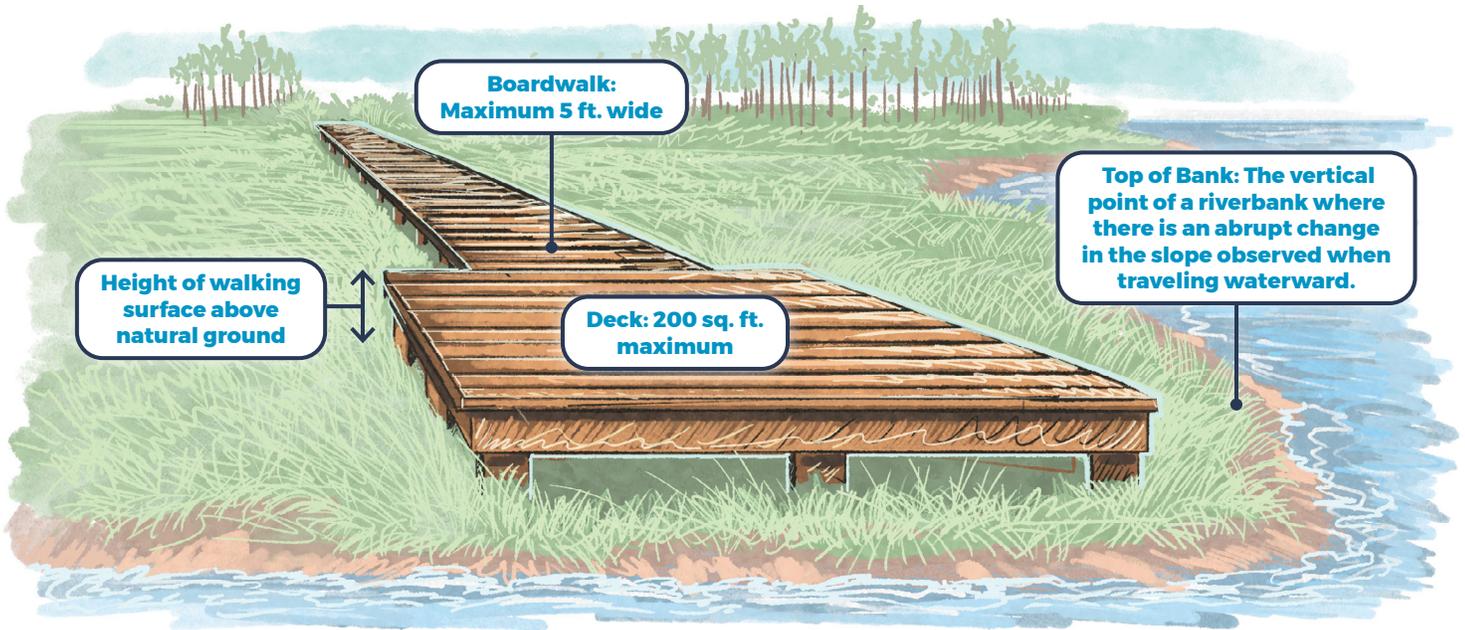
Works of the District (WOD) refers to rules that are established by the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) for construction within the floodways of five rivers: Alapaha, Aucilla, Santa Fe, Suwannee, and Withlacoochee. These rules are in place to best protect our environment through permitting and management of assets that could affect our natural resources.

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

### Common Questions:

- **Do I need a WOD permit for a deck/boardwalk?** Yes! Anyone who owns river frontage within the floodway can build one deck at the top of the bank and a boardwalk if it is necessary to provide reasonable access to the river 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.

Contact District staff to find an engineer and/or environmental consultant who has previously submitted permit applications to the District. Find a list: [mysuwanneeriver.com/553/Engineers-Surveyors-Environmental-Consul](http://mysuwanneeriver.com/553/Engineers-Surveyors-Environmental-Consul)



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