

PERMITTING: WORKS OF THE DISTRICT

FLOATING DOCKS

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.

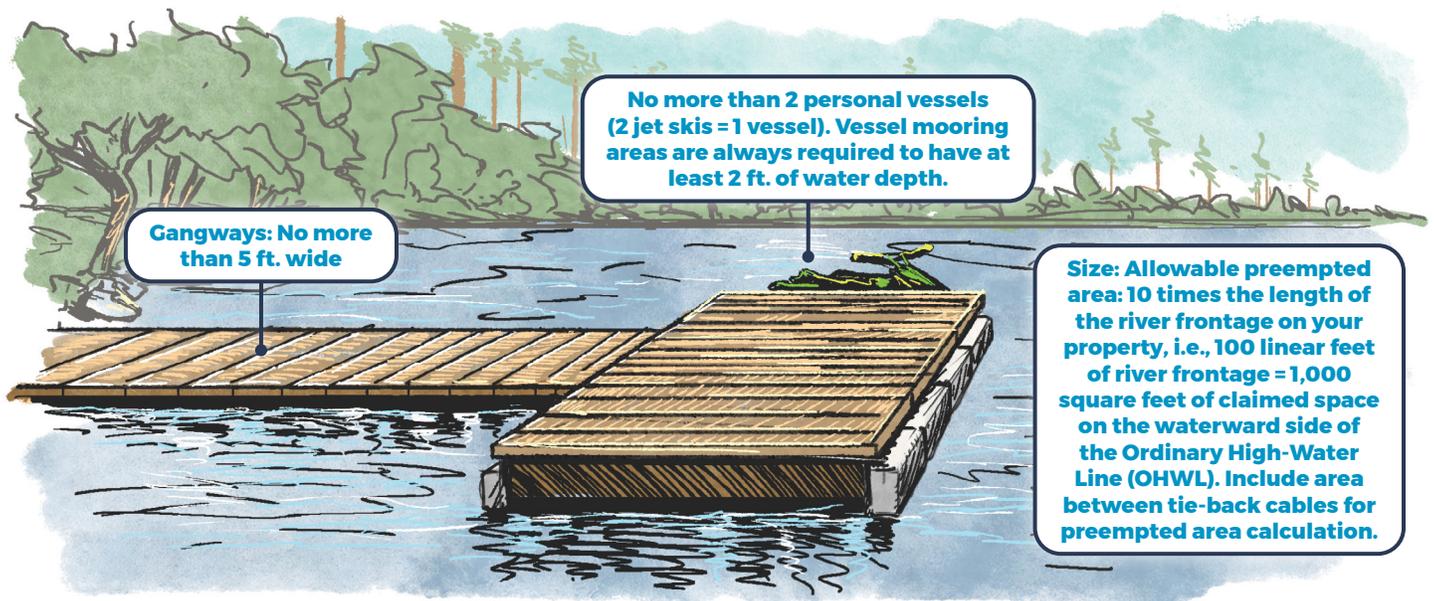
Find your base flood elevation (BFE) for your property:
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Terms:

- **Boundary setbacks:** 25 feet minimum from dock edge to the riparian rights line (essentially an extension of the property line into the river) for lots with greater than 65 feet of river frontage
- **Number of Vessels:** No more than 2 personal vessels (2 jet skis = 1 vessel). Vessel mooring areas are always required to have at least 2 feet of water depth.
- **Gangways:** Must be no more than 5 ft. wide.

Common Questions:

- **Am I allowed to place a dock on my property?** Yes, with the appropriate permit, anyone who owns river frontage within the floodway can build one dock on their property.
- **What restrictions exist under this permit?**
 - Dock may not be enclosed by walls, screens, or doors.
 - Dock may not be used for commercial purposes.
 - No fish cleaning stations, boat repair facilities, or fueling facilities.
 - No throwing trash, fuel, or human/animal waste from dock.
 - The permittee shall comply with wildlife protective measures when performing work within waters accessible to federal- or state-listed aquatic species, such as manatees, marine turtles, smalltooth sawfish, and Gulf sturgeon.



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