

PERMITTING: WORKS OF THE DISTRICT

DRIVEWAYS AND FILL MATERIAL

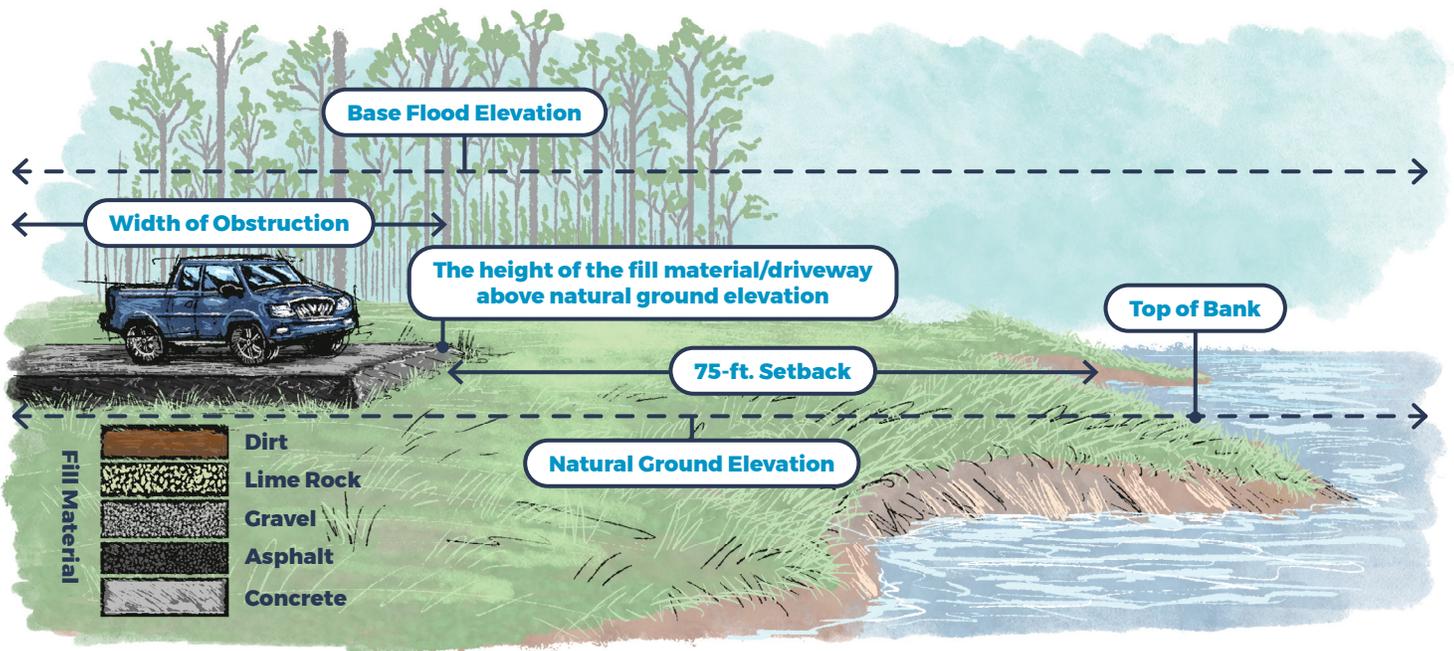
Permitting Construction Within Floodways

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

Common Questions:

- **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



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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.

Help Protect the Environment:

All areas of the floodways 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.

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.

	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

Terms:

- **75-ft. Setback:** A minimum setback 75 feet landward of the river's top bank. It is meant to be an undisturbed buffer with minimal disturbance to natural vegetation. No more clearing is allowed within the setback than what is necessary to provide reasonable pedestrian access.
- **Cross-Sectional Area of Obstruction:** The square footage of added obstruction between the existing ground elevation and the BFE when viewed parallel to the flow of the river.
- **Top of Bank:** The vertical point of a riverbank where there is an abrupt change in the slope observed when traveling waterward.

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