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General Permit Application Checklist

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Determine eligibility for this general permit:

- Choose an activity decision module on web, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways>, or
- Review the eligibility criteria below
 - If the project does not meet all of the eligibility standards, apply for an Individual Permit

To apply:

- Apply online using our online ePermitting System at <http://dnr.wi.gov/permits/water>
- Include all required attachments. Each document must be less than 15 megabytes and our online system offers a help guide to reduce file sizes,
- Permit processing review times begin when all of the required application materials are received by the DNR. The Department may require additional information to evaluate the project.
- If you have questions regarding your application, contact the local Water Management Specialist for your county <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/contacts.html#county>.
- Your signed submittal of this project application checklists constitutes a request that certifying authority (State of Wisconsin) review and take action on this CWA 401 certification request, as required, within the applicable reasonable period of time.

Please note, prior to starting any work at the project site, you are responsible for:

- Obtaining all necessary local (e.g. city, town, village or county) permits.
- Obtaining U.S. Army Corps of Engineer permits or approvals, <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.
- Any other applicable state permits

Required attachments - Forms or documents you upload in our online ePermitting System

- 1. Application form** - A complete, signed application form "Water Resources Application for Project Permits (WRAPP)" (Form 3500-053).
- 2. Application Checklist** - a signed copy of the permit application checklist certifying that the applicant agrees to meet the eligibility criteria and permit conditions established in WDNR GP212-2021.
- 3. Application fee** - Payment must be submitted through the ePermitting System as part of the application process. A list of fees can be found at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/documents/PermitDocs/feesheet.pdf>.
- 4. Ownership Documentation** - (i.e. copy of deed, land contract, current property tax statement/receipt)
- 5. Photographs** that clearly show the on-the-ground conditions of the existing project areas. Remember that too much snow cover or vegetation may obscure important details. If possible, have another person stand near the project area for size reference. Color images are preferred.
- 6. Site Maps** that clearly illustrate the location and perimeter of the project site, and its relationship to nearby water resources (e.g. lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands), major landmarks and roads. Provide copies of relevant maps (e.g. wetland, aerial, topographical, soil, floodplain, or zoning maps), with the project location clearly identified. The Department offers a web mapping tool to assist in creating these maps at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/surfacewater/swdv/>.
- 7. Plans and specifications** that include final project design and construction including a project diagram that shows all of the following:
 - The location of the completed project relative to any Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) or wetland boundaries with the location and size of all proposed wetland impacts (if applicable).
 - The location and type of temporary and permanent silt fences or any other sediment/erosion control devices.
 - Top, side, and cross section plan profiles with appropriate measurements for the proposed project.
 - The location of, and calculation of the total surface area impacted within the waterway
 - The location of any disposal area for dredged or excavated materials, if applicable.
- 8. Narrative description** of the project, including: Identification of project purpose, the methods, materials, and equipment that will be used to carry out the project, the construction schedule and sequence of work, a description of type, composition, and quality of materials proposed to be utilized, any request for a navigational clearance waiver or request for waiver to standard fishery protection construction timing restrictions using Appendix A, and supporting documentation from local shoreland and/or floodplain zoning regulatory authorities

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- 9. Endangered and Threatened Resources** - The applicant is not required, but is encouraged to request an endangered resources (ER) review letter before applying for the permit. Information on how to obtain a review can be found by visiting the website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ERReview/Review.html>. The applicant can also visit the NHI Public Portal, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ERReview/PublicPortal.html>, to determine if a full ER Review is required. Read the 'What is an ER Preliminary Assessment and what do the results mean?' section to determine follow-up steps.
- 10. Historical and Cultural Resources** - If you are aware there is a historical or cultural resource present, you are **required** to contact the Wisconsin State Historical Society to verify and receive documentation that the activity will not result in an adverse impact to these resources.

Eligibility Criteria:	
Projects that do not meet all criteria are not eligible for this general permit. If your project does not qualify for this general permit, you may apply for an individual permit.	
1.A - General standards applicable to all temporary waterway crossings for forest management activities:	
The applicant or co-applicant is the riparian owner or has obtained permission of the riparian owner to place a temporary waterway crossing.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Projects proposed in locations with existing recorded deed restrictions within the project area, including easements limiting construction and land use activities, are not eligible for this general permit. Note: Department Chs. 30 and 281 Wis. Stats. permits do not supersede any legal restrictions on the use of land	<input type="checkbox"/>
The temporary waterway crossing shall be used to provide temporary access to an area for the primary purpose of engaging in normal forest management activities, including but not limited to those activities that are undertaken on forest land to establish, maintain or enhance a forest. These activities include planting trees, thinning and trimming trees, and harvesting timber and other forest products. These activities do not include cutting firewood exclusively for personal use.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The bridge, culvert, or similar waterway crossing structure may not be located on a wild river designated under ch. 30.26 Wis. Stats, and NR 102.10 Wis. Admin. Code or where similar federal, state or local regulations prohibit the construction of such structures, unless expressly allowed under NR 302.03 Wis. Adm. Code.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dredging and deposition of sand, gravel or stone on the streambed in order to install a stream crossing structure, to the extent practicable, is permitted under this general permit provided the removal or deposit is located within 2 feet of the structure or is limited to the volume necessary to properly install the structure.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

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1.A - General standards applicable to all temporary waterway crossings for forest management activities:

	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>The applicant is working to obtain a local shoreland zoning authorization for the project or the local shoreland zoning requirements have been waived. (Documentation required). If local zoning permits are not required, the project vegetation and bank disturbance is limited to the amount necessary for project placement and erosion control practices are adequate to prevent sedimentation to surface waters.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.B - Standards applicable to temporary placement of clearspan bridges as waterway crossings for forest management activities:

<p>In addition to the standards listed in Section 1A, clearspan bridges, as defined in Section 7 of the general permit, may be placed for forest management activities according to the following standards:</p>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.C - Standards applicable to temporary placement of pole fords, timber mats, or similar structures located on the stream bed as waterway crossings for forest management activities:

<p>In addition to the standards listed in Section 1A, pole fords, timber mats, or similar structures intended to protect the bed and/or bank of a navigable waterway may be placed for forest management activities according to the following standards. WDNR GP12-2021 does not authorize the placement of a ford or any structure consisting of rock or gravel, placed on the bed of a navigable waterway to facilitate crossing the waterway.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If the temporary waterway crossing is not a clearspan bridge as defined in Section 7, the temporary waterway crossing shall consist of timber mats, poles, small logs, culverts, pipes, or similar structures that are placed side by side in or on the stream channel parallel to the stream flow. Note: If the intended use of the structure is to span the waterway from OHWM to OHWM please place the structure under the clearspan bridge standards listed in Section 1B.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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1.C - Standards applicable to temporary placement of pole fords, timber mats, or similar structures located on the stream bed as waterway crossings for forest management activities:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>
The timber mats, poles, small logs, pipes, or similar structures shall be cabled, chained or banded together to the extent practicable prior to installation to facilitate complete removal.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The timber mats, poles, small logs, pipes, or similar structures cannot be placed in a manner that results in creating a dam or an impoundment upstream of the structure.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To the extent practicable, the temporary waterway crossing shall be placed and removed during frozen or low flow conditions if any portion of the structure is placed below the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM).	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.D - Standards applicable when reinstalling a temporary structure previously authorized under this general permit as a waterway crossing for forest management activities:	
Permit fees are required under Wis. Stats. s. 30.28 for authorization to proceed under a general permit. However, to facilitate partnership efforts to enhance forestry management practices and to encourage forestry management practices that are consistent with existing state forestry management plans for sustainable forestry management, the standards in this part of the general permit allow persons who receive general permit authorization to place a temporary waterway crossing in, on, or over a navigable waterway to reinstall the structure again once it is removed. In certain circumstances no additional permit fees apply.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eligibility standards apply to persons who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. paid a permit fee, b. were granted coverage under this general permit, removed the structure as required under Section 1A, and now want to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. reinstall the temporary structure again under their initial general permit coverage authorization OR ii. reinstall a temporary structure again under their initial general permit coverage authorization and add additional temporary structures at sites not identified under the initial general permit coverage authorization, hereby referred to as "add on" sites. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Temporary waterway crossings that were removed under Section 1A must be reinstalled according to the applicable standards listed under WDNR GP12-2021. All general permit terms and conditions will apply. General permit standards are found in Section 1. General permit conditions are found in Section 4.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add on sites must be installed according to the applicable standards listed under WDNR GP12-2021. All general permit terms and conditions will apply. General permit standards are found in Section 1. General permit conditions are found in Section 4.	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is no limit to the number of reinstallations after coverage for the initial installation is granted under this general permit, but, the temporary crossing must be removed before the earliest of these 3 dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 5 years from the date the department determines the activity is authorized by this general permit. b. 7 days after the forest management project requiring access is complete. c. the applicable date the temporary crossing is required to be removed under this general permit (Section 1A) <p>Note: When reinstalling a temporary waterway crossing after coverage for the initial installation was granted the time limits described in Section 1A, Standard 6 still apply to the structure.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

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1.D - Standards applicable when reinstalling a temporary structure previously authorized under this general permit as a waterway crossing for forest management activities:

<p>An additional permit application is not required for any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Temporary crossings required to be moved to a different location under the direction of the Department after initial placementb. Temporary crossings placed in the identical location that was previously authorized under general permit coverage.c. Temporary crossings placed within 100 linear yds. upstream or downstream of a location that was previously authorized under general permit coverage.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Any additional stream crossing structures not identified in the original permit coverage and which do not meet criteria identified above, must complete a new application and receive permit coverage before the new structure(s) may be placed.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If there is a change to the type of structure to be reinstalled or the location of the structure to be reinstalled, the following information must also be provided to the Department in addition to the information described in Section 1F, Standard 5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A project diagram that shows all of the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Project location.ii. The location of silt fences or any other sediment control devices.iii. The type of structure originally placed and the type of structure now proposed to be placed relative to the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM).b. Photographs that represent existing project site conditions.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Certification

I certify that I have read and understand all project eligibility criteria and agree to design and construct my project in accordance with all listed eligibility criteria found in this checklist. In addition, I agree to meet all conditions required for structure placement as identified in WDNR-GP-12-2021.

This form may be signed electronically, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Chapter 137. By checking the electronic signature acknowledgement box and typing your name, you are expressing intent to sign this form and certifying that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete, to the best of my knowledge and belief. If you decline to sign this form electronically, you must physically sign this form and all other forms required for your project.

Signature _____

Date signed _____

