



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

STREAM ALTERATIONS & CROSSINGS

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT	This permit regulates the alteration of streams. Regulated activities may be covered under either an individual or general permit. Permit review protects against creation of flood hazards and damage to fish life; protects rights of neighboring landowners; and, with respect to the stream alteration activity, assures compliance with Vermont Water Quality Standards.
EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY	Streambank stabilization, mineral prospecting, municipal roadway improvements requiring instream work, utility crossings under streambeds, municipal or private bridge construction or repair.
CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION	Movement, excavation or fill of 10 or more cubic yards annually in any perennial stream, or construction or maintenance of a berm in a flood hazard area or river corridor. No person may remove gravel from any watercourse primarily for construction or sale. Exemptions for: emergency protective measures with municipal authorization and reporting and implementation requirements, removal of 50 cubic yards or up to 10 cubic yards in Outstanding Resource Waters annually for riparian landowners with reporting requirements, and Required Agricultural Practices as defined by the Commissioner of Agriculture. Approval required for municipal or private stream crossings on perennial streams.
INFORMATION REQUIRED	Requires specific information regarding project location and extent, adjacent and opposite landowners, working dates, maps/drawings, plans and notification of application to adjoining landowners and the municipality.
WEB ADDRESS	http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/rivers/river-management
FEES	Individual Permit: \$350.00 (municipalities are not exempt) General Permit: New, repair, or replacement culverts and bridges and restoration projects: \$200.00 (municipalities are not exempt) General Permit: Next flood or emergency protective measures: No Fee
APPLICATION TIME FRAME	The performance standard for processing a complete application is 40 days.

**ADMINISTERING
AGENCY**

**AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

Map of the regions served by the River Management Engineers:
http://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wsm/rivers/docs/RME_districts.pdf

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**APPEAL
PROCESS** Effective January 31, 2005, within 30 days of the date of an act or decision, any person aggrieved by an act or decision of the secretary, or any party by right, may appeal to the environmental court in accordance with the provisions of [10 VSA Chapter 220](#).

OTHER PERMITS Local Flood Hazard Area permits, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits, 401 Water Quality Certification, ANR Flood Hazard Area & River Corridor General Permit may apply. For further information, contact a [Permit Specialist](#) for a Project Review Sheet.

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