Why Permitting Isn’t Scary

Managing a Dam Removal Project

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Some myths about permitting

Myth No. 1:
Regulators are the enemy
Truth: Regulators are your friends

Myth No. 2:
The permitting process is incomprehensible
Truth: It’s not – it only seems that way sometimes
Local Permits

Zoning

Floodplain Management – National Flood Insurance Program
State protected wetlands?

yes

Wetland Management Plan

Dam impounds at least 500,000 cf?

no

no

Watershed at least 10 sq. mi. & moving 10 or more cu. yd.?

yes

Stream Alteration Permit

no

no

yes

Dam Order

Section 1272 order
Other State Permits

Act 250

Construction Stormwater Permit

Insignificant Waste Management Event Approval

Water Quality Certification
Federal Permits

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Clean Water Act Section 404

Rivers and Harbors Act Section 9 or Section 10
SHPO Review

State Historic Preservation Office – Division for Historic Preservation in Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs

Protection of historic properties