

CARLTON COUNTY  
ZONING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
301 Walnut Avenue, Room 103  
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Carlton, MN 55718-0220  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Permit number  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Township

**Wetland Type and Boundary Decision Application  
COVER SHEET**

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION: \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ RANGE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAKE, RIVER OR STREAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNERSHIP:  Public  Private  Leased from: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the checklist on Page 2**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

PERMIT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ FEE \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIPT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ZONING DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ SHORELAND CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ SHORELAND ID NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_  APPROVED  DENIED BY \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

C/T \_\_\_\_\_

PLAT \_\_\_\_\_

PARCEL \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete each entry and check off each item. An incomplete application will be returned.**

**YES NO**

**Have you attached payment (see attached fee schedule)?** Make check payable to *Carlton County Treasurer.*

**YES NO**

**Have you completed the attached application with original signatures?** Application must have original signatures. Copies will not be accepted. Please complete in pen.

**YES NO**

**Have documents been attached that demonstrate the applicant has sufficient interest in the property to apply for a Wetland Type and Boundary Decision?**

**YES NO**

**Is your proposed project staked?** If your project is not staked, your application is not complete and will be returned or denied.

**YES NO**

**Have you submitted this application's information on the Minnesota DNR Permitting and Reporting System (MPARS) for submission of Public Waters permit applications?**  
[\(<https://webapps11.dnr.state.mn.us/mpars/public/authentication/login>\)](https://webapps11.dnr.state.mn.us/mpars/public/authentication/login)

**YES NO**

**Have copies of the application been emailed to the following agencies?** (Zoning & Environmental Services will provide this service upon request.)

**LOCAL:**

Carlton SWCD  
Alyssa Bloss  
808 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Carlton, MN 55718  
**218-384-3891**  
alyssa.bloss@carltonswcd.org

**STATE:**

Board of Water & Soil Resources  
David Demmer  
394 South Lake Avenue, Room 403  
Duluth, MN 55802  
**218-464-8289**  
david.demmer@state.mn.us

**FEDERAL:**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
Regulatory Field Office  
Kristoffer Laman  
600 Lake Ave South, Suite 2  
Duluth, Minnesota 55802  
**218-788-6409**  
kristoffer.a.laman@usace.army.mil

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**FEE SCHEDULE – Effective February 8, 2022**

**ZONING PERMIT/LAND USE PERMIT**

Accessory Structure or Accessory Structure Addition	\$50.00
Dwelling	\$150.00
Dwelling Addition	\$75.00
Dwelling Deck	\$50.00
Commercial/Industrial Building (primary)	\$200.00
Commercial/Industrial Addition (primary)	\$100.00
Commercial/Industrial Accessory Structure (or addition)	\$100.00
Signs: On Site	\$50.00
Signs: Off Site	\$150.00
Handicap Ramp	No fee
Shoreland Alterations – Zoning Permit	\$100.00
Tower (Communications)	\$150.00
Tower Antennas/Antenna Replacement	\$100.00
Borrow Pit	\$100.00
Vacation Rental	\$150.00
Conditional or Interim Use	\$400.00 + \$46 Recording fee = \$446.00
Variance	\$400.00 + \$46 Recording fee = \$446.00
Appeal of Administrative Decision	\$400.00 + \$46 Recording fee = \$446.00
Rezoning/Zoning Amendment–Residential/Agriculture	\$400.00 + \$46 Recording fee = \$446.00
Rezoning/Zoning Amendment–Commercial/Industrial	\$500.00 + \$46 Recording fee = \$546.00
New E-911 Address Fee	\$85.00
After-the-Fact – 1 <sup>st</sup> Notice (plus permit fee)	\$100.00 +
After-the-Fact – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Notice (plus permit fee)	\$300.00 +
After-the-Fact – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Notice (plus permit fee)	\$600.00 +

**SUBDIVISIONS**

Administrative Subdivision – Create up to 4 lots	\$150.00
Administrative Subdivision – Lot Line Adjustment	\$150.00
County Surveyor Review Fee – if required	\$75.00+ mileage
Minor Subdivision	\$100.00 per lot
County Surveyor Review Fee – if required	\$75.00+ mileage
Preliminary Plat	\$500.00
Final Plat – plus per lot fee	\$300.00
	Per lot fee
	\$20.00

**SEWER PERMIT**

0 - 1,000 GPD – Drainfield/Bed	\$200.00
0 - 1,000 GPD – Mound/At Grade	\$250.00
1,001 - 2,500 GPD – Drainfield/Bed	\$400.00
1,001 - 2,500 GPD – Mound/At Grade	\$500.00
2,501 - 5,000 GPD – Drainfield/Bed	\$600.00
2,501 - 5,000 GPD – Mound/At Grade	\$800.00
5,001 - 10,000 GPD – Drainfield/Bed	\$1,000.00
5,001 - 10,000 GPD – Mound/At Grade	\$1,500.00
Holding Tank	\$150.00
Operating Permit Renewal	\$50.00
Review Revised Design	\$100.00
Re-Inspection	\$100.00
Sewer Compliance only – existing system	\$150.00*

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET (EAW)**

EAW Staff Fee	\$500.00
Fee does not include expense for a consultant to prepare EAW	

**WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT**

Certificate of Exemption or No Loss	\$75.00
Banking Application	\$500.00
Delineation Review	\$100.00
Replacement Plan <10,000 sq. ft.	\$150.00
Replacement Plan 10,000 sq. ft. – 1 acre	\$250.00
Replacement Plan - over 1 acre	\$500.00 per acre
After-the-Fact	Double

**WATER TESTING**

First Test	\$40.00
Each Additional Test	\$10.00 each
Water Pickup	\$50.00
Water Pickup and Sewer Compliance	\$175.00*
Lead Test	\$40.00

\*Septic tanks must be pumped by a licensed septic maintainer at owner's expense immediately prior to sewer compliance inspection by County staff. This must be coordinated with this office.

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Carlton County Zoning and Environmental Services** is the zoning authority for all areas of Carlton County except the following cities: Barnum, Carlton, Cloquet, Cromwell, Kettle River, Moose Lake, Wrenshall, Wright and one township, Thomson. Carlton County also has zoning authority in **shoreland areas** (property within 1,000 feet of a classified lake or 300 feet of a classified river or stream) in the City of Cromwell, City of Carlton and Thomson Township.
- Check with the Zoning and Environmental Services Office to find the **Zoning District**. The Zoning District will dictate the lot size requirements, setbacks and property use. See Carlton County Zoning Ordinance #27 - Table 1 Dimensional Standards and Table 2 Height, Setback and Lot Coverage Standards.
- **Zoning Permits** are required for building or moving any structure, no matter the size, including dwellings, additions, decks, privacy fences, garages, storage containers, outhouses, signs, recreational vehicles (under some circumstances) and sheds. Zoning Permits are not required for replacing doors, windows, re-siding or re-roofing (shingles).
- The **State Building Code** is not enforced by this office in the rural parts of Carlton County.
- The design, location, construction and abandonment of **wells** are regulated by the Minnesota Department of Health 218-302-6166.
- **Electrical work** is regulated by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry 651-284-5026 or 1-800-DIAL-DLI.
- If a **new driveway** is proposed off a township road, you must contact the specific township to obtain a driveway permit. If the driveway is coming off a county road, you must contact the Carlton County Transportation Department for a driveway permit. If the driveway is coming off a state road, you must contact the Minnesota Department of Transportation.
- A **Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Permit** is a separate application obtained from the Zoning and Environmental Services Office by you or a licensed designer. Septic systems are required to be designed by a designer with a current license from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.
- If a structure has **pressurized water**, the structure must be connected to a compliant septic system.
- A current **Certificate of Compliance** for a septic system is required when applying for any permit or point of sale for structures located within 1,000 feet of a classified lake or 300 feet of a classified river or stream.
- A current Certificate of Compliance for a septic system is required before issuance of a Zoning Permit for adding bedrooms.
- The Carlton County Zoning and Environmental Services Office regulates activities in wetlands (**swamps and low areas**). There are many types of wetlands including shrub and wooded wetlands. Check with the Zoning and Environmental Services Offices for information, maps and permit requirements.
- The Carlton County Zoning and Environmental Services Office regulates activities in **shoreland areas** including excavating, filling, and vegetation removal. If your proposed project includes excavating, filling, or vegetation removal in a shoreland area, a Shoreland Alterations Zoning Permit or Interim Use Permit may be required.
- An E-911 number/address is required for all primary structures in Carlton County. Please obtain and complete an E-911 **New Property Address Assignment Application** if you currently do not have an E-911 number/address.
- If the proposed use is not listed as a permitted use in Carlton County Zoning Ordinance #27, a **Conditional/Interim Use Permit Application** may be required.
- If the proposed structure or lot does not meet the dimensional requirements or setbacks of the zoning district, a **Variance Application** may be required.

# Joint Application Form for Activities Affecting Water Resources in Minnesota

This joint application form is the accepted means for initiating review of proposals that may affect a water resource (wetland, tributary, lake, etc.) in the State of Minnesota under state and federal regulatory programs. Applicants for Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Public Waters permits **MUST** use the MPARS online permitting system for submitting applications to the DNR. Applicants can use the information entered into MPARS to substitute for completing parts of this joint application form (see the paragraph on MPARS at the end of the joint application form instructions for additional information). This form is only applicable to the water resource aspects of proposed projects under state and federal regulatory programs; other local applications and approvals may be required. Depending on the nature of the project and the location and type of water resources impacted, multiple authorizations may be required as different regulatory programs have different types of jurisdiction over different types of resources.

## Regulatory Review Structure

### Federal

The St. Paul District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is the federal agency that regulates discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States (wetlands, tributaries, lakes, etc.) under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and regulates work in navigable waters under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Applications are assigned to Corps project managers who are responsible for implementing the Corps regulatory program within a particular geographic area.

### State

There are three state regulatory programs that regulate activities affecting water resources. The Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) regulates most activities affecting wetlands. It is administered by local government units (LGUs) which can be counties, townships, cities, watershed districts, watershed management organizations or state agencies (on state-owned land). The Minnesota DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources issues permits for work in specially-designated public waters via the Public Waters Work Permit Program (DNR Public Waters Permits). The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act certifies that discharges of dredged or fill material authorized by a federal permit or license comply with state water quality standards. One or more of these regulatory programs may be applicable to any one project.

## Required Information

Prior to submitting an application, applicants are **strongly encouraged** to seek input from the Corps Project Manager and LGU staff to identify regulatory issues and required application materials for their proposed project. Project proponents can request a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU to discuss their proposed project by providing the information required in Sections 1 through 5 of this joint application form to facilitate a meaningful discussion about their project. Many LGUs provide a venue (such as regularly scheduled technical evaluation panel meetings) for potential applicants to discuss their projects with multiple agencies prior to submitting an application. Contact information is provided below.

The following bullets outline the information generally required for several common types of determinations/authorizations.

- **For delineation approvals and/or jurisdictional determinations, submit Parts 1, 2 and 5, and Attachment A.**
- For activities involving CWA/WCA exemptions, WCA no-loss determinations, and activities not requiring mitigation, submit Parts 1 through 5, and Attachment B.
- For activities requiring compensatory mitigation/replacement plan, submit Parts 1 thru 5, and Attachments C and D.
- For local road authority activities that qualify for the state's local road wetland replacement program, submit Parts 1 through 5, and Attachments C, D (if applicable), and E to both the Corps and the LGU.

## Submission Instructions

Send the completed joint application form and all required attachments to:

**U.S Army Corps of Engineers.** Applications may be sent directly to the appropriate Corps Office. For a current listing of areas of responsibilities and contact information, visit the St. Paul District's website at:

<http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx> and select "Minnesota" from the contact Information box.

Alternatively, applications may be sent directly to the St. Paul District Headquarters and the Corps will forward them to the appropriate field office.

**Section 401 Water Quality Certification:** Applicants do not need to submit the joint application form to the MPCA unless specifically requested. The MPCA will request a copy of the completed joint application form directly from an applicant when they determine an individual 401 water quality certification is required for a proposed project.

**Wetland Conservation Act Local Government Unit:** Send to the appropriate Local Government Unit. If necessary, contact your county Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office or visit the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) web site ([www.bwsr.state.mn.us](http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us)) to determine the appropriate LGU.

**DNR Public Waters Permitting:** In 2014 the DNR will begin using the Minnesota DNR Permitting and Reporting System (MPARS) for submission of Public Waters permit applications (<https://webapps11.dnr.state.mn.us/mpars/public/authentication/login>).

Applicants for Public Waters permits **MUST** use the MPARS online permitting system for submitting applications to the DNR. To avoid duplication and to streamline the application process among the various resource agencies, applicants can use the information entered into MPARS to substitute for completing parts of this joint application form. The MPARS print/save function will provide the applicant with a copy of the Public Waters permit application which, at a minimum, will satisfy Parts one and two of this joint application. For certain types of activities, the MPARS application may also provide all of the necessary information required under Parts three and four of the joint application. However, it is the responsibility of the Applicant to make sure that the joint application contains all of the required information, including identification of all aquatic resources impacted by the project (see Part four of the joint application). After confirming that the MPARS application contains all of the required information in Parts one and two the Applicant may attach a copy to the joint application and fill in any missing information in the remainder of the joint application.

Project Name and/or Number:

## **PART ONE: Applicant Information**

If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

**Applicant/Landowner Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Phone:**

**E-mail Address:**

**Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):**

**Mailing Address:**

**Phone:**

**E-mail Address:**

**Agent Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Phone:**

**E-mail Address:**

## **PART TWO: Site Location Information**

**County:**

**City/Township:**

**Parcel ID and/or Address:**

**Legal Description (Section, Township, Range):**

**Lat/Long (decimal degrees):**

**Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.**

**Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet):**

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

[http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform\\_4345\\_2012oct.pdf](http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf)

## PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted *prior to* this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

## PART FOUR: Aquatic Resource Impact<sup>1</sup> Summary

If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

Aquatic Resource ID (as noted on overhead view)	Aquatic Resource Type (wetland, lake, tributary etc.)	Type of Impact (fill, excavate, drain, or remove vegetation)	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T) <sup>1</sup>	Size of Impact <sup>2</sup>	Overall Size of Aquatic Resource <sup>3</sup>	Existing Plant Community Type(s) in Impact Area <sup>4</sup>	County, Major Watershed #, and Bank Service Area # of Impact Area <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>If impacts are temporary; enter the duration of the impacts in days next to the "T". For example, a project with a temporary access fill that would be removed after 220 days would be entered "T (220)".

<sup>2</sup>Impacts less than 0.01 acre should be reported in square feet. Impacts 0.01 acre or greater should be reported as acres and rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre. Tributary impacts must be reported in linear feet of impact and an area of impact by indicating first the linear feet of impact along the flowline of the stream followed by the area impact in parentheses). For example, a project that impacts 50 feet of a stream that is 6 feet wide would be reported as 50 ft (300 square feet).

<sup>3</sup>This is generally only applicable if you are applying for a de minimis exemption under MN Rules 8420.0420 Subp. 8, otherwise enter "N/A".

<sup>4</sup>Use *Wetland Plants and Plant Community Types of Minnesota and Wisconsin* 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. as modified in MN Rules 8420.0405 Subp. 2.

<sup>5</sup>Refer to Major Watershed and Bank Service Area maps in MN Rules 8420.0522 Subp. 7.

If any of the above identified impacts have already occurred, identify which impacts they are and the circumstances associated with each:

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<sup>1</sup> The term "impact" as used in this joint application form is a generic term used for disclosure purposes to identify activities that may require approval from one or more regulatory agencies. For purposes of this form it is not meant to indicate whether or not those activities may require mitigation/replacement.



## PART FIVE: Applicant Signature

Check here if you are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU based on the information you have provided. Regulatory entities will not initiate a formal application review if this box is checked.

By signature below, I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this application.

## Attachment A

# Request for Delineation Review, Wetland Type Determination, or Jurisdictional Determination

By submission of the enclosed wetland delineation report, I am requesting that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District (Corps) and/or the Wetland Conservation Act Local Government Unit (LGU) provide me with the following (check all that apply):

**Wetland Type Confirmation**

**Delineation Concurrence.** Concurrence with a delineation is a written notification from the Corps and a decision from the LGU concurring, not concurring, or commenting on the boundaries of the aquatic resources delineated on the property. Delineation concurrences are generally valid for five years unless site conditions change. Under this request alone, the Corps will not address the jurisdictional status of the aquatic resources on the property, only the boundaries of the resources within the review area (including wetlands, tributaries, lakes, etc.).

**Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination.** A preliminary jurisdictional determination (PJD) is a non-binding written indication from the Corps that waters, including wetlands, identified on a parcel may be waters of the United States. For purposes of computation of impacts and compensatory mitigation requirements, a permit decision made on the basis of a PJD will treat all waters and wetlands in the review area as if they are jurisdictional waters of the U.S. PJDs are advisory in nature and may not be appealed.

**Approved Jurisdictional Determination.** An approved jurisdictional determination (AJD) is an official Corps determination that jurisdictional waters of the United States are either present or absent on the property. AJDs can generally be relied upon by the affected party for five years. An AJD may be appealed through the Corps administrative appeal process.

In order for the Corps and LGU to process your request, the wetland delineation must be prepared in accordance with the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual, any approved Regional Supplements to the 1987 Manual, and the *Guidelines for Submitting Wetland Delineations in Minnesota* (2013).

<http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/DelineationJDGuidance.aspx>