

GETTING A WETLAND PERMIT

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT WETLANDS

Healthy wetlands are vital for our ecosystems and communities, and some have been treated poorly in the past. As a result, there are both state and local rules for what you can and cannot do around a wetland. In some cases, these rules require planting buffers -- a vegetated area between a wetland and developed area -- to protect its health.

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) handles permits for projects near wetlands and will also help you navigate state Wetland Conservation Act rules. MCWD provides this guide to make the process as clear as possible. Learn more: www.minnehahacreek.org/permits | permitting@minnehahacreek.org | (952) 641-4532

1. GET WETLAND "DELINEATED"

A delineation determines the official boundaries of a wetland. Find a list of certified delineators at www.minnehahacreek.org/delineators

2. TURN IN 2 APPLICATIONS

Submit the state's Wetland Boundary and Type application and the MCWD's Water Resources Permit Application to the MCWD. Both are available at www.minnehahacreek.org/permit-applications

STATE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION (15 BUSINESS DAYS)

The District will let you know if your state application is complete

15 BUSINESS DAY COMMENT PERIOD

The state Technical Evaluation Panel may comment on project

WITHIN 60 CALENDAR DAYS OF COMPLETION NOTICE

MCWD issues decision on the type of your wetland and its boundary and notifies you

MCWD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION (15 BUSINESS DAYS)

The District will let you know if your MCWD application is complete

14 CALENDAR DAY COMMENT PERIOD

Residents may comment on project (a postcard will be mailed to neighbors within 600 feet of property describing the project)

WITHIN 60 CALENDAR DAYS OF COMPLETION NOTICE

MCWD notifies you if permit is approved or not

3. RECORD "DECLARATION"

Record required wetland buffers to your property with a "property declaration" -- prepared by MCWD -- at your county office and bring signed declaration to MCWD office

RECEIVE YOUR PERMIT!