



State of Vermont  
**PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

<b>FLOOD HAZARD AREA PERMIT</b>
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<b>SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT</b>	Any development within the FEMA designated 100-year floodplain (Special Flood Hazard Area) in a community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires a local development permit. These applications for local development permits must come to ANR for State review and comment to ensure compliance with NFIP minimum standards.
<b>EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY</b>	The NFIP defines development in a Special Flood Hazard Area to include any human-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including the construction of buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations, or the storage of equipment or materials
<b>CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION</b>	Any new development (as defined above) or substantial improvement to an existing structure at least partially inside a Special Flood Hazard Area as shown on the community's most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM).
<b>INFORMATION REQUIRED</b>	ANR review of flood hazard area permit application requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A full copy of the municipal development application</li> <li>- Thorough description of the proposed development, including the extent of all types of development listed above</li> <li>- Site plan showing existing and proposed contours/elevations in the same datum as the most recent NFIP map, Floodway delineation and Flood Fringe delineation</li> <li>- In Special Flood Hazard Areas without a base flood elevation, the development of an elevation is required in accordance with the publication <i>FEMA-265: Managing Floodplain Development in Approximate Zone A Areas</i></li> </ul>
<b>WEB ADDRESS</b>	<a href="http://www.vtwaterquality.org/rivers/htm/rv_floodhazard.htm">http://www.vtwaterquality.org/rivers/htm/rv_floodhazard.htm</a>
<b>FEES</b>	There is no state fee for review of applications for development in Special Flood Hazard Areas; local zoning permit fees apply.
<b>APPLICATION TIME FRAME</b>	ANR has 30 days upon receipt to review and comment on applications for development in Special Flood Hazard Areas before a permit can be issued by the municipality.

**ADMINISTERING  
AGENCY**

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**AUTHORITY**

24 V.S.A. §4424

**APPLICABLE  
RULES**

44 CFR Parts 59, 60, 65, and 70; Local municipal flood hazard area regulations

**APPEAL  
PROCESS**

Denial of a local permit for development in a Special Flood Hazard Area following comments by ANR may be appealed in accordance with the appeals process adopted in the municipal zoning ordinance or flood hazard area regulations.

**OTHER PERMITS**

Certain development within the Special Flood Hazard Area may also require Army Corps of Engineer permits, Stream Alteration permits, Shoreland Encroachment permits, or other permits pertaining to development in or near Vermont water bodies. Contact a [Permit Specialist](mailto:PermitSpecialist@anr.state.vt.us) for a Project Review Sheet. <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ead/pa/index.htm>