



State of Vermont  
**PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

<b>WETLANDS PERMIT</b>
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<b>SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM</b>	The purpose of this program is to protect significant wetlands in Vermont. The Vermont Wetland Rules establish a three-tier classification system for wetlands.
<b>EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY</b>	Placement of fill for an access road, discharge of stormwater into wetlands, excavation of ponds. Any activity with the wetland or 50-foot buffer zone.
<b>CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION</b>	Class One and Class Two wetlands are designated significant wetlands based on the function and value they provide. The rules refer to the Vermont Significant Wetland Inventory maps of all the protected wetlands, and criteria for presuming a wetland is significant under Section 4.6 of the Rules. Classification can be determined by the secretary for mapped or unmapped wetlands through a Wetland Determination. Activities that are allowed within the significant wetlands and their adjacent buffer zones without review under the rules, provided there is no draining, dredging, filling, grading or alteration of the water flow are listed in Section 6 of the Rules. All uses that are not allowed uses require either an Individual Wetland Permit or Vermont Wetland General Permit. If an individual is unsure whether a permit is required, the Wetlands Coordinator should be contacted.
<b>INFORMATION REQUIRED</b>	Application forms for permits and determinations are available from the Vermont Wetlands Office and from our website.
<b>WEB ADDRESS</b>	<a href="http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/permits/htm/pm_cud.htm">http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/permits/htm/pm_cud.htm</a>
<b>FEES</b>	<p>Minimum Application Fee \$100.00 PLUS:</p> <p>(A) \$0.12 per square foot of proposed impact to Class I or II wetlands;</p> <p>(B) \$0.09 per square foot of proposed impact to Class I or II wetland buffers;</p> <p>(C) Maximum fee, for the conversion of Class II wetlands or wetland buffers to cropland use, \$200.00 per application. For purposes of this subdivision, "cropland" means land that is used for the production of agricultural crops, including row crops, fibrous plants, pasture, fruit-bearing bushes, trees or vines and the production of Christmas trees;</p> <p>For further information please refer to the web-site:</p> <p><a href="http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/wetlands.htm">http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/wetlands.htm</a></p>
<b>APPLICATION TIME FRAME</b>	The performance standard for processing a complete application is 90 days

without a hearing and 120 days with a hearing.

**ADMINISTERING  
AGENCY**

**AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
WATER QUALITY DIVISION**

103 So. Main St – 10 North, Waterbury VT 05671-0408

District Maps: [http://www.vtwaterquality.org/wetlands/html/wl\\_districts.htm](http://www.vtwaterquality.org/wetlands/html/wl_districts.htm)

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**WEB-SITE:** [http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/permits/html/pm\\_cud.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/permits/html/pm_cud.htm)

**AUTHORITY**

10 V.S.A. § 905(a)(7-9) & V.S.A. § 2822(j)(26)

**APPLICABLE  
RULES**

Natural Resources Board Vermont Wetland Rules  
Effective February 23, 1990, and amended August 1, 2010

**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  
AND APPROVALS**

Contact a [Permit Specialist](#) for a Project Review Sheet.

<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ead/pa/index.htm>