



FLOOD HAZARD AREA APPLICATION CHECKLIST

General Permit 4— Creation, restoration, and enhancement of habitat and water quality values and functions

CALL NJDEP AT (609) 777-0454 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

All applications for authorization under general permit 4 must be submitted electronically through the submission system at <https://njdeponline.com>. Follow the registration process and create an account. To apply, select the service "Apply for a Land Use Permit or Authorization."

For more information on submitting an electronic application, visit https://nj.gov/dep/landuse/eservices/lur_auth_permits.html.

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1. A completed [Property Owner Certification form](#)
 - Acceptable file formats include pdf, jpg, and png.

2. Public notice:

A completed [Public Notice form](#). All documentation necessary to demonstrate that notice of the application has been provided in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:13-19 must be attached to the form (see below for details).

- Acceptable file formats include pdf, jpg, and png.

Documentation of public notice is required as follows:

- i. Notice to municipal clerk (N.J.A.C. 7:13-19.3(a))

A copy of the entire application, as submitted to the Department, must be provided to the municipal clerk in each municipality in which the site is located. The application consists of a description of the project, the specific permit(s)/authorization(s) being sought, and all items that will be uploaded to the online service, including all required items on this checklist.

- Documentation of compliance with this requirement shall consist of a copy of the certified United States Postal Service white mailing receipt, or other written receipt, for each copy of the application sent.

- ii. Notice to governmental entities and property owners (N.J.A.C. 7:13-19.3(b) and (c))

A brief description of the proposed project, a legible copy of the site plan, and the form notice letter described at N.J.A.C. 7:13-19.3(d)1iii must be sent to the following recipients:

- A. The construction official of each municipality in which the site is located;
- B. The environmental commission, or other government agency with similar responsibilities, of each municipality in which the site is located;
- C. The planning board of each municipality in which the site is located;

- D. The planning board of each county in which the site is located;
- E. The local Soil Conservation District if the regulated activity or project will disturb 5,000 square feet or more of land; and
- F. Adjacent property owners:

If the application is for one of the following projects (listed at N.J.A.C. 7:13-19.3(c)1-6), notice shall be sent to all owners of real property, including easements, located within 200 feet of any proposed above-ground structure, except for any conveyance lines suspended above the ground or small utility support structures (e.g. telephone poles):

- A linear project of one-half mile or longer
- A public project on a site of 50 acres or more
- An industrial or commercial project on a site of 100 acres or more
- A project to remove sediment or debris from a channel of one-half mile or longer

For any other project, notice shall be sent to all owners of real property, including easements, located within 200 feet of the site of the proposed regulated activity.

The owners of real property, including easements, shall be those on a list that was certified by the municipality, with a date of certification no more than one year prior to the date the application is submitted.

- Documentation of compliance with this requirement shall consist of:
 1. A copy of the certified United States Postal Service white mailing receipt for each public notice that was mailed, or other written receipt;
 2. A certified list of all owners of real property, including easements, located within 200 feet of the property boundary of the site (including name, mailing address, lot, and block) prepared by the municipality for each municipality in which the project is located. The date of certification of the list shall be no earlier than one year prior to the date the application is submitted to the Department; and
 3. A copy of the form notice letter.
- The form notice letter required under N.J.A.C. 7:13-19.3(d)1iii shall read as follows:

"This letter is to provide you with legal notification that an application for an authorization under flood hazard area general permit 4 <<has been/will be>> submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Resource Protection for the development shown on the enclosed plan(s). A brief description of the proposed project follows: <<INSERT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT>>

The complete permit application package can be reviewed at either the municipal clerk's office in the municipality in which the site subject to the application is located, or by appointment at the Department's Trenton Office. The Department of Environmental Protection welcomes comments and any information that you may provide concerning the proposed development and site. Please submit your written comments within 15 calendar days of receiving this letter to:

*New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Land Resource Protection
P.O. Box 420, Code 501-02A
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Attn: (Municipality in which the property is located) Supervisor"*

iii. Newspaper notice (N.J.A.C. 7:13-19.4)

Newspaper notice, in the form of a legal notice or display advertisement in the official newspaper of the municipality(ies) in which the project site is located, or if no official newspaper exists, in a newspaper with general circulation in the municipality(ies), is required for the following projects:

- A. A linear project of one-half mile or longer
- B. A public project on a site of 50 acres or more
- C. An industrial or commercial project on a site of 100 acres or more
- D. A project to remove sediment or debris from a channel of one-half mile or longer

If your project is not one listed above, newspaper notice is not required.

- Documentation of newspaper notice shall consist of:
 - 1. A copy of the published newspaper notice; and
 - 2. The date and name of the newspaper in which notice was published.
- The newspaper notice may be either a legal notice or display advertisement and must read as follows:

“Take notice that an application for a flood hazard area general permit 4<<has been/will be>> submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Resource Protection for the development described below:

APPLICANT:

PROJECT NAME:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

PROJECT STREET ADDRESS:

BLOCK: LOT:

MUNICIPALITY: COUNTY:

The complete permit application package can be reviewed at either the municipal clerk’s office in the municipality in which the site subject to the application is located, or by appointment at the Department’s Trenton Office. The Department of Environmental Protection welcomes comments and any information that you may provide concerning the proposed development and site. Please submit your written comments within 15 calendar days of the date of this notice:

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Division of Land Resource Protection
P.O. Box 420, Code 501-02A
501 East State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Attn: (Municipality in which the property is located) Supervisor”*

iv. Notice for projects located in the Pinelands Area

For a project in the Pinelands Area as designated under the Pinelands Protection Act at N.J.S.A. 13:18A-11.a, documentation showing that a copy of the application form has been provided to the New Jersey Pinelands Commission. The “application form” will consist of a description of the project, including the lot, block, municipality, and county, and the specific permit(s)/authorization(s) being sought.

3. Site plans:

All site plans must include the scale of the site plans, a north arrow, the name of the person who prepared the plans, date the site plans were prepared, and the applicant’s name and the block, lot, and municipality in which the site is located. In addition, the site plans shall include the following information, both on and adjacent to the site, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:13-18.4(a)4:

- i. Existing features:
 - A. Lot Lines and right-of-way lines;
 - B. Structures; and
 - C. Land cover and vegetation.
 - ii. Proposed regulated activities:
 - A. All proposed regulated activities such as changes in lot lines; the size, location, and details of any proposed structures, roads, or utilities; details of any clearing, grading, filling, and excavation; the location and area of any riparian zone vegetation that will be disturbed; cross-sections of regulated waters or water control structures being analyzed; and the anticipated limits of disturbance; and
 - B. Details of any planting to restore disturbed areas in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:13-6.7(b)5.
 - iii. Topography:
 - A. Existing and proposed topography. All topography must reference NGVD or include the appropriate conversion factor to NGVD.
 - iv. Soil erosion and sediment control:
 - A. Details of any proposed soil erosion and sediment control measures.
 - v. Riparian zone:
 - A. The location of any riparian zone onsite (see N.J.A.C. 7:13-4.1).
 - vi. Metes and bounds description:
 - A. Where a verification is required under N.J.A.C. 7:13-5.5:

A metes and bounds description of any existing and proposed flood hazard area and floodway limits onsite as well as the flood hazard elevation, including identification of the method in N.J.A.C. 7:13-3 that was used to determine these limits.
 - B. Where a verification is not required under N.J.A.C. 7:13-5.5:

A metes and bounds description is not required under this general permit.
 - vii. Flood hazard area/floodway information:
 - A. Where a verification is required under N.J.A.C. 7:13-5.5:

If the entire site lies within a flood hazard area and/or floodway, the site plans shall indicate this, as well as the elevation(s) of the flood hazard area design flood throughout the site; and
 - B. Where a verification is not required under N.J.A.C. 7:13-5.5:

A depiction of any flood hazard area and floodway limits shown on a Department delineation or FEMA flood insurance study, if such depictions exist (see N.J.A.C. 7:13-3).
 - viii. Details of construction proposed in a regulated water, if work is proposed in a regulated water:
 - A. A thorough description of proposed construction methods;
 - B. A timetable for construction; and
 - C. Details of any trenching, diversionary channels, temporary piping, and other disturbances to the regulated water.
- Acceptable file formats include pdf and zip. Site plans must be certified in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:13-18.2(j) and prepared according to the Department's [site plan specifications](#) for electronic site plans. All plans must be digitally signed and sealed by a New Jersey licensed professional engineer, surveyor, or architect, as appropriate, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:40-7.2 through 7.4, with signatures and seals that meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:40-8.1A. Site plans with electronic signatures, such as scans of site plans with a handwritten signature, will not be accepted.

4. Photographs:

- i. Color photographs depicting:
 - A. The entire project area; and
 - B. Any section(s) of channel or riparian zone that will be disturbed by the project.
 - ii. A photo location map showing the location and direction from which each photograph was taken.
- Acceptable file formats include pdf, doc, docx, jpg, zip, ppt, and pptx.

5. A compliance statement that includes the following:

- i. A written narrative explaining how each requirement of general permit 4 at N.J.A.C. 7:13-9.4 will be met by the proposed project;
 - ii. A list of all limits and requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:13-6.7, Conditions applicable to a permit-by-rule or to an authorization pursuant to a general permit-by-certification or a general permit, that apply to the proposed project and an explanation of how the project complies with each requirement, including:
 - A. A written narrative of avoidance and/or minimization of impacts to threatened or endangered wildlife or plant species habitat in and near the project area, as applicable; and
 - iii. A description of the site characteristics and the location of the proposed project, potential impacts from the construction process, and, as applicable, any monitoring or reporting methods that will be used.
- The required compliance statement should be uploaded under the attachment type "Environmental Report with Site Location Maps." Acceptable file formats include pdf, doc, docx, rtf, and zip.

6. Color copies of the following maps:

- i. The tax map for the property;
 - ii. A copy of the portion of the county road map showing the property location; and
 - iii. A copy of the USGS quad map(s) that includes the site, with the site clearly outlined to scale.
- The required maps should be uploaded with the compliance statement under the attachment type "Environmental Report with Site Location Maps." Acceptable file formats include pdf, doc, docx, rtf, and zip.

7. Calculations and analyses:

- i. Where regulated activities result in the placement of fill material in a flood hazard area, an engineering certification confirming that the flood storage displacement limitations of N.J.A.C. 7:13-11.4 are met, the contents of which are set forth in the definition of "engineering certification" at N.J.A.C. 7:13-1.2; and
 - ii. Where regulated activities are proposed within a channel or floodway, an engineering certification confirming that the project will not increase offsite flooding during any flood event described in N.J.A.C. 7:13-12.1(i), the contents of which are set forth in the definition of "engineering certification" at N.J.A.C. 7:13-1.2.
- Any calculations or analyses submitted as part of an application must include the certification set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:13-18.2(j). Engineering certifications must be in pdf format and must be digitally signed and sealed by a New Jersey licensed professional engineer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:40-8.1A. Engineering certifications with electronic signatures, such as scans of certifications with a handwritten signature, will not be accepted.

8. A verification, if required for the project under N.J.A.C. 7:13-5.5:

If a verification has not yet been obtained, an application for a verification may be submitted with this general permit application through the online service. If a verification has been obtained, include documentation with the compliance statement under the attachment type "Environmental Report with Site Location Maps."

9. Natural Heritage Program Letter:

A copy of an NJDEP, Office of Natural Lands Management Natural Heritage Database data request response for endangered or threatened species of flora or fauna, including a Landscape Map report, if available

- Acceptable file formats include pdf, jpg, and png.

10. Additional requirements:

i. Habitat project approval letter – applies only if the applicant is not one of the following entities:

- NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife
- NJDEP Office of Natural Resource Restoration
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- A government resource protection agency (such as a parks commission)
- A charitable conservancy

The habitat project approval letter must be one of the following:

- A. Written approval for the plan from one of the entities listed above
- B. A copy of an approved mitigation plan under N.J.A.C. 7:13-9.4(b)1ii

- Acceptable file formats include pdf, jpg, and png.

ii. Highlands applicability determination (highlands exemption) – applies only if the project is located within the Highlands Preservation Area

- Acceptable file formats include pdf, jpg, and png.

iii. Conservation restriction – applies only if the proposed project is subject to an existing conservation restriction

- Acceptable file formats include pdf, jpg, and png.