

Instructions for Statement of No Interest Applications

A Statement of No Interest is an official document issued by the State of New Jersey attesting to the fact that a particular property or area is free from all state tidelands claims.

As stated in N.J.S.A. 12:3-10 and N.J.S.A. 13:1B-13, state-owned tidelands are defined as all lands currently and formerly flowed by the mean high tide of a natural waterway. These lands are known as Tidelands Claims. For example, if a property was bisected by a small tidal tributary of the Delaware River in 1920 and this tributary was filled in without a state conveyance in 1922, the area that was once occupied by that tributary is a Tidelands Claim. This claim represents a cloud on the property owner's title.

A Statement of No Interest may be obtained for some properties as evidence that no such claim exists. These documents are only issued when an applicant can prove beyond all doubt that the State of New Jersey has no tidelands claim to that particular parcel.

Statement of No Interest applications will only be considered in the following circumstances:

1. The state's claim is in close proximity to the subject property.
2. The subject property is affected by a Tidelands Claim according to the adopted Tidelands map, but the applicant questions the validity of that claim.
3. The subject property has an undefended shoreline that has been augmented by natural accretion.

Statement of No Interest applications will not be considered in these circumstances:

1. The state's claim is not in close proximity to the subject property.
2. The subject property is affected by a Tidelands Claim according to the adopted Tidelands map, but the claim has been eradicated by an existing valid conveyance such as a riparian grant. If the validity of the existing conveyance is in doubt, please submit a grant application.

Statements of No Interest often require complex processing as well as significant amounts of research. Therefore, a Statement of No Interest may take up to one year to obtain.

The State of New Jersey is under no obligation to issue a Statement of No Interest.

Statement of No Interest Application Requirements*:

The materials listed in Section A are required for all Statement of No Interest Applications. Some applications will have further requirements as described in Sections B – E. Please note that an application may have requirements from multiple sections.

A. All applications must include the following:

1. **Statement of No Interest Application Form** – completed and signed by all persons listed as the current owner on the most recent recorded deed
2. **Application Support Letter** - a typed explanation providing the reason that the subject property qualifies for a Statement of No Interest
3. **Affidavit of Title** – completed, signed by all persons listed on the current recorded deed, and notarized
4. **Recorded Deed** – a copy of the current deed as recorded in the County Clerk's office
5. **Property Survey** – four (4) copies of a survey; each copy must meet all of the following requirements:
 - Signed and sealed by a New Jersey Licensed Land Surveyor; photocopies of plans and/or plans that do not bear the signature and seal of a New Jersey Licensed Land Surveyor will not be accepted.
 - Provide a signed survey metes and bounds description that matches the submitted survey, defining the perimeter of the parcel being covered by the SNI. It must be revised when any survey revisions are made and it must be on the letterhead of the survey company as it will become an attachment to those grant documents that require a metes and bounds description.
 - Depicts the existing and proposed conditions of the property.
 - Provides the date of the original drawing and of any revisions; the date of either the original drawing or of the most recent revision must be current.
 - Provides the owner's name, tax lot and block, municipality and county for the subject property.
 - Drawn to scale in either a 1"=10', 1"=20', 1"=30', 1"=40', 1"=50' or 1"=60' scale; other scales will not be accepted.
 - Provides the standard engineering scale used.
 - Includes a graphic scale.
 - Includes a north arrow.

- Depicts the complete upland of the subject property and provides a point of beginning (POB) on the property line that is defined with an X-Y Coordinate using the NJ Plane Coordinate System (NJPCS), 1983 North American Datum (NAD) in feet; from this POB all appropriate bearings and distances around the entire parcel perimeter must be defined and record title must be clearly marked.
- Provides all bearings in degrees, minutes, seconds as whole numbers (no decimals: e.g. N 14 degrees, 56 minutes, 36.5 seconds E would not be accepted).
- Provides all distances to two decimals with positional tolerance of +/- .07 feet.
- Provides the total square footage of the property, rounded up the whole foot. If the area to be covered by the SNI is different from that of record title, the SNI area is to be described by proper bearings and distances with the square footage provided, and this outer parcel perimeter must close and be described in the metes and bounds description.
- Depicts the location of the current (or former) mean high water line as applicable. If the MHWL defines the outer perimeter of the parcel, then it must have proper bearings and distances defining it.
- Depicts the location of the Tidelands Claim Line and notes the source of the line.
- Depicts all abutting lots/blocks, streets, waterways, etc.
- Provides the location of any existing tidelands conveyances (grants, licenses, Statements of No Interest, etc.) on the subject property if applicable.
- DOES NOT SHOW extraneous survey details such as (but not limited to) soundings, elevations, and additional upland features (e.g. buildings, landscaping, walkways). A Tidelands Survey should be clear of all such items though they may be appropriate for a typical permit plan.
- Ensures all lines that run to an existing, retaining wall, rip-rap, or other such structure, are measured to the waterside face of the bulkhead or structure rather than to a point in the middle of the bulkhead or structure.

B. For applications that are based upon accepted circumstance #2 for applying for a Statement of No Interest as described above, the following must also be provided:

1. **Extensive and incontrovertible evidence** demonstrating the error in the State's claim

C. For applications that are based upon accepted circumstance #3 for applying for a Statement of No Interest as described above, the following must also be provided:

2. **Extensive and incontrovertible evidence** of the occurrence of natural (completely uninfluenced by human activities) accretion

D. Applicants not applying as either private citizens or as Condominium Associations (i.e. companies, corporate entities, government agencies, counties, municipalities, etc.) must also submit the following:

1. **Organization Data Form** – only a person(s) listed on this form may sign the other forms that are associated with the application (i.e. Statement of No Interest Application Form, Affidavit of Title)

E. When applicants are applying as a Condominium Association, the following additional requirements apply:

1. The application must include a copy of the **first two pages of the Master Deed** in addition to the recorded deeds of all individual unit owners.

2. All required forms must be completed in the name of the Condominium Association.

***An application fee will be required for all Statements of No Interest prior to the commencement of application review. However, do not submit any money with the initial application. A bill will be sent from the Department of Treasury upon the application's receipt. All payments must be directed to the Department of Treasury rather than to the Bureau of Tidelands Management.**

Submit all applications to:

State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Tidelands Management
P.O. Box 420 Code 501-02B
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

Do Not Send by Certified Mail

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact the Technical Support Center at (609) 777-0454.



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STATEMENT OF NO INTEREST (SNI) APPLICATION FORM^{***}

PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAMES AND SIGNATURES OF ALL PERSONS LISTED ON THE CURRENT RECORDED DEED
 ATTACH A SIGNATURE ADDENDUM PAGE IF MORE THAN TWO SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED

Title Holder(s)				
Name(s):				
Mailing Address:		City:		State:
Zip Code:	Daytime Telephone Number:		Email Address:	
Site Location				
Address:		Municipality:		County:
Block:	Lot:	Waterway:	Purchase Date:	Sale Date (if applicable):
N.A.D. 1983 State Plane Coordinates (feet) 6 digits only (if known): E (x):			N (y):	
Agent Information (optional)				
Agent Name:				
Mailing Address:		City:		State:
Zip Code:	Telephone Number:		Email Address:	
Signatures				
<i>I, the undersigned, hereby request a Statement of No Interest from the State of New Jersey. I recognize that the State is under no obligation to issue the desired SNI and that said SNI is not valid until delivered.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I agree to act as my own representative in all matters pertaining to my Tidelands Statement of No Interest.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I authorize the person named above to act as my agent in all matters pertaining to my Tidelands Statement of No Interest. I understand that the Bureau of Tidelands Management will correspond only with this agent. Furthermore, I understand that I should direct future questions or concerns regarding my conveyance to my agent. This agreement will remain in effect unless I submit written notification to the Bureau of Tidelands Management.</i>				
Signature of Title Holder:				Date:
Print Name:				
Signature of Title Holder:				Date:
Print Name:				

*****Please attach a typed explanation providing the reasons the subject property qualifies for an SNI**



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AFFIDAVIT OF TITLE

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I, the undersigned, being of lawful age, hereby attest to the following:

1. I am the current owner of the following property:

Address _____

Municipality _____

County _____

Block _____

Lot _____

2. I am the owner of this property by virtue of the following deed:

Date of Deed _____

Recorded in County of _____

Deed Book _____

Page Number _____

3. I have not sold or in any other way relinquished my ownership interest in this property.

 Signature of Title Holder

 Signature of Title Holder

 Date

 Date

 Print Name

 Print Name

 Signature of Notary Public

 Date

Affix Seal:



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ORGANIZATION DATA FORM***

ATTACH AN ADDITIONAL PAGE IF SPACE FOR MORE THAN FOUR NAMES IS NEEDED

Organization Information	
Name of Organization:	
Address of Principal Office:	
Authorized Persons	
Please list the persons authorized to act on behalf of the above organization:	
Name:	Title:
Address:	
Name:	Title:
Address:	
Name:	Title:
Address:	
Name:	Title:
Address:	
Name:	Title:
Address:	
Organization Data	
Is this organization based in New Jersey? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If No, is this organization authorized to do business in New Jersey? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is the organization currently in good standing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If No, please explain.	
When was the First Annual Report filed with the Secretary of State in Trenton?	
Are there any Franchise Taxes currently due to the Corporation Tax Bureau? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, in what year were the last taxes paid?	

***Complete this form only if the applicant is not a private citizen



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SIGNATURE ADDENDUM PAGE

Addendum to:	
Signatures	
Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	
Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	
Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	
Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	
Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	

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