

NAVIGATING SHOALS AND RAPIDS OF PERMITTING





WHAT 'N WHO

Permits, Certifications, Permission

- PRIVATE – Individual, HOA, Corporate
- LOCAL – Municipal, County
- STATE – Ga DNR
- FEDERAL – Corps of Engineers




PRIVATE

- INDIVIDUALS AND HOA:
- Get legal easements
- Clarify liability
- Property improvements may raise tax assessment for owner



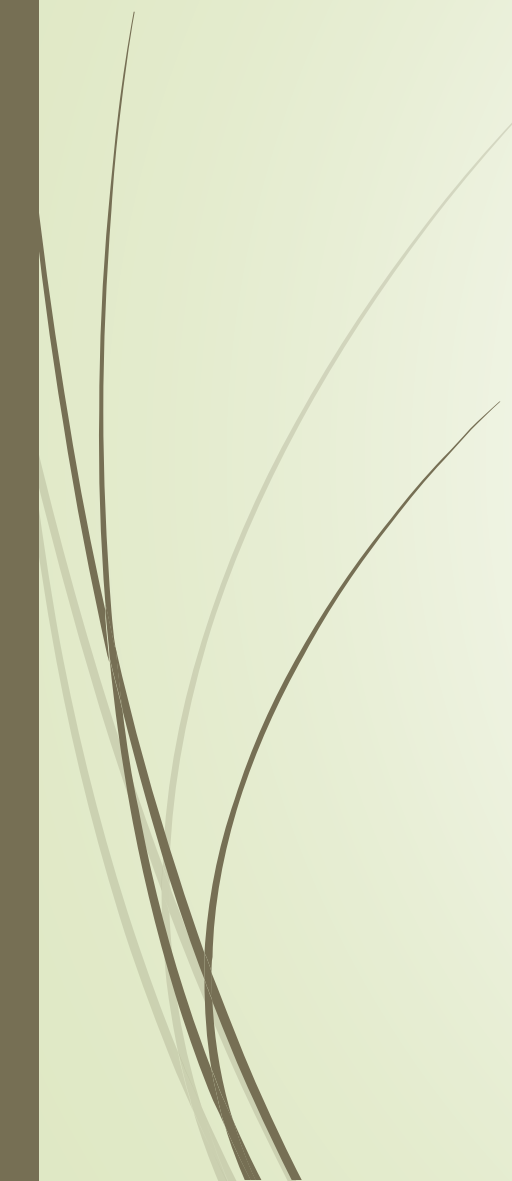
PRIVATE (cont)


- **CORPORATE:** You probably want an attorney to work through the legal understanding.
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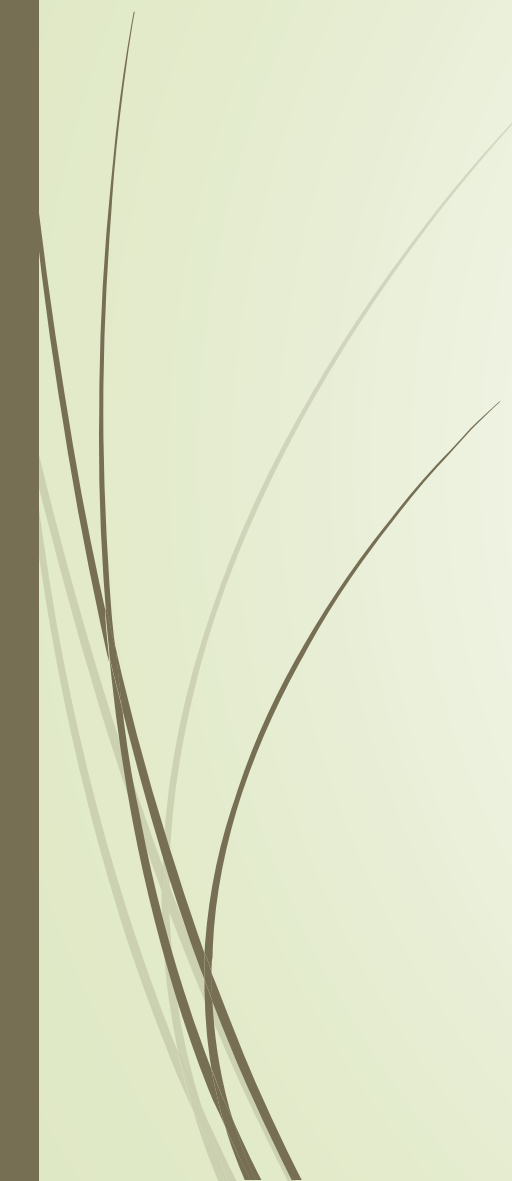
LOCAL


Municipal and County Requirements

- ▶ Stream buffers : Local jurisdictions may have larger buffers than State mandated 25 foot minimum requirements.
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LOCAL (CONT)

- Erosion and Sedimentation: May need a formal E&S design plan by a PE. This would include the launch and ancillary amenities such as parking and sanitation.
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LOCAL (CONT)


Probably will require compliance with
ADA (American Disabilities Act)

May require trash/litter and sanitation



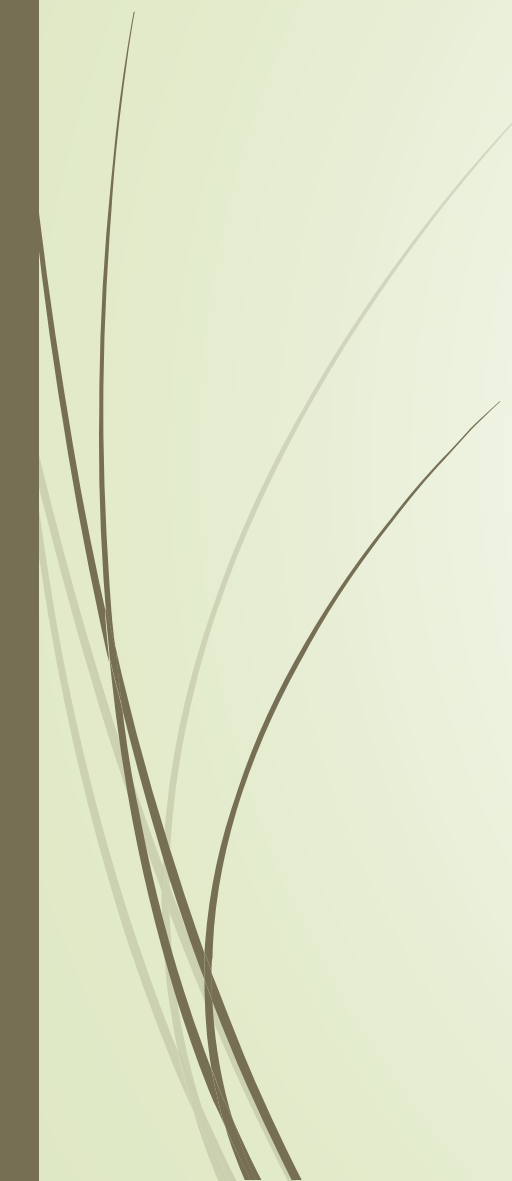
STATE

- Erosion and sedimentation variances (EPD)
- State species of concern (WRD)
- Historical and archeological (DNR)
- Section 401 Water Quality Certification, if necessary (EPD)



STATE (cont)

Revocable License (CRD) for impacts to certain coastal resource waters and wetlands.





FEDERAL

- FEDERAL CLEAN WATER PERMIT:
Savannah District, US Army Corps of Engineers, if required, thru either:
- Nationwide General Permit 36, Boat Ramps, or
- Regional General Permit RGP-35, Public Boat Ramps and Docks

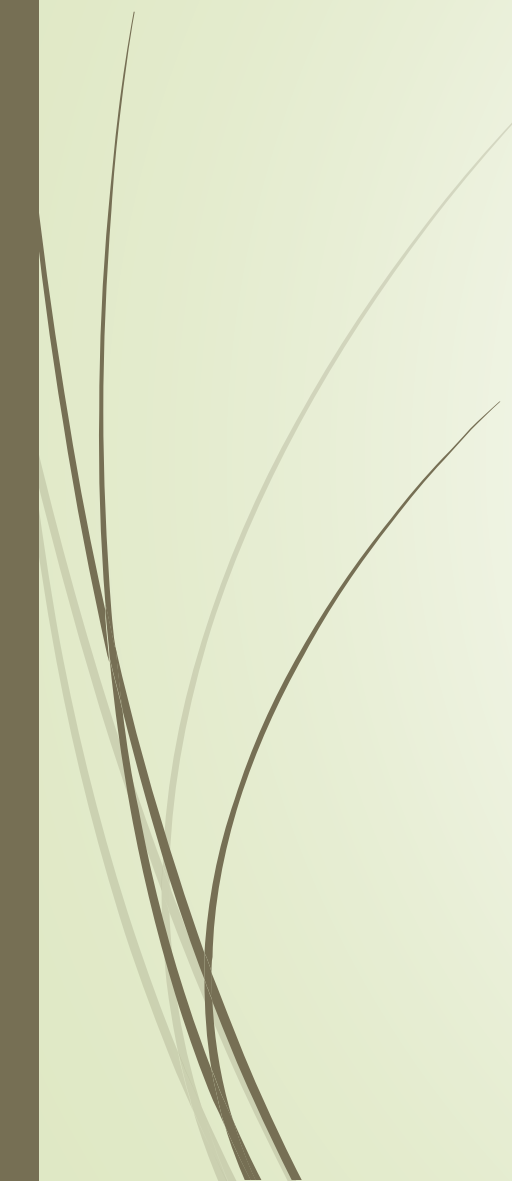


FEDERAL (cont)

- Extraneous concerns which may need to be addressed if Corps permit is required:
- Navigation (Savannah River up to Augusta, Brunswick shipping channel, St. Marys channel, Chatthoochee River up to Columbus, Corps of Eng. and TVA lakes);



FEDERAL (CONT)

- Coordinate the following with US FWS and Ga WRD
 - AQUATIC LIFE MOVEMENT (including anadromous spp.)
 - SPAWNING
 - SHELLFISH AND MUSSELL BEDS
 - MIGRATORY BIRD HABITAT AND BREEDING
 - BIRD MIGRATIONS INCL. BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLES
 - ENDANGERED SPECIES
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FEDERAL (cont)

- Other issues (cont)
- 303 (d) listed waters
- Wild and scenic designation (Jacks River and Chattooga) and Designated critical resource waters
- Historic properties and archaeology (Ga. DNR- Historic Preservation Div.)
- Post construction maintenance
- Water Quality and Section 401 WQ Certification (DNR-EPD, stormwater management, local E&S).



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CONTACTS:

Corps of Engineers:

www.sas.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permitting

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www.gadnr.org