

Glebe Harbor - Cabin Point Waterways

The Water Waze WINTER 2022



Navigating the Permit Process



The Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) is a state agency charged with overseeing Virginia's marine and aquatic resources and its tidal waters.

- a. They can answer most of your questions regarding fishing licenses and crabbing limitations: <https://mrc.virginia.gov/mrc-permits.shtm>
- b. Building a dock, pier, dredging a channel or installing a mooring buoy - The Virginia Marine Resources Commission holds almost all the saltwater bottomlands in public trust on behalf of all citizens of the commonwealth. If you are going to disturb water bottoms (in Virginia waters) you will need to fill out a Joint Permit Application or you will need a "NO Permit Needed" letter from the (VMRC).



Westmoreland County Wetlands Board is charged with protecting and improving water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. It considers the locality portion of joint applications to the VMRC and the Army Corps of Engineers for projects that affect tidal wetland and navigable waters, like piers, grading, riprap and bulkheads. The Wetlands Board conducts meetings once a month to consider applications for permits. Check with the county office for deadlines for submission of approvals. Permits fall under the Building and Zoning Department.

<https://www.westmorelandcounty.org/departments/building-zoning>



Corps of Engineers - Any person, firm, or agency planning to work in navigable waters of the US, or discharge (dump, place or deposit) dredged or fill material in waters of the US, including wetlands, must first obtain a permit from the Corps of Engineer



Do I need a Permit?

This is not an all or none question as it depends on the location of the property in Virginia and who owns the bottomland and rights of the body of water.

The best way to find out if you need a permit for a dock, rip rap or shoreline revetment is to consult:

1. Your state's regulations.
2. Then move to your county.
3. GHCPA Board

www.waterfrontpropertylaw.com/blog/posts/building-pier-in-virginia/

Glebe Harbor-Cabin Point

The community owns the bottomlands to Betty's Pond and Cabin Point Creek.

If your property is located in Betty's Pond or Cabin Point Creek, you need to get approval

For Information on Living
Shoreline Reimbursement
Programs
www.waswcd.org