



Butler Soil and Water Conservation District

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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) Permit Requirements

OEPA serves as the lead state agency for water quality. As such, several divisions may have regulatory authority over restoration, dam removals and other near stream projects.

1. Projects involving work within a stream may require a 401 Water Quality Certification from the Ohio EPA. Many restoration projects qualify under one or more nationwide permits—it is recommended that project managers coordinate with Ohio EPA very early in the planning process. Contact the Ohio EPA— Division of Surface Water at 614-644-2001 for information.

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) are the lead regulators under the federal Clean Water Act. Any project that proposes to dredge or place fill in any waters of the United States may be required to obtain a Section 10 Permit authorized under the Rivers & Harbors Act) and/or a Section 404 Permit authorized under the Clean Water Act. Regulated waters include all lakes, streams and wetlands.

1. If it is determined that either a Section 10 or CWA—404 permit is required for your project, you will be required to submit a project description and project drawings or plans that include both plan-view and a cross-section view. If your project is likely to affect a wetland, you will also need to include a delineation of the wetland and other water resources within the project vicinity. Four ACOE Districts have jurisdiction within Ohio. Contact any of the District Offices below to determine which ACOE District Office has jurisdiction within your project area:
 - a. Northern Ohio: Buffalo District—716-879-4330
 - b. Southern Ohio: Huntington District—304-529-5210
 - c. Some Ohio River Projects: Louisville District—502-582-5607
 - d. East-central Ohio: Pittsburgh District—412-395-7154

U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service

All section 319(h) projects must comply with provisions of the Federal Endangered Species Act. Compliance typically is demonstrated in the form of a consultation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS).

1. Prior to proceeding with a restoration, dam removal and/or other near-stream project a project manager must consult with the USFWS regarding the presence of any federally listed threatened and endangered plants and wildlife species. Contact the USFWS at 614-469-6923.

Butler County Building & Zoning - Flood Zone Regulations & Determinations

The Butler County Flood Damage Prevention Regulations were adopted to promote the public health, safety and general welfare, protect the natural function of streams, and to minimize public losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed to:

- Protect human life and health;
- Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
- Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- Minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets and bridges located in areas of special flood hazard;
- Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the proper use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to minimize future flood blight areas;
- Ensure that potential buyers are aware that property is in an area of special flood hazard, and
- Ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions.

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The District is a subdivision of the state of Ohio, and is assisted by the Butler County Commissioners, the Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Commission, and the Ohio Department of Agriculture through the Division of Soil and Water Conservation. **Technical assistance** for conservation practices is provided without charge by the Butler SWCD through the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) personnel. The objectives of the Butler SWCD include:

- Reduce soil erosion loss on both urban and agricultural lands.
- Improve water quality by serving as a **resource base** for water quality data and educating the public concerning storm water management and erosion control.
- To increase both the rural and urban communities' awareness of the value, need, and ways of conserving our natural resources.
- Promote woodland and wildlife management by local landowners.
- Conduct a strong informational and educational program in the schools and with the general public.
- Provide adequate funding, personnel and equipment to meet the future needs of district operations.