

Offshore Work Only Buffer Management Plan

This form cannot be used if any Buffer vegetation is disturbed or removed - see other Buffer Management Plans for Living Shoreline, Revetment, or Bulkhead projects.

This form provides the requirements for submitting a draft Buffer Management Plan under the Joint Permit Application for a shore erosion control project that is accessed via the water **and** that does **NOT** involve clearing, grading, disturbance or stockpiling on the land.

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete and submit Sections A & B of this form and the Buffer Notification Form (page 2) to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) as part of a complete Joint Permit Application.

SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Applicant Information:

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:	E-mail address:	

2. Work site address if different than above:

Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

SECTION B: CERTIFICATION

I certify that all proposed work associated with the tidal wetlands application at the above property will be performed from the water. There is adequate depth of water to gain access to the site. No clearing, grading, disturbance or stockpiling will occur on the land. I understand that authorization for the project proposed, if granted, will contain a special condition that requires that all work be conducted from the water. I understand that municipal or county staff may contact me and arrange to inspect the work. I will abide by the MDE authorization and will not conduct any work outside of the scope of the authorization. **I understand that if work does occur on the land, I must apply to MDE for a modification and submit an updated Buffer Management Plan. Failure to do so is a violation of State and local laws.** I certify that the information on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

****PLAN IS INVALID WITHOUT A PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE**

CRITICAL AREA BUFFER NOTIFICATION FORM
NOTICE TO SHORE EROSION CONTROL APPLICANTS

WHEN submitting a shore erosion control application to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the riparian property owner or their representative shall include this form along with the draft Buffer Management Plan.

Examples of Buffer Management Plans can be obtained by contacting the local government or the Critical Area Commission. This information is also available on the Commission's website found [here](#):

1. MDE may determine the application is incomplete if a **COMPLETED** DRAFT Buffer Management Plan or this form is not included with the application.
2. In addition to a federal or State authorization, a local government approval is required before you begin your project.
3. Before beginning any work, including site preparation and stockpiling of materials, the riparian property owner or their representative must obtain:
 - a. An authorization from MDE and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to construct and install a shore erosion control measure;
 - b. Approval of the Buffer Management Plan from the local jurisdiction; AND
 - c. Any other required local permits.
4. Buffer disturbance without a locally approved Buffer Management Plan or buffer disturbance that is not consistent with a locally approved Buffer Management Plan is a violation of State and local laws.

CERTIFICATION:

I have read and understand the requirements described in this NOTIFICATION FORM. I will abide by these requirements and the conditions of any State authorization and/or local approval. I will not begin any work without all required proper authorizations. Upon reasonable notice, I authorize the right to enter for periodic on-site evaluation by official representatives of the local Critical Area permitting authority.

SIGNATURE OF RIPARIAN PROPERTY OWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE:

PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS OF SHORE EROSION CONTROL PROJECT (Include city and zip):

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