

Example Shoreline Joint Permit Timeline

To manage and protect the shoreline, you will need a permit reviewed and approved jointly by three federal and state agencies: US Army Corps of Engineers, Illinois Department of Natural Resources Office of Water Resources, and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. This timeline provides a guide to the permitting process to inform your planning. Actual timeline will vary depending on the project scope of work, application content and level of completion, and public interest.

- Applicant
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Office of Water Resources
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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Plan Your Project

Scope Development.

Arrange a Pre-Application Meeting

It is strongly recommended that an applicant schedule a pre-application meeting during the early planning stage of a project. Please contact the USACE and the IDNR for such a request. The USACE and the IDNR may invite other federal and state agencies to the meeting for a more comprehensive review of the project. Based on the level of project detail, a determination may be made of the type of permit required and you will be provided with feedback for submitting a complete application package. The pre-application meeting may further inform you of specific steps and information needed to satisfy IEPA requirements, such as an antidegradation assessment and water quality data. The USACE, IDNR, and IEPA are available to assist you with more information regarding their permitting program.

Prepare Application Materials

At your pre-application meeting, you will receive guidance on the application materials you will need and when to submit them.

Joint Application—Apply

Submit Joint Application to USACE, IEPA and IDNR.

Joint Application—Apply

Submit online request for EcoCat review to IDNR Ecosystems. There may be a fee. A copy of the consultation report should be sent to IEPA.

Joint Application—Apply

Send request for Federal Consistency Review to IDNR Coastal Management Program by separate letter.

Joint Application—Review

USACE assigns project manager and case number. Provides initial review of the application submittal, determines if 401 certification is required and notifies IEPA and applicant by email or letter.

Joint Application—Review

IDNR reviews joint application, and requests any additional information needed from applicant.

Joint Application—Review

IEPA reviews joint application for completeness, assigns project manager and log number. Sends postcard or email to applicant to acknowledge receipt.

Section 39—Review

IEPA begins 90 day review for IDNR individual permit period for section 39 toward a Lake Michigan Final Determination. Each proposed revision to the project will trigger another 90 day review period. IEPA reports to IDNR.

10/404 Permit—Public Notice

USACE issues 30 day public notice for 10/404 permit.

10/404 Permit—Coordinate

USACE coordinates with IEPA on status of 401 certification review.

401 Certification—Review

IEPA begins 401 Certification process, as notified by USACE and may request additional information as necessary. Illinois Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/39.14) provides that the IEPA may, upon request and payment of an additional fee, conduct an expedited permit review within a time-frame that is mutually agreed upon by the applicant and the IEPA. Please contact the IEPA to find out more.

Federal Consistency—Public Notice

IDNR Coastal Management Program issues 30 day public notice for Federal Consistency Review.

Federal Consistency—Issue

IDNR Coastal Management Program completes Federal Consistency Review. Sends letter to applicant.

IDNR individual permit—Public Notice

IDNR issues 30 day public notice.

IDNR individual permit—Respond

Applicant responds to any comments from IDNR individual permit review.

10/404 Permit—Respond

USACE provides Public Notice comments to applicant for response. USACE reviews applicant's responses and provides additional review for the project. Sends applicant additional questions if warranted. Coordinates with IDNR and IEPA on status of review.

IDNR individual permit—Issue

IDNR OWR individual permit/IEPA Sec 39 Letter of Determination issued, if all required information has been provided and approved.

401 Certification—Public Notice

IEPA, upon completion of 401 anti-degradation review, issues 30 day Public Notice.

401 Certification—Respond

If public comments are received, IEPA may request additional information from applicant to develop a response. If a public hearing is requested then IEPA must decide whether to grant that request. Public involvement may significantly extend the time-frame.

401 Certification—Issue to USACE

IEPA may issue 401 Certification if no public comments are outstanding, and the review fee has been received.

10/404 Permit—Issue

USACE issues 10/404 Permit with attached conditions of the 401 Certification if no outstanding comments or concerns.

10/404 Permit—Acknowledge