

FILING FEE EXCERPT FROM BRP WPA Form 3 - Notice of Intent; Instructions and Supporting Materials

Instructions to Section F: Fees

A wetland application filing fee must accompany the Notice of Intent. The fee is based on the category of the proposed activity (described in 310 CMR 10.03(7)) and the resource area to be impacted by the activity. To calculate the filing fee, follow the instructions to the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form, below.

In summary, the total filing fee for a Notice of Intent that involves more than one activity is determined by adding the fees for each proposed activity. When work is proposed in the Riverfront Area, as well as another resource area or their Buffer Zones, add 50% to the fee for each activity in the Riverfront Area. For activities exclusively within the Riverfront Area, and not within other resource areas or their Buffer Zones, the fee is determined by adding the amounts for each proposed activity. The city/town share of the fee is the first \$25, plus half of the remaining total fee. The state share is half the total fee in excess of \$25.

Complete pages 1 and 2 of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form and send them, along with a check for the state share of the filing fee, payable to *the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, to DEP, Box 4062, Boston, MA 02211. Review of the Notice of Intent cannot begin until the fee is received.

Include check number and payor name information on the Notice of Intent to expedite fee payment confirmation.

No filing fee shall be assessed for projects of any city, town, county, or district of the Commonwealth, federally recognized Indian tribe housing authority, municipal housing authority, or the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

In addition, a notice of the application must be placed in a local newspaper, and published at least five days prior to the hearing, at the applicant's expense. Contact the Conservation Commission for the municipality where the project is located regarding the procedure for public newspaper notice.

Instructions for NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form. Calculating Wetland Filing Fees

The wetland filing fee should be calculated using the following steps based on a hypothetical project involving two driveway crossings through a Riverfront Area and Bordering Vegetated Wetland and six single family houses in Riverfront Area only.

Step 1/Type of Activity: Review plans and narrative to identify each activity in wetland resource areas and their applicable Buffer Zones. Example: driveway crossing and construction of a single family house.

Step 2/Number of Activities: Determine the number of each activity associated with the project. Example: driveway crossings and 6 single family homes.

Step 3/Individual Activity Fee: List the fee amount for each category of activity (see Category Activities and Fee, below) Example: Driveway crossing is a Category 2(f.) activity and is \$500 each. Construction of a single family house is a Category 2(a.) activity and is \$500 each.

Step 4/Subtotal Activity Fee: Determine the subtotal fee for each type of activity by multiplying the fee for the activity (Step 3) by the number of activities (Step 2). If the activity is within the Riverfront Area as well as another resource area or its Buffer Zone, add 50% to total fee (e.g., multiply the fee by 1.5). If the activity is located in a Riverfront Area only, apply the fee amount for the category without the additional 50%. Example: 2 (driveway crossings in BVW) x \$500 x 1.5 (for riverfront area) = \$1,500; 6 (single family homes) x \$500 = \$3,000.

Step 5/Total Project Fee: Add all the subtotals identified in Step 4 to determine the total fee. Example: \$1,500 + \$3,000 = \$4,500.

Step 6/Fee Payments: The state share of the fee is 50% of any filing fee in excess of \$25 (i.e., the state share can be determined by dividing the total fee in half and subtracting \$12.50); the remaining portion of the fee shall be made to the city or town (i.e., the City/Town share can be determined by dividing the total fee in half and adding \$12.50). Example: City/Town share: \$2,262.50; state share: \$2,237.50.

Category Activities and Fees

Category 1 (Fee for each activity is **\$110**):

- a.) work on single family lot; addition, pool, etc.;
- b.) site work without a house;
- c.) control vegetation;
- d.) resource improvement;
- e.) work on septic system separate from house;
- f.) monitoring well activities minus roadway;
- g.) new agricultural or aquaculture projects.

Category 2 (Fee for each activity is **\$500**):

- a.) construction of single family house;
- b.) parking lot;
- c.) beach nourishment;
- d.) electric generating facility activities;
- e.) inland limited projects minus road crossings and agriculture;
- f.) each crossing for driveway to single family house;
- g.) each project source (storm drain) discharge;
- h.) control vegetation in development;
- i.) water level variations;
- j.) any other activity not in Category 1, 3, 4, 5 or 6;
- k.) water supply exploration.

Category 3 (Fee for each activity is **\$1,050**):

- a.) site preparation (for development) beyond Notice of Intent scope;
- b.) each building (for development) including site;
- c.) road construction not crossing or driveway;
- d.) hazardous cleanup;
- e.) water supply development.

Category 4 (Fee for each activity is **\$1,450**):

- a.) each crossing for development or commercial road;
- b.) dam, sluiceway, tidegate (safety) work;
- c.) landfills operation/closures;
- d.) sand and gravel operations;
- e.) railroad line construction;
- f.) bridge;
- g.) hazardous waste alterations to resource areas;
- h.) dredging;
- i.) package treatment plant and discharge;
- j.) airport tree clearing;
- k.) oil and/or hazardous material release response actions.

Category 5 (Fee is **\$4 per linear foot**; total fee not less than \$100 or more than \$2,000):

- a.) work on docks, piers, revetments, dikes, etc. (coastal or inland).

Category 6 (Fee is **\$2 per linear foot for each resource area**): **For each resource area delineation, the fee shall not** exceed \$200 for activities associated with a single family house or \$2,000 for all other activities).

Additional examples of How to Calculate Wetland Filing Fees

Example 1: New single family house with associated work located within Riverfront Area (RA) only:

There is one Category 2 activity (2.a., single family home construction and associated work).

Fee for home and associated work (RA): = \$500

Total Fee: \$500

Fee due City/Town: \$262.50 ($\$500/2 + \12.50)

Fee due State: \$237.50 ($\$500/2 - \12.50)

Example 2 : Construction of 10 single family homes within a subdivision, eight of the homes are within a Riverfront Area (RA), and a portion of each of the two remaining homes are within Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and RA. There will be 4 stormwater discharges located within BVW's Buffer Zone. There also is one limited project access roadway reviewable under 310 CMR 10.53(3)(e) located in BVW and RA.

There are ten Category 2 projects (2(a.), 10 homes each involving work in a wetland resource area) and one Category 4 project 4(a.), limited project for access to residential subdivision). The fee for review of the stormwater discharges is included in Category 2(a.).

Fee for single family homes:

8 in RA (\$500 for each of the 8 homes) = \$4,000

2 in BVW: \$1,000 x 1.5 (RA) = \$1,500

Fee for limited project access: \$1,450 (BVW) x 1.5 (RA) = \$2,175

Total Fee: \$7,675

Fee due City/Town: \$3,850 ($\$7,675/2 + 12.50$)

Fee due State: \$3,825 ($\$7,675/2 - \12.50)

Example 3: Construction of a parking lot and three storm drain outlets within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF), and within the Riverfront Area (RA). A septic system will be constructed within a Buffer Zone of a BVW that is also within RA.

There is one Category 1 activity (i.e. septic system in Buffer Zone) and four category 2 activities (2.b. parking lot and (2.g., three storm drain outlets):

Fee for parking lot: \$500 (BLSF) x 1.5 (RA) = \$ 750

Fee for storm drain: \$1,500 (3 storm drains in BLSF) x 1.5 (RA) = \$2,250

Fee for septic system: \$110 (Buffer Zone) x 1.5 (RA) = \$ 165

Total Fee: \$3,165

Fee due City/Town: \$1,595 ($\$3,165/2 + \12.50)

Fee due State: \$1,570 ($\$3,165/2 - \12.50)

Mail transmittal forms and DEP payments, payable to:

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Department of Environmental Protection
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