

What is One-Stop Express Permitting?

The One-Stop Express Permitting Program, authorized in 2003 by the NC General Assembly (SL 2003-284, Section 11.4), offers a more timely review process than the traditional permit processes in the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR). This program offers quicker permit decisions and certifications; pre-application consultation to identify necessary environmental requirements; a more predictable project timeline; and coordination throughout the permitting process. Higher fees are charged to support additional staff for the one-stop express review. The express permit team can concurrently review applications for multiple permits that may be required for a project. It also encourages greater involvement of property owners, developers and engineers to ensure good communication and high quality applications. Participation in the program is voluntary.

What permitted activities are included in the pilot program?

The following permits and certifications are currently part of the one-stop express program:

- Coastal stormwater permits
- Water quality wetland certifications
- Stream origin determinations
- Erosion and sedimentation control plans
- Permits under the Coastal Area Management Act
- Water quality non-discharge permits

This initiative is only for permits issued by the NCDENR. Local agencies that have jurisdiction over permitted activities in their areas are not currently participating in this program. The pilot program may expand to include other permits and certifications at a later date.

Where is the pilot program based?

The One-Stop Express Permitting pilot program has staff in Raleigh and the NCDENR Wilmington Regional Office.

Projects in the following counties are included in this pilot initiative:

Wilmington Region: Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, and Pender

Raleigh Region: Chatham, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Johnston, Lee, Nash, Northampton, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake, Warren, and Wilson.

Customers who want to participate in the One-Stop Express Permitting program, whose projects are outside of the pilot areas, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

How much time will be saved?

With the increased coordination efforts and dedicated staff, processing times will be trimmed from 30 percent to 60 percent.

How much will it cost?

The cost will depend on the size of the project and the number of permits that are required. Permit fees range from \$200 to \$4000. If an erosion and sedimentation control plan approval is needed, the standard \$50 per acre fee will also apply.

Who do I contact?

To learn more about the program and application procedures, contact:

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