

PERMITTING LIVING SHORELINES IN FLORIDA

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RECENT ADVANCES IN PERMITTING RULES MAKE IT EASIER FOR FLORIDA HOMEOWNERS TO INSTALL RESILIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE LIVING SHORELINES

Why living shorelines?

- Natural bank stabilization
- Alternative to hardened structures (i.e., seawalls, bulkheads)
- Provide habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species
- Improve water quality
- Cost-effective compared to hardened structures
- More resilient than hardened structures

Living shoreline permitting

Most small living shoreline projects in Florida qualify for a permit exemption. To see if your project qualifies refer to <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/sg155> and then go to www.fldeportal.com to apply to build your living shoreline or use the "Request for Verification of ERP Exemption" pdf form (<http://bit.ly/DEP-LSLform>). See the links below for step-by-step guides for how to apply.

Permit exemption guides

Part 1 <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/sg187>

Part 2 <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/sg189>

Within 30 days of exemption form submittal, you will be informed either of exemption approval or of need for more project details.

Required Permit Exemption Documents

Cross-section project drawing
Plan view project drawing
Written description of current site
Written description of planned activities
Map of project site

Recommended Permit Documents

Land deed
Aerial photo of project site

Important Contacts

University of Florida IFAS Extension
Florida Sea Grant
Bldg 803 McCarty Drive
PO Box 110400
Gainesville, FL 32611
(352) 392-5870
www.flseagrant.org

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000
(850) 245-2118
Floridadep.gov/districts

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
701 San Marco Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32207
(941) 232-1177
www.saj.usace.army.mil

To learn more about living shorelines, visit the following sites:

Floridalivingshorelines.com
Florida Sea Grant and Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant
- flseagrant.org/florida-living-shorelines
- masgc.org/living-shorelines
Livingshorelinesacademy.org

Helpful Hints

Be prepared. Have a pre-application phone call or meeting with DEP.

Be patient. Application review takes up to 30 days.
Be proactive. The more documentation and detail you provide, the smoother the application process will go.

EXAMPLES OF LIVING SHORELINE PROJECTS



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