

## Before you Build a Dock on the Occoquan Reservoir

### Permissions needed from Fairfax Water (FW):

1. Review the Occoquan Reservoir Shoreline Easement Policy at [www.fairfaxwater.org/shoreline-easement-policy](http://www.fairfaxwater.org/shoreline-easement-policy)
2. Complete the application for shoreline modification and mail or email to Fairfax Water's Watershed Protection Specialist, [nbellezza@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:nbellezza@fairfaxwater.org), 703-289-6303
3. Schedule a pre-construction site visit
4. Edit and resubmit the application if any adjustments are necessary
5. Wait for written preliminary approval before proceeding to request local, state and/or federal permits
  - a. Preliminary approval is subject to a License and Covenant Agreement
6. Sign and return two (2) copies of the License and Covenant Agreement
7. Submit one (1) copy of documentation of any other approvals/permits that may be required from the County or other pertinent agencies.
8. Wait to receive written final approval from FW before beginning your project
9. Submit as-built plan of final dock and improvements within FW's easement for recordation with the County Land Records.

### Permissions needed from the County:

(Please refer to Prince William County for the most up to date requirements.)

1. Prince William County (PWC) Watershed Division approval is necessary. PWC Watershed oversees access to the dock through the 100' Resource Protection Area (RPA) vegetated buffer: Steps 3-4' wide and minimal vegetation clearing to get to or to install the dock are allowed. A Flood Hazard Use permit may also be required. Submit plan with dimensions for approval to Prince William County Public Works-Watershed Management. For questions contact Clay Morris, Natural Resources Section Chief at 703-792-4615, or [cmorris@pwcgov.org](mailto:cmorris@pwcgov.org).
2. Land Development/Zoning approval is necessary. Must bring home location survey plat with locations of pathway and dock with dimensions. PWC Zoning needs a letter from FW stating owner has permission from FW to install with specifics before PWC Zoning can issue zoning approval. They will issue zoning approval if any part of the structure enters onto private property. If entire dock is on FW property- need FW permission and PWC Zoning would not be able to issue owner a permit because not on his property.
3. Building Plan & Intake: Once Zoning approvals are granted, owner needs to acquire a Building Permit. Submit 2 sets of site plans with details including: foundation materials, info on piles, column size, beam size, joist size, how it will be anchored, how the materials will be treated, how it will be connected (galvanized connectors). Plans need credentials of owner, contractor, or licensed designer who will be installing.
4. Once building plans are approved, send a copy to Fairfax Water for final approval before construction can begin. Must call County inspectors to schedule inspections at all phases within 24 hours. Depending on type of dock and materials used, PWC may require a third party to certify construction. There are fees involved for building permits.

### Permissions needed from US Army Corps of Engineers:

(Please refer to the US Army Corps of Engineers for the most up to date requirements.)

1. US Army Corps of Engineers permission is not needed for constructing a dock along the **Occoquan Reservoir**, which is subject to Section 404 jurisdiction only. A Corps permit is not required for the placement of piles (i.e. typical pier or dock). A Corps permit may be required if using rock for shoreline protection.
2. Please refer to <https://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Contacts.aspx> for specifics as your Corps contact is dependent on the county/city the work falls in.

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