



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
CLOCK TOWER BUILDING - P.O. BOX 2004
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS 61204-2004

Natural Resource Management Section

Dear Applicant:

The enclosed application forms are for private recreational structures intended for placement along the Mississippi River on property administered by the Corps of Engineers. The September 1989 Shoreline Management Plan specifies the locations and conditions under which the Rock Island District will issue authorizations for private recreational structures. As a result, a Shoreline Use Permit will be required for private recreational structures which are water-based, primarily boat docks. A Special Use License will be required for land-based facilities.

This package includes instructions, sample forms, and maps to assist you in completing the application. Also enclosed are the requirements which will apply to any authorizations. Please read these before completing the application forms. Applications which do not adhere to the conditions will be denied. **Please return the completed application to the Mississippi River Project, PO Box 534, Pleasant Valley, Iowa 52767.**

Do not send any money at this time. After your application has been reviewed, you will be contacted with our determination of compliance with the conditions. At that time, you will be informed of the fees that will be charged.

If you have any further questions, contact the Shoreline Management Ranger at (309) 794-4439.

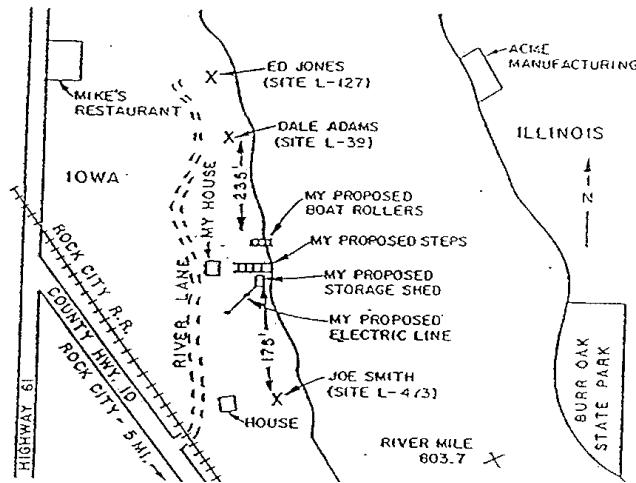
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please complete the enclosed application and send it and all attachments to:
Mississippi River Project
Attn: Shoreline Management
PO Box 534
Pleasant Valley, IA 52767
2. When completing the application, please check or circle the appropriate selection and fill in the blanks as necessary. An incomplete application will delay the processing time. You will be notified, if more information is needed.
3. Written approval must be obtained from the Corps before any work is started. Do not send any money until written approval is sent.
4. Please provide sketches of your proposed structure(s) to be placed on government land or along the Mississippi River and include:
 - A. Project site.
 - B. Principal dimensions of the structure(s), dimensions of and materials to be used (flotation, anchorage, etc.), and construction details.
5. Each proposed site should be posted with your name and red flagged at the time of application. This will help expedite the review of your application.
6. If you have any questions or need assistance completing your application, please contact Freddie Taylor, Real Estate Division, (309)794-5833, or Shoreline Management Ranger, Natural Resource Management Branch, (309)794-4439.
7. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations as required by law. It is the applicants' responsibility to insure that all permit requirements have been met prior to proceeding with work on government land.

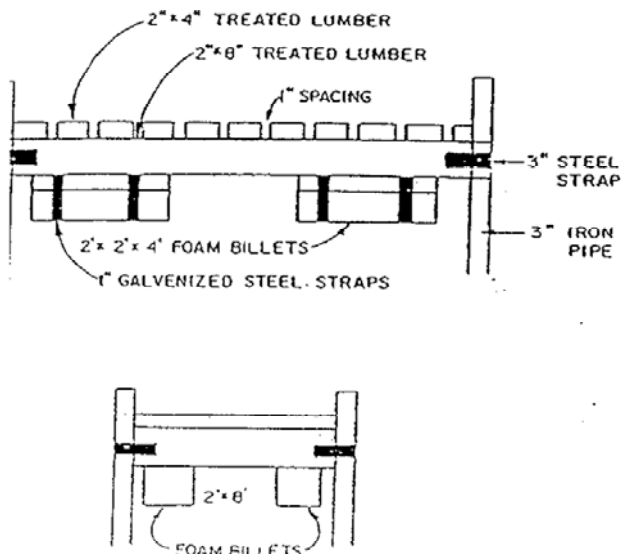
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1. Provide sketch of structure(s) at project site in relation to adjacent structures.
2. Identify owners of adjacent structures and features within the designated area (roads, railroad tracks, buildings, etc)
3. Also provide sketch(es) of proposed structure(s).
4. Identify materials used and dimensions of structures.
5. Use attached sheets to show all proposed structure(s) and use additional sheets if needed.

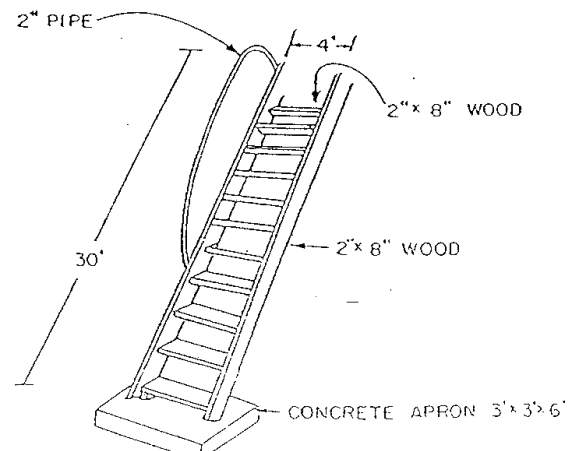
Example of Project Site



Example of Proposed Dock Structure



Example of Proposed Structure



APPLICATION FORM

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IMPORTANT - Application information is the responsibility of the applicant.
Incorrect or incomplete applications will not be acted upon and will be returned.
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1. Applicant: _____
Last First

Mailing Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Business Phone: (____) _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

If your spouse is to be included on the license or permit, please give name of spouse:

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Last First

2. Is this application for:		3. Does the project require placement of any fill or rock in the water?
_____ New license or permit		Yes _____ (Quantity ___ cu. yds.)
_____ Structural modifications or additions*		No _____
_____ Change of owner (only)*		Will there be any ground disturbance?
		Yes _____ No _____
		Explain _____

* List the existing identification number at the site: _____

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4. Application is for the following structure(s):

Mark as many that apply and provide plans for each structure.

Dock _____	Steps _____	Pumps _____
Planting _____	Boat Storage Racks _____	Fences _____
Walkways _____	Boat Winch/Rollers _____	Boat Ramp _____
Storage Shed _____	Marine Rails _____	Utility Line _____
Erosion Control _____	Vegetation Modification _____	Other _____

5. STRUCTURES

Is this a new structure to the site? Yes ____ No ____

If it was constructed by the previous owner please provide their name:

Are you an adjacent property owner to government land? Yes ____ No ____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A DOCK.

Dimensions: _____ feet long by _____ feet wide by _____
(if irregular shape)

Materials:

Deck Surface: Wood Plastic Other _____

Flotation Type: _____

Method of Anchoring:

Posts/Pipes driven into river bottom

Cables attached to shore Method _____

Anchors (i.e. concrete blocks) _____

Other _____

Basic Shape: L T U I Other _____

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6. Location of area: Government Tract Number _____

State _____ County _____ Nearest Town _____

Township _____ Range _____ Section _____

Mississippi River Pool No. _____ Approximate River Mile _____

Information in the application is made a matter of public record. Disclosure of the information requested is voluntary; however, the data requested is necessary in order to communicate with the applicant and to evaluate the permit application. If necessary information is not provided, the permit application cannot be processed nor can a permit be issued.

Shoreline Use Permit Requirements For Mississippi River Use

1. A permit does not convey any property rights either in real estate or material. If you change addresses please notify the Corps of Engineers at the Mississippi River Project Office, Attn. Shoreline Management, P.O. Box 534, Pleasant Valley, Iowa 52767, or call (309) 794-4439.
2. The permittee agrees that he will complete the facility construction action within one year of the permit issuance date. This pertains to new applications and renewals. The permit shall become null and void if the construction is not completed within that period.
3. Upon termination of the permit, the permittee shall remove the permitted facility within 30 days, at his expense, and restore the waterway and lands to its former condition. If the permittee does not comply the District Engineer may cause the removal and recover the cost.
4. Shoreline Use Permits are granted for a term of 3 years. The permittee can relinquish the permit at any time during the three year term; however, no money will be refunded.
5. Charging the public a fee to use the permitted facility is prohibited. Commercial activities are prohibited.
6. All facilities are subject to periodic inspection by a Corps representative. If an inspection reveals conditions which make the facility unsafe or aesthetically offensive or conditions which deviate from the approved plans, such conditions will be corrected immediately by the owner upon receipt of notification. No deviation or changes from approved plans will be permitted without prior written approval of the Park Manager.
7. No vegetation may be removed or altered on government land without permission of the park manager. Consideration will be given to remove vegetation which could endanger private property or individuals. Vegetative modifications that would create or aggravate erosion problems, or create a vista or view of the river will not be allowed and may be subject to fines. Vegetative modification includes planting, trimming, cutting, or use of pesticides and/or herbicides.
8. New owners of existing private recreational structures shall submit a new application to authorize such use. New owners will be required to modify dock floatation to the current floatation standards or even completely remove certain structures that pose a hazard to safety or navigation.
9. In the opinion of the District Engineer, when circumstances dictate otherwise, the District Engineer may summarily revoke the permit.

10. Density and Design Criteria- Size, spacing, and design criteria will be applicable to all new boat docks. **New docks will be required to be no less than 3 feet nor more than 6 feet in width, no closer than 50 feet to the next dock, and will extend no more than 100 feet from the ordinary high water mark.** Variably shaped docks are authorized; provided that no portion of the dock exceeds 16.5 feet in dimension and that the total dock surface area does not exceed 600 square feet. Attachment 1 illustrates these criteria. Variance from these criteria may be authorized after consideration of the site-specific circumstances by the Park Manager or his/her designee. All existing structures which are authorized by a currently valid permit will be exempted from conforming to the density and design criteria until such time as the structure requires replacement or modification. To be allowed, all replacement, modified, or new structures must conform to the density and design criteria. At the discretion of the District Engineer or his/her representative, docks that pose an obstruction or a hazard to navigation will not be allowed, regardless of size or spacing.

11. Construction Standards- The following construction standards apply to new, replacement, or modified structures of any type:
 - a. Structures must be constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by District representative(s).
 - b. All docks must be securely anchored in place using posts, deadman, or other suitable means. Altering the natural terrain or vegetation, anchoring to trees, or obstructing general public use of the shoreline will not be allowed.
 - c. Electrical installations must be weatherproof and meet all current applicable electric codes and regulations. Electrical service and equipment leading to or on private mooring facilities must not pose a safety hazard nor conflict with other recreational use. In addition, electrical installations must be certified in writing by a state registered electrician. The written certification must be submitted to the Corps upon request.
 - d. Floats and Floatation Material: Floats and the floatation material must be specifically fabricated for marine use and warranted by the manufacturer for a minimum of 8 years against sinking, becoming waterlogged, cracking, peeling, fragmenting, or losing beads. Specific requirements may be found in the Federal Register, July 1, 1998, Volume 63, Number 126, Pages 35826-35828. Foam bead floatation is not allowed. All floats shall resist puncture and penetration and shall not be subject to damage by animals. **Reuse of plastic or metal drums or barrels not specifically manufactured for marine floatation use is prohibited.**

All new or replacement docks: For all new or replacement docks, the above requirements are effective on August 18, 1998, for Shoreline Use Permits, and October 1, 1998 for docks at Corps of Engineers administered Cottage Site Leases. On all new dock applications and/or applications for replacement floating docks using foam: the foam must be encased with concrete, galvanized steel, aluminum, recycled plastic lumber, polyethylene, fiberglass, or tough flexible plastic.

Change of ownership: The “floats and floatation material” requirements above apply to existing docks at Shoreline Use Permit and Cottage Lease Sites effective upon transfer of ownership. The new owner must bring floatation to the current standards before the structure will be permitted in the name of the new owner. Failure to update the dock floatation could result in denial of the Shoreline Use Permit or permission for the dock at the cottage site lease area.

- e. Only quick-disconnect temporary electric lines, waterlines, and telephone lines to the vessel will be allowed. No permanent utility hookups will be allowed.
 - f. Installation of structures conducive to human habitation such as sleeping accommodations, cooking facilities, heating facilities, toilet or shower facilities, refrigeration, television, etc., is prohibited.
12. At the discretion of the District Engineer or his/her representative, some enclosed structures, such as storage sheds are allowed. However, the interior of the structure will be subject to inspection at unscheduled intervals. The presence of facilities conducive to human habitation will be treated as presumptive evidence of such use and will be cause for termination of the permit.
 13. Each permittee will be assigned an identifying number. The individual shall post the identification plates provided by the government at the site so it can easily be identified. Plates cannot be affixed to trees.
 14. The permission granted in a shoreline use permit is personal to the permittee. The permit cannot be transferred or assigned to another individual. If the permit structures are sold, the permittee is required to furnish written notice immediately to the Mississippi River Project, Attn: Shoreline Management, P.O. Box 534, Pleasant Valley, Iowa 52767. Provide the name and address of the purchaser. The purchaser will be required to obtain a new permit and bring structures up to current standards before the permit will be issued in the name of the new owner.
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SKETCH OF PROPOSED STRUCTURE

Project Description:

Location:

PROJECT SITE MAP

List of adjacent property owners:

	Name	Address
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

Project Description:

Location: