

Clean Water Starts at Home

Tip #1: Upcoming Yard Project? Plan for Permit(s)!

Want a shed, pool, retaining wall, fencing, playground area, or deck for your property? Plan **at least three months** ahead. Why? You may need a permit...or two.

Besides a city permit you may need a permit from Coon Creek Watershed District if your property is in floodplain, along a public ditch, or has a drainage easement on it. If so, your plans would also need a review and approval by a watershed district- which may meet just once per month. A map can be found on the cooncreekwd.org

Not sure if your property is in floodplain, drainage easement, or wetland? Check your plat or call the City or watershed organization. Though floodplain or wetlands may not be obvious to you, they can still be part of your property. They are important because they serve several important functions like flood prevention or pollution filtering.

What is a drainage easement? It is an easement that allows access rights along public ditches for a drainage authority such as a watershed district to periodically inspect or repair public ditches (ownership is retained by the landowner). Why? Obstructed flow such as sediment from eroded banks could result in upstream flooding for a mile or more. Sometimes, the sediment may need to be dredged, or the ditchbanks stabilized.

Permits help ensure structural safety, public safety & welfare, conservation of wetland and floodplain areas that serve many functions including flood prevention.

Please plan ahead and get proper permits for your project...

...[Clean water is worth it.](#)

Information provided by Coon Creek Watershed District.

Permits

City staff can help determine if you need other permits. Or, call:

Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) and ask for Rebecca. Phone: 763.755.0975

www.cooncreekwd.org

For an online map of watershed boundaries: www.cooncreekwd.org, click on homepage map