

# WETLAND / RIPARIAN ENVIRONMENT VERIFICATION



## METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING VERIFICATION FORM

This form may only be used for verification of wetlands and/or riparian environments. No work is authorized by this verification approval. Prior to conducting any work, an approved WMO permit must be obtained. Verification approval is valid for a period of five (5) years from the approval date. Submit a \$750 non-refundable fee with this verification.

### NAME AND LOCATION OF PROJECT

Name of Project (as shown on plans): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Project (address or with respect to two major streets): \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality (Township, if unincorporated): \_\_\_\_\_

PINs (include all, use additional sheet if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. WETLAND VERIFICATION: Per §603.3 of the WMO, an onsite wetland delineation is required.

A. Submit each of the following documents for all onsite and offsite wetlands. The Agricultural Land submittal is not required if the land has not been farmed within the last five (5) years.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wetland Narrative</li> <li>2. Aerial Photo with Wetland Boundary flagged/staked<sup>a</sup></li> <li>3. Wetland Delineation Report from a Wetland Specialist</li> <li>4. Correspondence from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. For Agricultural Land<sup>b</sup>, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Certified Wetland Determination (within last 5 years) or Farmed Wetland Determination Report by a Wetland Specialist using NRCS procedures</li> </ol> |
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<sup>a</sup> The District can only verify isolated wetlands/waters boundaries. *Waters of the U.S.* boundaries must be verified by the Corps.

<sup>b</sup> "Agricultural Land" is land that has been farmed at least one (1) year within the last five (5) years.

B. Use the table below to identify the boundaries, extent, function, and quality of all wetlands to be verified.

WETLAND 1			WETLAND 2			WETLAND 3			WETLAND 4		
Onsite	Offsite	Both	Onsite	Offsite	Both	Onsite	Offsite	Both	Onsite	Offsite	Both
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Size: _____ acres			Size: _____ acres			Size: _____ acres			Size: _____ acres		
Is the wetland exempt from §603.7 requirements? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			Is the wetland exempt from §603.7 requirements? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			Is the wetland exempt from §603.7 requirements? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			Is the wetland exempt from §603.7 requirements? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Is the wetland assumed to be Corps Jurisdictional? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			Is the wetland assumed to be Corps Jurisdictional? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			Is the wetland assumed to be Corps Jurisdictional? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			Is the wetland assumed to be Corps Jurisdictional? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
High Quality <input type="checkbox"/>	Standard Quality <input type="checkbox"/>		High Quality <input type="checkbox"/>	Standard Quality <input type="checkbox"/>		High Quality <input type="checkbox"/>	Standard Quality <input type="checkbox"/>		High Quality <input type="checkbox"/>	Standard Quality <input type="checkbox"/>	

C. If a Corps Jurisdictional Determination (Corps JD) had not been obtained, describe the status of the Corps JD, including the submission date, if applicable (e.g., JD applied for on 4/7/2022, awaiting response):

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### DISTRICT or AUTHORIZED MUNICIPALITY USE ONLY

Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Watershed: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMIT ISSUED BY:     DISTRICT                       Authorized Municipality

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WMO Verification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. RIPARIAN ENVIRONMENT VERIFICATION:**

A. Submit each of the following documents for all onsite and offsite wetlands.

1. Riparian Environment Narrative, including the function of the Riparian Environment described in §606.1
2. Aerial Photo with Riparian Environment Boundary flagged/staked<sup>a</sup>
3. Correspondence from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<sup>a</sup> The District can only verify isolated wetlands/waters boundaries. *Waters of the U.S.* boundaries must be verified by the Corps.

B. Use the table below to identify the stream classification and location of the Riparian Environment to be verified.

RIPARIAN ENVIRONMENT 1					RIPARIAN ENVIRONMENT 2										
<u>Stream Classification</u>					<u>Stream Classification</u>										
<u>BSC</u>					<u>BSS</u>			<u>BSC</u>					<u>BSS</u>		
A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Riparian Environment Boundary Location</u>					<u>Riparian Environment Boundary Location</u>										
30 ft from OHWM		50 ft from OHWM		100 ft from OHWM	30 ft from OHWM		50 ft from OHWM		100 ft from OHWM						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

**3. CERTIFICATE BY WETLAND SPECIALIST**

I hereby certify that the wetland, wetland bovver, and/or riparian environment submittals along with any supporting documentation regarding the aforementioned project described herein have been reviewed by me and is accurate representation of the current conditions.

**Wetland Specialist:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company/Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. REQUESTOR OF WETLAND / RIPARIAN ENVIRONMENT VERIFICATION (IF NOT PROPERTY OWNER)**

**Requestor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company/Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. CERTIFICATE BY PROPERTY OWNER**

By signing below, I am stating that all information provided is correct and has not been altered according to my knowledge. Furthermore, I hereby grant the District and/or their agents right-of-access to the subject property for the purpose of performing the requested wetland, wetland boundary, and/or riparian environment boundary verification. The property owner or their agent is responsible for obtaining right-of-access approvals for the District and/or their agents for any offsite wetlands.

**Property Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company/Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE DISTRICT OR AUTHORIZED MUNICIPALITY</b>	
<b>Reviewed by:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> _____
(Local Sewer Systems) or (Professional Engineer)	
<b>Approved by:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> _____
(For the Director of Engineering) or (Enforcement Officer)	