



Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization

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Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) Permit Program Fee and Security Schedule

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TIER ONE:

1. Land disturbing activities less than 1 acre in size- but triggering one or more of the criteria for Erosion and Sediment Control requirements listed under Section 7.2.B of the VRWJPO Standards, or
2. Land disturbing activities for a grading project, residential/agricultural accessory building, or an individual single-family residence that disturbs between 1 and 5 acres of land but does not trigger any section of the Standards except for Erosion and Sediment Control requirements.

Permit Application Fee: \$10 (one-time fee to process permit application)

Field Inspection Fees: To be held in escrow according to the escrow account requirements stated below in the following amounts:

- (1) \$450 for land disturbing activities less than 1 acre in size with lower potential for adverse water quality impacts (determination of potential impacts at the discretion of VRWJPO staff).
- (2) \$675 for land disturbing activities less than 1 acre in size higher potential for adverse water quality impacts (determination of potential impacts is at the discretion of VRWJPO staff).
- (3) \$900 for grading project, residential/agricultural accessory building, or an individual single-family residence that disturbs between 1 and 5 acres of land but does not trigger any section of the VRWJPO Standards except for Erosion and Sediment Control Requirements.

Security: No security required.

TIER TWO:

1. Land disturbing activities more than 1 acre in size that do not meet the criteria described in Tier One above, or
2. Creation of more than 1 acre of new impervious surface, or
3. Drainage alterations, or
4. Floodplain alterations

Permit Application Fee: \$10 (one-time fee to process permit application)

Field Inspection Fee: To be held in escrow according to the escrow account requirements stated below in the following amounts:

- (1) \$1,800 for land disturbance sites between 1 and 5 acres that do not meet the criteria described in Tier One above and do not result in 1 acre or more of new impervious surface, drainage alterations, or floodplain alterations.
- (2) \$2,700 for land disturbance sites greater than 1 acre that create 1 or more acre of new impervious surfaces, drainage alterations, or floodplain alterations.

Security:

Security in the form of cash, performance bond, or an irrevocable renewable letter of credit is required prior to the issuance of a permit. The amount of required security is as follows depending on the type of project:

A. Projects or land disturbing activities disturbing less than ~~35~~ 5 acres of land AND creating less than 1 acre of new impervious surfaces:

- (1) \$500 per acre of disturbance for land draining to waters other than DNR designated trout streams.
- (2) \$1,000 per acre of disturbance for land draining to DNR designated trout streams.

B. Projects or land disturbing activities disturbing ~~35~~ 5 acres or more of land AND/OR creating 1 acre or more of new impervious surfaces:

- (1) \$2,500 per acre of disturbance for land draining to waters other than DNR designated trout streams (to a maximum of \$100,000).
- (2) \$4,000 per acre of disturbance for land draining to DNR designated trout streams (to a maximum of \$160,000).

Escrow Account Requirements for Field Inspection Fees (Tier One and Tier Two):

An applicant for a permit in tier one or tier two must pay the required amount that shall be placed into escrow at the time the applicant submits the project application. By signing the application form, the applicant enters into an escrow agreement. The permit applicant must pay the actual costs incurred by the VRWJPO for field inspection, administering of corrective actions, and other activities related to the review and oversight of permitted activities. The VRWJPO may also use escrow dollars for costs it incurred for site review and engineering services during the development of permitted activities. Actual costs include all VRWJPO staff time and any outside consultant costs and printing, copying and mailing costs. VRWJPO staff time shall be charged at a rate of \$90 per hour.

If at any time the actual costs should exceed the escrowed amount, the applicant shall remit additional funds into the escrow fund when requested by the VRWJPO. If the applicant fails to replenish the escrow as requested, the VRWJPO may revoke the permit or withhold the certificate of completion until such time as the escrow is replenished. Any remaining funds in the escrow at the conclusion of the project shall be refundable to the applicant when all actual costs are paid and the administration of the escrow has been completed.

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