

## FAQs About Projects Located on a Designated River



### What does “located on a Designated River” mean for my project?

Projects “located on a Designated River” have additional requirements to notify the specific river’s Local Advisory Committee, or LAC, by sending them a copy of the project application package by certified mail.

### Is my project within ¼ mile of a river or stream?

If yes, your project may be considered as “located on a Designated River.”

### What is an LAC?

A Local Advisory Committee is specific to each Designated River and is comprised of volunteers who represent each riverfront municipality. Members are charged with developing a local river corridor management plan and reviewing and commenting on activities affecting the river, including permit applications.

LAC members have a thorough understanding of the natural and cultural components of the river and its watershed. Therefore, their expertise can be extremely beneficial to a permit applicant during the proposal development. Early consultation with the LAC is valuable because it presents the LAC with a thorough understanding of the project early in the process.

LACs will entertain and encourage presentations of project proposals at their regular meetings, though it is not required.

Contact and meeting information for each Designated River LAC can be found at: [http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/rivers/lac/documents/lac\\_contacts.pdf](http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/rivers/lac/documents/lac_contacts.pdf)

### What is a Designated River?

A Designated River is managed and protected for its outstanding natural and cultural resources in accordance with RSA 483, The Rivers Management & Protection Act.

### How do I know if my project is located on a Designated River?

If you are in any of the [towns listed at this web page](#), and are within ¼ mile of the associated river or stream included on the list, you may be on a Designated River. (e.g., within ¼ mile of the Cold River in Acworth)

### If located on a Designated River, what permit applications must be supplied to the LAC?

These types of permit applications must be copied and sent to the LAC:

- Wetland Permit Application
- Shoreland Permit Application
- Alteration of Terrain Permit Application

**When I send a copy of my application to the LAC, what will they do with it?**

The LAC will review and possibly provide comments directly to the applicant, with a copy to DES, for consideration during the permit review process.

**When should I send a copy of my application to the LAC?**

A copy of the application must be sent to the LAC prior to, or at the same time that you are sending the application to DES. As indicated above, getting LAC input before you submit your application to DES is recommended.

**Do I have to copy the entire application package to the LAC?**

Yes, with the exception of a copy of your application fee. Otherwise, all information submitted to the DES with the application is required to be copied to the LAC. This includes the application itself, maps, photographs, full-size plans and associated attachments.

**Where can I find out more about Designated Rivers?**

To learn about rivers that have been designated by the Legislature, please go to: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/rivers/designriv.htm>

If you have any questions about Designated Rivers, please contact the Rivers Coordinator: [jacquie.colburn@des.nh.gov](mailto:jacquie.colburn@des.nh.gov)

For application forms and questions pertaining to the Alteration of Terrain Program, please go to: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/aot/index.htm>

For application forms and questions pertaining to the Wetlands Program, please go to: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/index.htm>

For application forms and questions pertaining to the Shoreland Program, please go to: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/cspa/index.htm>