

PERMIT GUIDE  
MARINE  
CONSTRUCTION  
(BULKHEAD, RIP-RAP, ETC.)



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Office of Permits and Inspections  
Talbot County, Maryland

**Zoning Certificate**

- A zoning certificate must be obtained before commencing with shoreline revetment, replacement of bulkhead, dredging, or shoreline/marsh restoration work. A zoning certificate application may be obtained from the Talbot County Office of Permits and Inspections located at 215 Bay Street, Suite 3, Easton, Maryland. Office hours are between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. A fee is required for the permit. Each applicant is required to fill out the **entire** permit application and sign and date the bottom.
- The application must be accompanied by two (2) copies of a plot plan (a drawing of the property also referred to as a site plan). Must be drawn a standard scale, (ex: 1"=10', 20', 30', 40', 50', 100') The plot plan shall show all property lines and dimensions, primary residence and location of other structures on property if applicable, the proposed location of the marine construction in relation to the property lines. The plot plan may be prepared by the applicant provided the drawing is accurate, legible and to scale.
- In addition, the County requires the applicant to submit one copy of the approved Maryland Department of Environment Wetlands license **and** Army Corps of Engineering Permit for the pier, including all related attachments and correspondence.
- The applicant is required to contact the Office of Permits and Inspections at 410-770-6840 for a final inspection upon completion of marine construction.
- Construction must begin within nine months and be completed within eighteen months.
- A Certificate of Completion will be issued upon approved building final.

**This permit guide may not address all situations but is intended to provide general information for the permitting process.**

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