

Land Clearing Permit Information

A LAND CLEARING PERMIT IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE DISTURBANCE OF ANY DEVELOPMENT SITE GREATER THAN ONE (1) ACRE.

TO OBTAIN A LAND CLEARING PERMIT THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:

Ø Submit a completed Land Clearing Permit Application along with the review fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). A sixty-dollar (\$60.00) permit fee is due when the Land Clearing Permit is issued.

Ø DPW Environmental Division approval required.

Contact: 4445 Plank Road, Baton Rouge, La. 70805; phone (225) 389-5456.

- a) For Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) (1 acre or larger developed).
- b) For Notice of Intent (5 acres or larger development).

Ø Submit a Flood Zone Determination Form. Mitigation plans are required for sites located within fill restricted areas.

Ø Planning Commission approval shall be required prior to issuance of a Land Clearing Permit for those projects subject to Planning Commission review.

Ø Submit the following:

- A current (most recent available) aerial photo of the site.
- Topographical map of the subject site.

Ø Submit a survey plan showing existing vegetation on the site, specifically identifying and locating the following tree species with a Diameter at Breast Height (DBH – measured at 4'-6" above ground level) of ten (10) inches or greater: *White Oak, Red Oak, Cherrybark Oak, Overcup Oak, Cow Oak, Nuttall Oak, Willow Oak, Shumard Oak, Live Oak, Pond Cypress, Bald Cypress, American Elm, and Winged Elm.*

Ø Sizes of the above-listed trees must be identified on survey plan, along with designation of critical root zone for each identified tree. Critical Root Zone is defined as one (1) foot of radius per one (1) inch of tree diameter at breast height. Tree protection fencing as defined by UDC must be in place prior to clearing and must remain in place throughout the construction process.

Ø Submit a conceptual site plan and intended use. Plan shall indicate driveways, parking, drainage layout as well as existing drainage inlets, swales and ditches, proposed structures.

Ø Submit a plan indicating Limits of Construction (as defined by UDC). Limits of Construction shall encompass only the proposed area(s) of improvement.

Ø Also indicate Limits of Clearing (as defined by the UDC) which is the Limits of Construction extended up to ten percent (10%) to accommodate construction staging.

Ø The SWPPP must be implemented throughout the clearing process until the site is stabilized.

Ø All cleared areas shall have soil stabilization methods instituted within fourteen (14) days of clearing. If construction ceases for a period of fourteen (14) days or more, the land shall be stabilized by the fourteenth day.