

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Project Review

Projects proposed on land managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resource (DNR) are required to be submitted to DNR for review to ensure consistency with the Department's land management and conservation goals.

Project proponents can include lease holders, private companies, utilities, non-profits, colleges and universities, local governments and other State or Federal agencies. The Project Review process is required by DNR Policy 94:06 and it establishes a legal record of activities proposed on State lands.

Maryland DNR Project Review Process:

All grant proposals in DNR-managed land must have written approval from the DNR land unit manager. Once this approval is obtained, the applicant, or project proponent, is required to submit a [Project Information Form \(PIF\)](#) with the required supporting documentation to mpsprojectreview.dnr@maryland.gov. Provided that the submitted information is complete, DNR Project Review staff will log the project into our tracking database and distribute it to other units within DNR and the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) for review and comments. If the submission is incomplete, the applicant will be contacted for the missing information, and the review initiated once it is received. After a review period of approximately 30 to 45 days, comments are compiled, and a response will be provided to the applicant by Project Review staff. Complex projects, or those that require other permits such as Wetlands and Waterways, Critical Area, Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management, or Environmental Health, may take longer to review or require a secondary review as part of the process.

Please note that the DNR Project Review process does not exempt any project or proposal from any applicable local, State or Federal Laws and regulations or permits. Be advised, some projects on State lands will require a legal agreement between the applicant and DNR to permit access and / or use of State land. The Project Review response will provide direction and guidance of all requirements, where applicable.

PIF forms and other documentation can be found at:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/project-review.aspx>