

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY
RIVERFRONT STRUCTURE
PRE-APPROVAL PERMIT**

Office Use Only -

Date Received: _____

Approved By: _____

Date: _____

Post Inspection: _____

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____ (attesting to the statements below)

The undersigned applies for a permit in accordance with plans and specifications as set forth by the Corps of Engineers to:

CONSTRUCT STEPS

PUT IN A DOCK

RIVERFRONT LOT # _____ --- TOTAL _____ FEET

DRAWING OF THE PROPOSED RIVERFRONT STRUCTURE (DOCK/STEPS) (please include lengths & widths):

*****SETBACKS BELOW MUST BE MET TO BE CONSIDERED**

(20' SECTIONS MUST LEAVE 5' SPACE ON EACH SIDE OF DOCK IN WATER; 40'+ SECTIONS MUST LEAVE 8' ON EACH SIDE OF DOCK IN WATER)

**WORK MAY NOT START UNTIL YOUR LEASE SPACE IS MARKED ON RIVER ROAD (use to reference setbacks in water) /CALL 608-248-2262 with questions and/or WHEN WORK IS COMPLETED

Shoreline Management Plan

City of Buffalo City, Wisconsin

(excerpt from management plan revised May 2024)

SMG1 - Structure Permit: (Revised 5-2024)

Prior approval must be granted by the Riverfront Committee before any private facilities are expanded or replaced along the shoreline encumbered by the Corps' lease. Prior approval is also required before any new facilities may be installed. Approval is granted by way of a Structure Permit. Permit applications must include a diagram(s) of the proposed facility. If the applicant has applied for, and received, any State, county, or local building permits, those documents must accompany the application. **Work may not begin until the permit space is marked on River Road by the City. All structures will have a final inspection, and if found to not follow the approved permit will be required to be removed immediately.**

SMG2 - Docks: (Revised 4-2020)

Size, spacing and design criteria will be applicable to all new structures placed within the property. The gangway for new docks must be at least three (3) feet wide, but not exceed six (6) feet. The dock itself must be at least three (3) feet wide but no more than eight (8) feet wide. Additionally, no dock may extend a distance of more than 50 feet from the shoreline and may not impede on any navigable channel. Total square footage will not exceed 600 square feet. **The following setbacks in the water must be followed: 20' permit sections must leave 5' of empty water space on each side between the permit line and dock and 40'+ sections must leave at least 8' of empty water space on each side between the permit line and dock. All current docks at the time of this revision will be grandfathered in, but if found to impede on their neighboring permit holders will be required to make adjustments by the Riverfront Committee.** Variances may be authorized by the Riverfront Committee if site specific circumstances warrant deviation from the criteria.

SMG3 - Stairways or Steps:

Stairways or steps may be authorized by the Riverfront Committee. Building materials shall be metal, wood, stone, or some other similar material that can be removed, if required. Width of stairways must not exceed 42 inches. Massive placed concrete or mortared block, brick, or stone structures will not be permitted. Any existing masonry structures must be properly maintained, but will not be allowed to be expanded. In the event an existing masonry structure must be replaced, the new building materials will be limited to the previously identified approved building materials.

All steps or stairways, if painted, will be painted a neutral color so that they will blend into the natural background. White, yellow, orange or other high visibility paints or coloring will not be allowed.

All steps or stairways constructed of a floatable material shall be firmly anchored in place. Trees shall not be used as anchoring devices.

No stairway or other structure(s) will be permitted where the existing slope exceeds 50 percent (1:1 slope) due to increased potential for erosion-related problems created from construction or use.

SMG4 - Prohibited Structures:

The following items are prohibited from being placed on the riverfront property:

1. Decks
2. Fences
3. Platforms
4. Sheds
5. Boathouses
6. Any unpermitted structure