



# Steps to Protecting Your Shoreline in Virginia

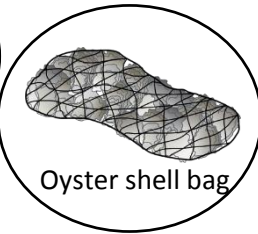


## Identify Options That Work For You and Your Shoreline

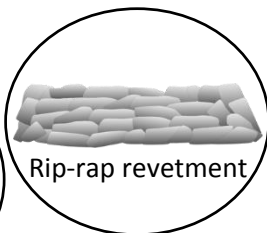
Shoreline protection can range from planting marsh grasses and placing oyster shell bags along the shoreline to construction of hardened structures



Marsh plantings



Oyster shell bag



Rip-rap revetment

Virginia's *Shoreline Erosion Advisory Service* can provide in-person technical assistance, free of charge, and the *Virginia Institute of Marine Science* offers a wealth of resources to help inform your decision



## DIY or Professional

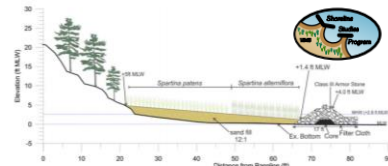


- Private consultants and contractors can provide design, permitting, and construction services if you desire
- Consider cost of service, past experience when choosing a professional
- Be sure to agree in advance to terms of proposed project with a contract



## Complete a Joint Permit Application

Personal, Project, and Site Details



Project Drawings

What you'll need



Neighbor Approval



Submission Fees

## Consult Permit Issuers in Advance



- Your city or county wetlands board staff are an integral partner in protecting your shoreline
- They'll make sure you're aware of the appropriate regulations concerning your proposed project

If your locality does not have a wetlands board, contact the *Virginia Marine Resource Commission* directly with questions

## Get Started!

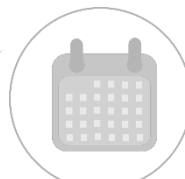
Permit in hand? You have up to 3 years to complete your project (1.5 years + 1.5 year extension)



Be sure to abide by best management practices



Ensure planting coincides with appropriate growing season



## Need More Help?

### Shoreline Protection

- [Shoreline Erosion Advisory Service](#): Phone #
- Virginia Institute of Marine Science: Phone #

### Habitat Permitting

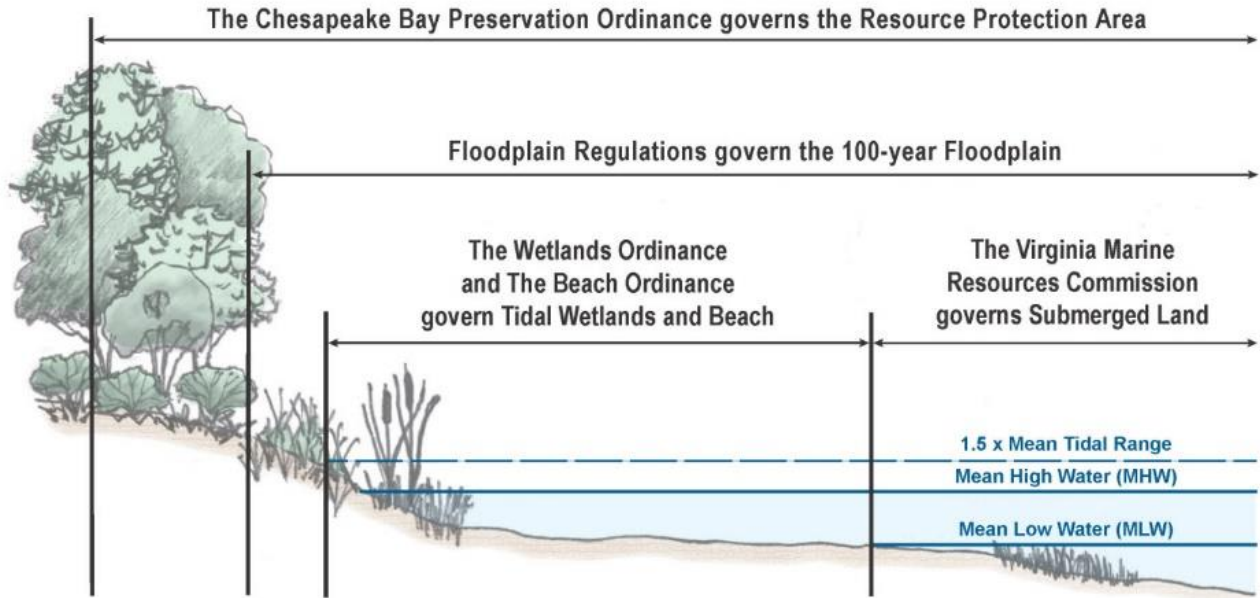
- Marine Resource Commission: Phone #
- Army Corps of Engineers: Phone #
- Local Wetlands Staff

See reverse side for information about 1) laws protecting our shoreline and 2) details of the permit review process

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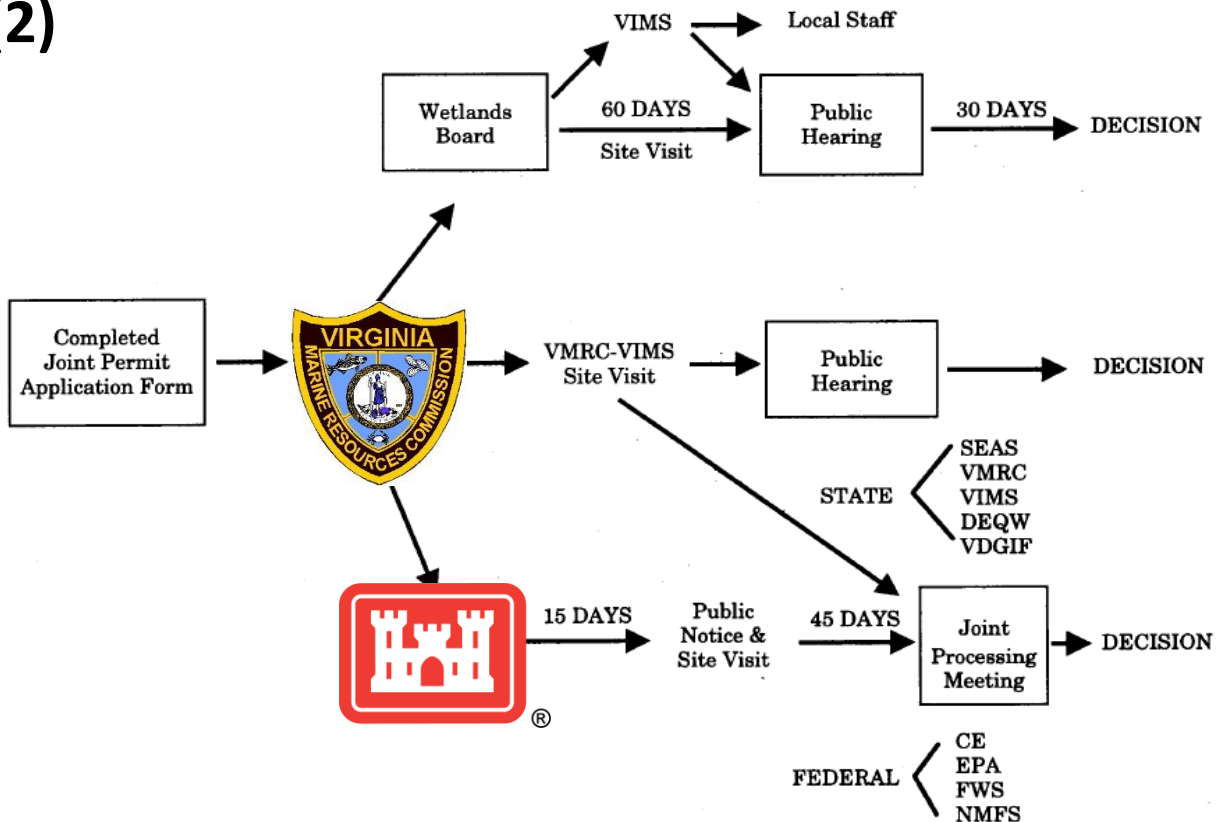
## JURISDICTIONS NEAR THE SHORELINE

### Laws Protecting the Shoreline



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