

## **Environmental Permits**

This document is intended to serve as a general guideline to environmental regulations that may apply to building activities in Sumpter Township. This is not intended to represent a complete list of environmental laws and regulations. The regulations listed here are not described in their entirety. The following permits may be required prior to any earth changes and/or construction. The Construction Code prohibits the issuance of a building permit that violates any law: "If the application or the plans do not conform to the requirements of all pertinent laws, the code official shall reject such application in writing..." (Section 112.0 Permits, BOCA National Building Code, 1990).

**Wetlands** - Goemaere-Anderson Wetland Protection Act (P.A. 203 of 1979) requires permits for disturbance activities in, or that affect, regulated wetlands. Questions concerning wetland identification, and uses requiring permits should be directed to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Land and Water Management Division, Southeast Michigan District, 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Phone (734) 953-0241.

**Soil Erosion** - Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (P.A. Act 347 of 1972) requires permits for earth changing activities involving more than one acre or within 500 feet of a lake or stream. Questions concerning soil erosion and sedimentation control, and uses requiring permits should be directed to the Wayne County Department of Environment, 3600 Commerce Court, Building E, Wayne MI, 48184. Phone (734) 326-3936.

**Flood Plains** - Shorelands Protection and Management Act (P.A. 245 of 1970) requires permits for all occupations or alterations of floodplains, including bridge and culvert construction, fill and stream modifications of the state's rivers and streams. Building in flood hazard areas is also prohibited by Sumpter Township ordinance. Questions regarding flood plains and uses requiring permits should be directed to: Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Land and Water Management Division, Southeast Michigan District, 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Phone (734) 953-0241.

**Inland Lakes and Streams** – Inland Lakes and Streams Act (P.A. 346) requires permits for construction in, near, or that affects bottomland (land below the ordinary highwater mark which may or may not be covered by water) and/or inland lakes and streams. Questions regarding inland lakes and streams, and uses requiring permits should be directed to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Land and Water Management Division, Southeast Michigan District, 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Phone (734) 953-0241.

**County Drains** - All work within a County Drain easement (right-of-way) or affecting an established County drain requires a permit from Wayne County Department of Public Services. Questions regarding county drains and uses requiring permits should be directed to Wayne County Department of Public Services Engineering Division, 415 Clifford, Detroit MI 48226. Phone (313) 224-7665.