

Protecting Your Property and the Environment: A Homeowner's Guide to Living Shorelines in Alabama

Why Living Shorelines?

- ✓ Natural bank stabilization
- ✓ Alternative to hardened structures (i.e., bulkheads)
- ✓ Provide habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species
- ✓ Improve water quality
- ✓ Cost-effective compared to hardened structures
- ✓ More resilient than hardened structures

To learn more about living shorelines, visit the following sites:

- livingshorelinesacademy.org/
- [Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant \(masgc.org/living-shorelines\)](http://Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant (masgc.org/living-shorelines))
- wetland.org

Top 5 Reasons for Permit Rejection

- 1 Application does not contain a full, narrative description of proposed work.
- 2 Drawings do not show mean high tide (MHT).
- 3 Drawings are not on 8½-by-11-inch paper, in grayscale.
- 4 Application does not list latitude/longitude and section/township/range of project site.
- 5 Drawings are not drawn to scale and do not show accurate dimensions of proposed work.

Important Contacts

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – State Lands Division

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Spanish Fort, AL 36527
(251) 621-1238
www.outdooralabama.com

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

P.O. Box 2288
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(251) 690-2658
www.sam.usace.army.mil/

Mississippi State University Coastal Research and Extension Center

1815 Poppas Ferry Road
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www.coastal.msstate.edu

To determine if you may have wetlands on your property, visit
<https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/mapper.HTML>.

Permit Application Checklist

- State lands application
- Property deed
- Property survey
- USACE/ADEM joint application
- Cross-section of proposed work
- Vicinity map
- Site plan
- State lands affidavit

Helpful Hints

- ✓ Start early. Submit your living shoreline application at least 90 days before construction is planned to begin.
- ✓ Be prepared. Have a pre-application meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- ✓ Be patient. Permit approval takes time.



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Examples of Living Shoreline Projects



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