

TVA Dock Information

To be eligible for a private dock or other water use facilities, an applicant must own the land or have a legal leasehold interest and be able to present proof. The owners will be eligible to apply for approval of water use facilities and be subject to TVA's Shoreline Management Policy. In order for TVA to accept the application to review new facility requests, each owner will need to submit the following:

1. Completed application form, including the appropriate application fee.
2. Proof of ownership of the property, such as a deed.
3. Survey of the property that shows the property boundaries and includes location of the TVA Flowage Easement contour and the 750' contour (normal summer level).
4. Detailed plans of all proposed facilities within the TVA flowage easement, including plan and profile views of all proposed facilities with dimensions.
5. Other information as determined during the review process.

Upon receipt of the application, TVA will consider the request for water use facilities and other construction taking place within the TVA Flowage Easement. This process will include a review of how the application will affect navigation, flood control storage, environmental concerns (such as threatened and endangered species), cultural and historic resources and other issues. The application will automatically be forwarded to the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for their review.

Depending upon the extent of the application, other agency or group opinions may be solicited. This type of review is targeted to be completed within about 45 days, but could be longer if further information is needed from the applicant to answer any questions that might be raised by the reviewing interests.

*** Please review the following TVA documents for additional information ***

For additional information regarding shoreline construction, feel free to visit TVA's website at www.tva.com/river/26apermits/index.htm.



How to Apply for a TVA & USACE Permit for Minor Water-Use Facilities

The information needed by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to review your request is described in this package.

*Section 26a of the
Tennessee Valley
Authority Act, as
amended, prohibits
the construction,
operation, or
maintenance of any
structure affecting
navigation, flood
control, or public
lands or reservations
across, along, or in
the Tennessee River
or any of its
tributaries until
plans for such
construction,
operation, or
maintenance have
been submitted to
and approved by the
Tennessee Valley
Authority.*

What is involved in TVA's review?

TVA reviews your plans in relation to its interests, which include navigation, flood control, and public lands or reservations in accordance with Section 26a of the TVA Act. These reviews are subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which requires consideration of environmental impacts along with other factors in our review.

How long will it take?

The time needed to complete a permit review depends on the nature of your request, its location, and the level of environmental review needed. Typically, minor water-use facilities located in approvable areas are reviewed within 30 days from the time we receive all needed information.

What does it cost?

TVA currently charges for processing Section 26a permit applications. Please refer to the sheet entitled: **TVA Section 26a Application Processing Fees.**

How do I apply?

1. Fill out, sign, and date the enclosed TVA/USACE joint application form.
2. Prepare a plan or use the enclosed example(s) showing dimensions of all facilities proposed for construction and how they will be positioned along the shoreline in front of your property with two or more photographs of the shoreline.
3. Mark the location of all proposed structures on the enclosed map(s).
4. Enclose a check or money order payable to **Tennessee Valley Authority.**
5. Mail the completed application form, plans, map(s) and other information to:

Tennessee Valley Authority

Watershed Team Name

Address

City, State, ZIP

After receiving your application, appropriate processing fee, plans, and map(s), TVA will begin its review of your request. You are responsible for proper design and construction of your facility.

Will I need any other permits?

In most cases you will also need a permit from the USACE. *TVA will automatically provide a copy of your application, as necessary, to the appropriate USACE office for their review.* In addition, you may need other state or local permits or approvals for your activity.

Where can I get more information?

Additional information is available on TVA's Web site: **www.tva.com**. If you have specific questions, call 1-800-TVA-LAND.



Basic Information Needed for Review of Your Minor Water-Use Facility

What is needed for TVA's review?

A complete TVA Section 26a permit application for a minor water-use facility should include:

1. Completed, **signed** and **dated** application form
2. Plan or drawing of the proposed project with two or more photos of the area to be affected
3. Location map, and
4. Check or money order for the permit application processing fee.

1. Completed Application Form:

Application forms are available from your local TVA Watershed Team Office. Each application is accompanied by detailed instructions. The application should include a project description which indicates what is to be built, removed, or modified, and the sequence of the work.

2. Project Sketch, Plan or Drawing:

The project plan/drawing must accompany the application. It should:

- Be prepared on paper suitable for reproduction (8 ½ x 11 inches);
- Identify the kind of structure, purpose/intended use;
- Show principal dimensions, size, and location in relation to shoreline;
- Show the height of the structure above the water; and
- Indicate the river or reservoir name; river mile (if known); locator landmarks; and direction of water flow if known.

3. Location Map:

The location map should clearly show the location of the proposed facility and the extent of any site disturbance for the proposed project. An 8 ½ x 11-inch copy of one of the following is ideal: a TVA land map, a subdivision map, or a portion of a U.S.G.S. topographic map. Be sure to include your subdivision name and lot number if applicable. Also, include the map number or name, if available. Recent photos of the location are also helpful.

Helpful hints for designing your facility:

- An enclosed space such as a locker or storage room on TVA property or on a facility over the water cannot exceed 32 square feet of total space.
- Access walkways cannot exceed 6 feet in width.
- Interior boathouse walkways cannot exceed 6 feet in width.
- Flotation devices for floating structures must be made of commercially manufactured flotation. If styrofoam is used, it must be encased. Metal or plastic barrels, drums or other containers not made for flotation are prohibited.
- Docks should not exceed a 1000-square foot footprint of total space (this measurement excludes the access walkway).
- The length of the facility may never exceed 150 feet or extend more than 1/3 of the distance to the opposite bank.

Send to the Watershed Team Office serving your location:

**Boone, Bristol Projects, Fort
Patrick Henry, South Holston,
Watauga, and Wilbur:**
106 Tri-Cities Business Park Drive
(WTR 1A-GRT)
Gray, Tennessee 37615
(423) 467-3800

Cherokee, Douglas:
3726 E. Morris Boulevard
(MOC 1A-MOT)
Morristown, TN 37813-1270
(423) 585-2120

Melton Hill, Norris, Watts Bar:
260 Interchange Park Drive
(LCB 1A-LCT)
Lenoir City, TN 37772-5664
(865) 632-1320

Fontana, Fort Loudoun, Tellico:
260 Interchange Park Drive
(LCB 1A-LCT)
Lenoir City, TN 37772-5664
(865) 632-1300

**Hiwassee, Chatuge, Apalachia,
Blue Ridge, Nottely, Ocoees:**
201 Old Ranger Road
(MLO 1A-MRN)
Murphy, NC 28906
(828) 837-7395

Chickamauga, Nickajack:
1101 Market Street
(PSC 1E-C)
Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801
423-876-6706

**Guntersville, Normandy,
Tims Ford:**
3696 Alabama Highway 69
(CAB 1A-GVA)
Guntersville, AL 35976-7196
256-571-4280

**Bear Creek Project, Pickwick,
Wheeler, Wilson:**
Reservation Road
(SB 1H-M)
Post Office Box 1010
Muscle Shoals, AL 35660-1010
(256) 386-2560

Beech River Project, Kentucky:
2835-A East Wood Street
(WTB 1A-PAT)
Paris, TN 38242-5948
(731) 641-2000



Information Needed for Minor Fixed Dock Applications

A Section 26a permit application consists of a completed, signed and dated application form, plans with sufficient information to complete a review, map location, and a check or money order payable to:

Tennessee Valley

Authority

for the permit application processing fee.

Applications should be sent to :

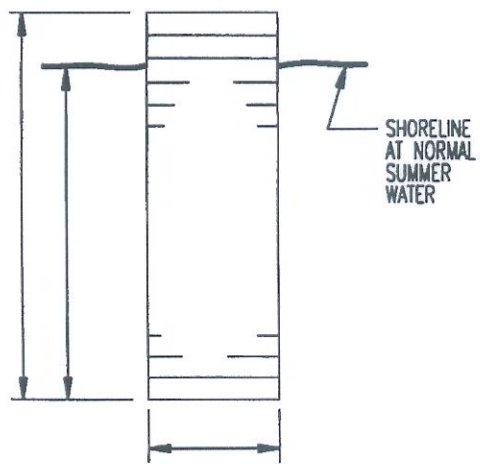
Tennessee Valley Authority
Watershed Team Name
Address
City, State, ZIP

What is needed for TVA's review of a fixed dock?

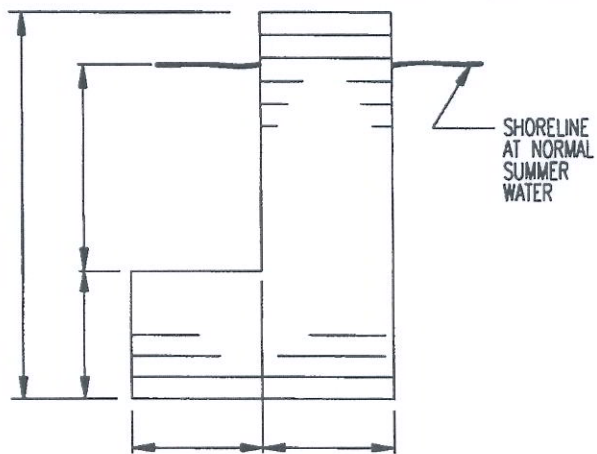
- Length and width dimensions for all components of the dock, including any walkways.
- The distance the dock extends into the water (from the shoreline at summer water elevation or normal water level along rivers or streams).
- The normal summer water elevation is _____ feet above mean sea level for _____ Reservoir.
- Height of the dock above the summer water elevation (or normal water level along rivers or streams).

Helpful Hints:

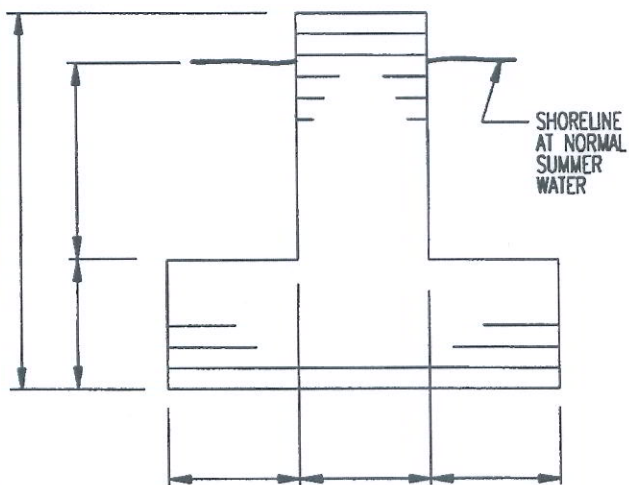
- Docks, slips, and boathouses must be contained within a 1000-square foot rectangular or square area at the lakeward end of the access walkway. Area of the access walkway is not included in the 1000-square foot area.
- Access walkways for these requests cannot exceed 6 feet in width.
- The height of docks must be at least 18 inches above summer water level (or normal water level along rivers or streams) or 24 inches on Chickamauga, Watts Bar, Fort Loudoun, Tellico Reservoirs.
- Creosote poles are not permitted.
- Plans should also indicate electrical service, if applicable, including the location of the disconnect switch (which must be accessible during flood events). The disconnect switch must be located above a contour elevation which may vary by location. TVA's Watershed Team Name Office will be glad to tell you the correct elevation for your project.
- In addition, plans should also include any other facilities proposed to be constructed.
- All flotation must be commercially manufactured. All styrofoam must be encased.



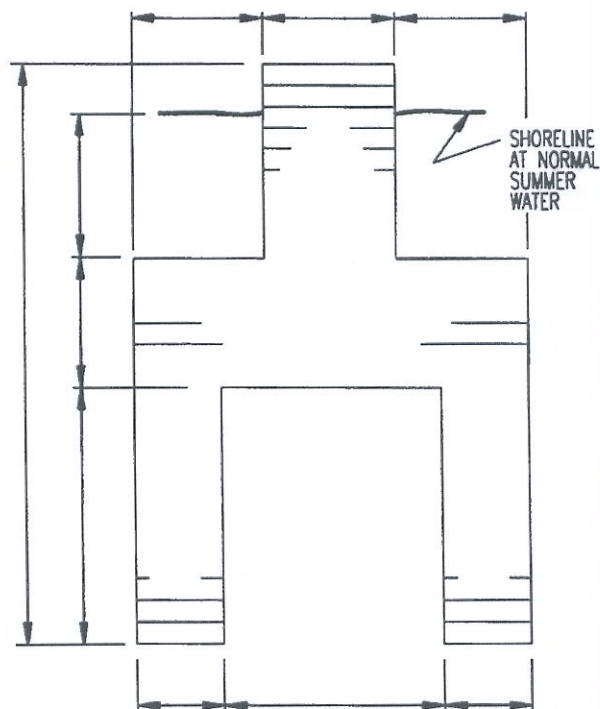
STRAIGHT DOCK



"L" DOCK

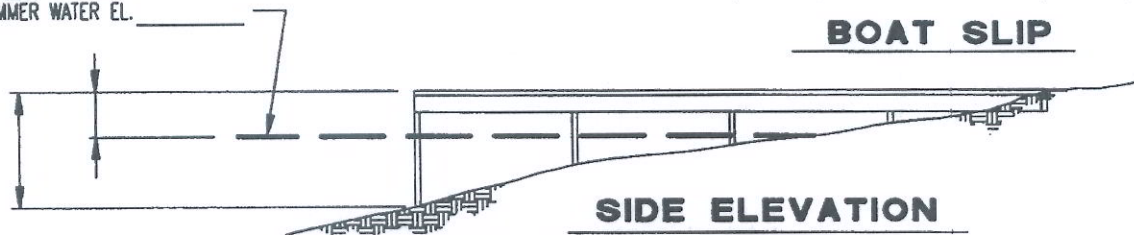


"T" DOCK



BOAT SLIP

NORMAL
SUMMER WATER EL.



SIDE ELEVATION

THE NORMAL SUMMER WATER LEVEL IS:

NOTE:

INCLUDE ALL DIMENSIONS AND ELEVATIONS
WHERE INDICATED.

TVA

TYPICAL FIXED DOCK OR SLIP

PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION:

STREAM NAME _____ SUBDIVISION NAME _____

RESERVOIR NAME _____ LOT NUMBER _____

MILE MARKER _____ MAP NO. _____

(APPLICANT'S NAME)



Information Needed for Minor Floating Dock applications

A Section 26a permit application consists of a completed, signed and dated application form, plans with sufficient information to complete a review, map location, and a check or money order payable to:

Tennessee Valley

Authority

for the permit application processing fee.

Applications should be sent to :

Tennessee Valley Authority
Watershed Team Name
Address
City, State, ZIP

What is needed for TVA's review of a floating dock?

- Length and width dimensions for all components of the dock, including any walkways.
- The distance the dock extends from the shoreline (at summer water elevation or normal water level along rivers or streams).

The normal summer water elevation is _____ feet above mean sea level for _____ Reservoir.

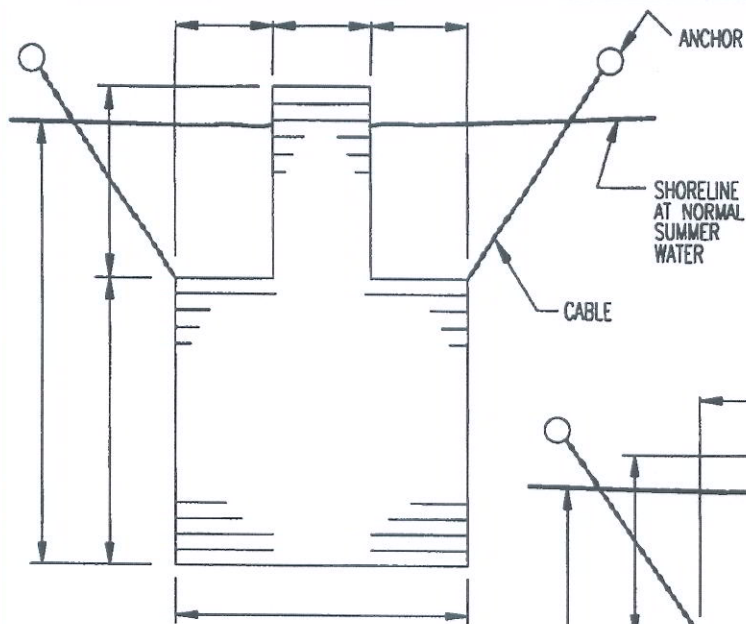
- Height of the dock above summer water elevation (or normal water level along rivers or streams).
- Type of approved flotation. Flotation devices must be encased foam blocks, pontoons, or other material commercially manufactured specifically for flotation. Metal or plastic barrels, drums, or other containers not made for flotation are prohibited.

Helpful Hints:

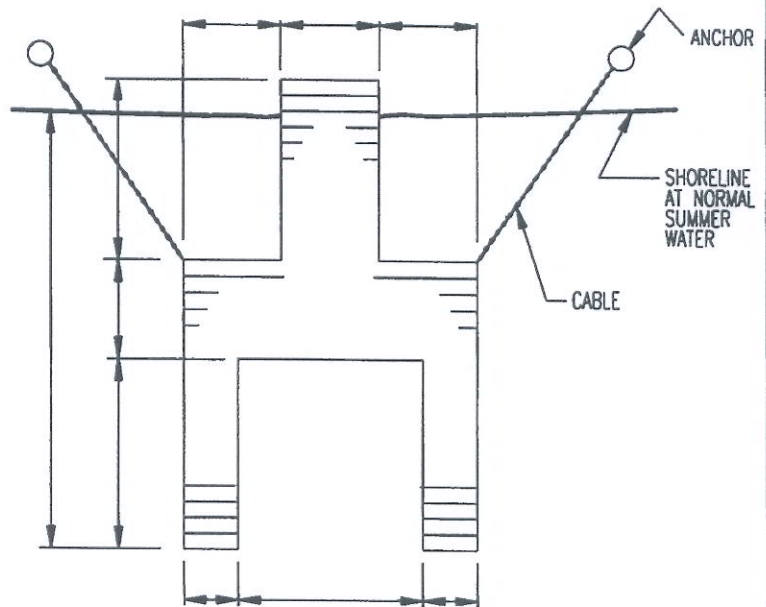
- Docks, slips, and boathouses must be contained within a 1000-square foot rectangular or square area at the lakeward end of the access walkway. Area of the access walkway is not included in the 1000-square foot area.
- Access walkways for these requests cannot exceed 6 feet in width.

Plans should also indicate electrical service, if applicable, including the location of the disconnect switch (which must be accessible during flood events). The disconnect switch must be located above a contour elevation which may vary by location. TVA's Watershed Team Name Office will be glad to tell you the correct elevation for your project.

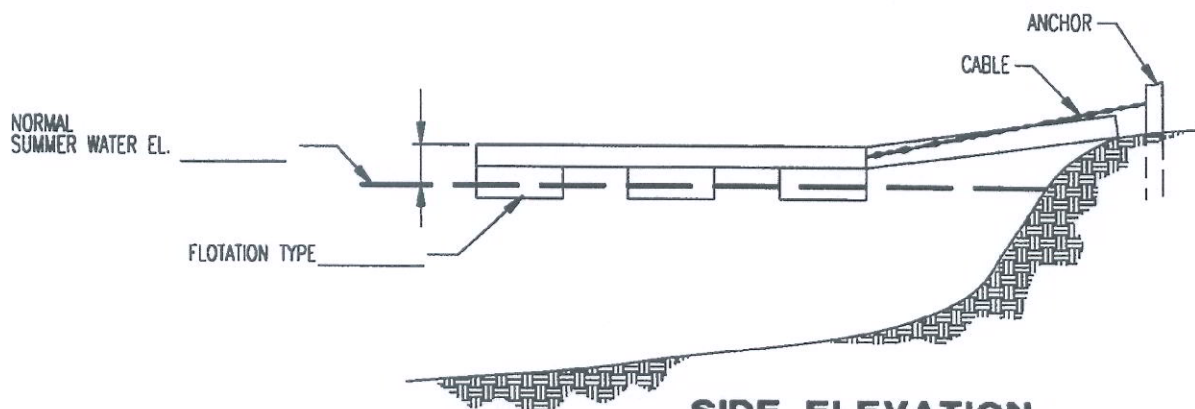
- In addition, plans should also include any other facilities proposed to be constructed.



PLAN



PLAN FOR BOAT SLIP



SIDE ELEVATION

THE NORMAL SUMMER WATER LEVEL IS: _____

NOTE:

INCLUDE ALL DIMENSIONS AND ELEVATIONS WHERE INDICATED.



TYPICAL FLOATING DOCK OR SLIP

PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION:

STREAM NAME _____ SUBDIVISION NAME _____
 RESERVOIR NAME _____ LOT NUMBER _____
 MILE MARKER _____ MAP NO. _____

(APPLICANT'S NAME)



Information Needed for Fixed or Floating Multiple Slip Docking Facilities

A Section 26a permit application consists of a completed, signed and dated application form, plans with sufficient information to complete a review, map location, and a check or money order payable to:

Tennessee Valley

*Authority
for the permit application
processing fee.*

*Applications should be
sent to :*

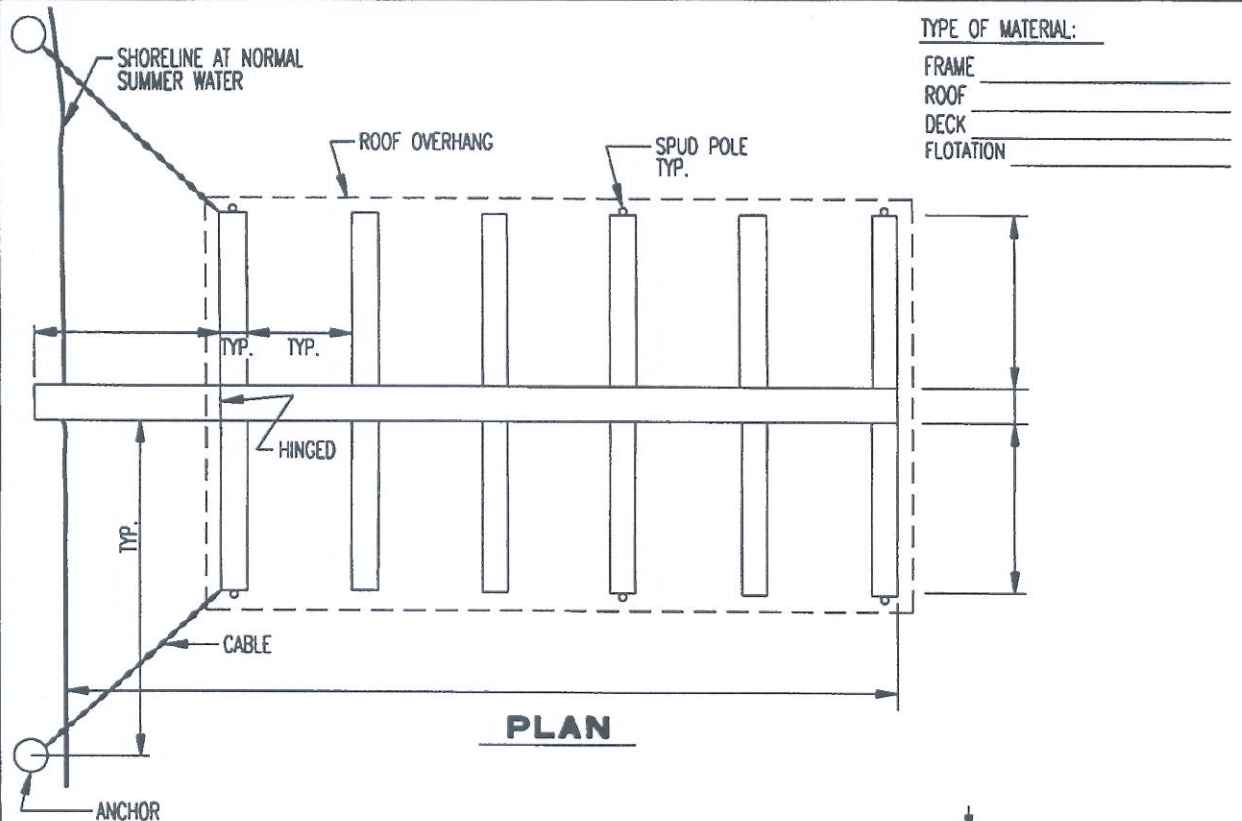
Tennessee Valley Authority
Watershed Team Name
Address
City, State, ZIP

What is needed for review of a multiple slip dock?

- Length and width dimensions of all components of the dock, including any walkways.
- The distance the dock extends from the shoreline (at summer water elevation or normal water level along rivers and streams).
- The normal summer water elevation is _____ feet above mean sea level for _____.
- Height of the dock above summer water elevation (or normal water level along rivers and streams).
- Method of support for *fixed docks* (creosote poles are not permitted).
- Method of anchorage for *floating docks*.
- If the *floating dock* facility must be moved during winter drawdown, indicate winter location.
- For *floating docks*, specify type of approved flotation. Flotation devices must be encased foam blocks, pontoons, or other material commercially manufactured specifically for flotation. Metal or plastic barrels, drums, or other containers not made for flotation are prohibited.

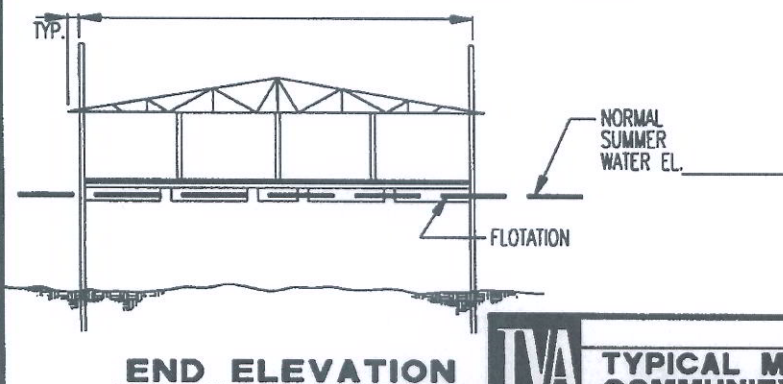
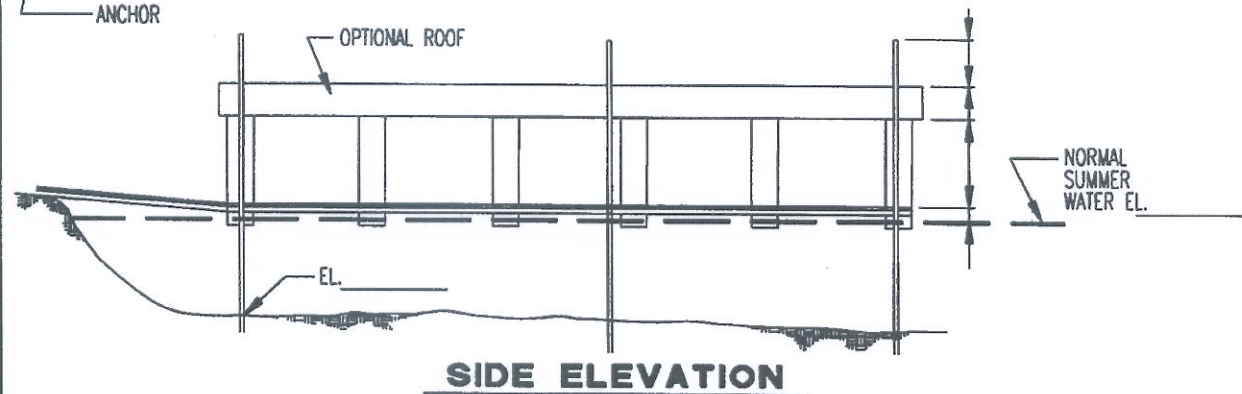
Helpful Hints:

- Plans should indicate electrical service, if applicable, including the location of the disconnect switch (which should be accessible during flood events). The disconnect switch must be located above a contour elevation which may vary by location. TVA's Watershed Team Name Office will be glad to tell you the correct elevation for your project.
- For covered *fixed docks*, specify the height at the bottom side of any roof structure. The underside of the roof should be high enough so that boats are not damaged during 100-year flood events.
- In addition, plans should include any other facilities proposed to be constructed.



TYPE OF MATERIAL:

FRAME _____
 ROOF _____
 DECK _____
 FLOTATION _____



THE NORMAL SUMMER WATER LEVEL IS: _____

NOTE:
 INCLUDE ALL DIMENSIONS AND ELEVATIONS
 WHERE INDICATED.



TYPICAL MARINA MULTIPLE SLIP OR COMMUNITY DOCK

PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION:

STREAM NAME _____ SUBDIVISION NAME _____
 RESERVOIR NAME _____ LOT NUMBER _____
 MILE MARKER _____ MAP NO. _____

(APPLICANT'S NAME)

JOINT APPLICATION FORM

Department of the Army/TVA

The Department of the Army (DA) permit program is authorized by **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899** and **Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217)**. These laws require permits authorizing structures and work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States and the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. **Section 26a of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act**, as amended, prohibits the construction, operation, or maintenance of any structure affecting navigation, flood control, or public lands or reservations across, along, or in the Tennessee River or any of its tributaries until plans for such construction, operation, and maintenance have been submitted to and approved by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

Name and Address of Applicant:	Name, Address, and Title of Authorized Agent:
Telephone Number: Home _____ Office _____	Telephone Number: Home _____ Office _____

Location where activity exists or will occur (*include Stream Name and Mile, if known*):

Application submitted to <input type="checkbox"/> DA <input type="checkbox"/> TVA
Date activity is proposed to commence: _____ Date activity is proposed to be completed: _____

Describe in detail the proposed activity, its purpose and intended use (*private, public, commercial, or other*). Describe structures to be erected including those placed on fills, piles, or floating platforms. Also describe the type, composition, and quantity of materials to be discharged or placed in the water; the means of conveyance; and the source of discharge or fill material. Please attach additional sheets if needed.

Application is hereby made for approval of the activities described herein. I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this application, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief such information is true, complete, and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the proposed activities. **I agree that, if this application is approved by TVA, I will comply with the attached terms and conditions and any special conditions that may be imposed by TVA at the time of approval. Please note the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may impose additional conditions or restrictions.**

Date

Signature of Applicant

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of The United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both. The appropriate DA fee will be assessed when a permit is issued.

Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of adjoining property owners, lessees, etc., whose properties also join the waterway:

List of previous DA/TVA permits/approvals

☐ DA

Permit Number

☐ TVA

Date

Is any portion of the activity for which authorization is sought now complete? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If "Yes" attach explanation)
 Month and year the activity was completed: . Indicate the existing work on the drawings.

List all approvals or certifications required by other federal, interstate, state, or local agencies for any structures, construction, discharges, deposits, or other activities described in this application.

Issuing Agency	Type Approval	Identification No.	Date of Application	Date of Approval

Has any agency denied approval for the activity described herein or for any activity directly related to the activity described herein?
☐ Yes ☐ No (If "Yes" attach explanation)

Project plans or drawings should accompany the application. These should be on paper suitable for reproduction no larger than 11 x 17 inches or contained on a 3-1/2 inch floppy computer disc in "dxf" format, and should be submitted to the appropriate TVA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers offices. An application that is not complete will be returned for additional information.

U.S.A.C.E. Offices		TVA Office Location
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Eastern Regulatory Field Office Spring Cress Business Park 501 Adessa Blvd., Suite 250 Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771 (865) 986-7296	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District The Plaza, Suite 130 1590 Adamson Parkway Morrow, Georgia 30260-1763 (678) 422-2729	Tennessee Valley Authority
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch 3701 Bell Road Nashville, Tennessee 37214 (615) 369-7500	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Western Regulatory Field Office 2042 Beltline Road, SW, Bldg C, Suite 415 Decatur, Alabama 35602 (256) 350-5620	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk District P.O. Box 338 Abingdon, Virginia 24212 (276) 623-5259	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Asheville Regulatory Field Office 151 Patton Avenue, Room 208 Asheville, North Carolina 28801-5006 (828) 271-4856	

Privacy Act Statement

This information is being requested in accordance with Section 26a of the TVA Act as cited on the front page of this form. Disclosure of the information requested is voluntary; however, failure to provide any required information or documents may result in a delay in processing your application or in your being denied a Section 26a permit. An application that is not complete will be returned for additional information. TVA uses this information to assess the impact of the proposed project on TVA programs and the environment and to determine if the project can be approved. Information in the application is made a matter of public record through issuance of a public notice if warranted. Routine uses of this information include providing to federal, state, or local agencies, and to consultants, contractors, etc., for use in program evaluations, studies, or other matters involving support services to the program; to respond to a congressional inquiry concerning the application or Section 26a program; and for oversight or similar purposes, corrective action, litigation or law enforcement.

Burden Estimate Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Agency Clearance Officer, Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (3316-0060), Washington, D.C. 20503.



Section 26a Permit and Land Use Application Applicant Disclosure Form

By signing the Joint Application Form (Department of Army/TVA) or TVA's Land Use Application and again below, you agree to disclose any business, political, or financial interest that may present an actual or potential conflict of interest with TVA. If a new significant business, political, or financial interest is obtained during the period of the time that the application is under review, you agree to file an additional disclosure.

Disclose if any of the following apply to you (check all that apply ☒). I am:

- ☐ An elected government official
- ☐ A policy making level employee of an entity that regulates TVA or its activities
- ☐ A management level employee of a power customer of TVA
- ☐ A TVA Director
- ☐ A TVA employee
- ☐ An immediate family member of one of the above
- ☐ A representative of a corporation or entity submitting an application and one of the above applies to me. Print entity or corporation name, and identify which of the above applies to you.

- ☐ A representative of a corporation or entity submitting an application and the corporation or entity has partners, investors, or senior management that are one of the above. Print entity or corporation name, and identify the partner(s), investor(s), or senior manager(s) and which of the above applies.

- ☐ None of the above

Do you have any other business or personal relationships not covered in your answers above that could appear to be a conflict of interest? (check one) Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, provide more detail here.

By signing this form, you consent to this Applicant Disclosure Form being made available to the public in response to an appropriate request, including, without limitation, a request made under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please sign and return this form with your application package. Your application cannot be processed without receipt of this signed form.

Name of applicant (Printed) _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

All applications and communications that occur as part of the application process may be made public to the extent permitted by applicable law, including the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act, and could be reviewed formally by the Office of Inspector General (OIG). All written correspondence regarding your request may be forwarded to the TVA Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer (CECO) and the OIG, and all oral communication between TVA and the applicant regarding this request may be documented and maintained by TVA. Inquiries concerning your application from any person who falls into one of the categories described above will be disclosed to the CECO and OIG.

Privacy Act Statement

This information is being requested in accordance with Sections 4(k), 15d, 26a, and/or 31 of the TVA Act, 40 U.S.C. § 1314; 30 U.S.C. § 185; 16 U.S.C. § 667b; and/or 40 U.S.C. § 483. Disclosure of the information requested is voluntary; however, failure to provide any required information or documents may result in a delay in processing your application or in your application being denied. An application that is not complete will be returned for additional information. TVA uses this information to assess the impact of the proposed project on TVA programs and the environment and to determine if the project can be approved. Information in the application is made a matter of public record through issuance of a public notice if warranted. Routine uses of this information include providing to federal, state, or local agencies, and to consultants, contractors, etc., for use in program evaluations, studies, or other matters involving support services to the program; to respond to a congressional inquiry concerning the application or the applicable program; and for oversight or similar purposes, corrective action, litigation, or law enforcement.



TVA Section 26a Permit Application and Processing Fees

Like most government agencies today, TVA incorporates sound business principles into its daily work. One basic business premise is that customers pay for services received. TVA has implemented a fee system so that people who benefit directly reimburse TVA for the cost of services provided.

Fee rates effective January 5, 1998, for activities on TVA reservoirs/regulated streams:

\$200 - Applications for transfer of ownership of existing permitted facility.

\$200 - Applications from adjoining property owners for docks, boathouses, bank stabilization, or other related minor shoreline alterations.

\$500 - Applications from local, state, or federal agencies for permits to construct, change, or operate major public facilities.

\$1,000 - Applications from adjoining property owners, commercial businesses, or industries for permits to construct or operate marinas, barge terminals, or bridges, or for other major shoreline alterations.

For activities off TVA reservoirs:

\$100 - All applications for construction activities affecting TVA lands or waters.

What is Section 26a?

This is a section of the TVA Act which requires TVA to review and process applications for construction activities proposed in or along the Tennessee River or its tributaries.

What are the fees based on?

TVA attempts to recover its costs associated with processing 26a applications. To ensure that fees are reasonable and fair, TVA examined its cost of doing business. Current fees are based on this information. All fees are within the allowable ranges found in the 1995 Federal Register TVA's Administrative Cost Recovery regulations. TVA will continue to examine the costs of doing business and, if these costs change, fees will be adjusted accordingly.

When will the revised fee structure begin?

In March 1995, TVA began charging fees for 26a permit applications. These fees have been adjusted based on actual costs. Effective January 5, 1998, a check or money order made payable to the Tennessee Valley Authority for the appropriate amount (\$200, \$200, \$500, \$1,000, or \$100 [see sidebar]) must accompany each application.

What does the fee cover?

The fee is for recovering costs associated with processing the application. These costs include site investigations, record searches, analysis for conformance to TVA requirements, environmental review, permit preparation, and related activities. Paying the fee does not guarantee approval of the permit. The fee will not be refunded if the application is not approved.

A single permit application may include more than one request for alterations, modifications, or changes at the same location for a single fee. If another application is made for additional activities or to modify previous permits, a separate fee will be charged for each new application.

Will there be any additional charges?

If processing costs are expected to exceed the standard fees (in sidebar), TVA will notify the applicant in writing that full-cost recovery will be required. The applicant will be required to sign an agreement before work begins. Work will cease if TVA invoices are not promptly paid. Fees will cover the cost of detailed analyses such as special biological studies, archeological surveys, environmental assessments (EA), or environmental impact statements (EIS), which may be required in special circumstances such as when wetlands, cultural resources, or endangered species might be impacted by the proposal.

Remember:

- *Your check or money order (payable to Tennessee Valley Authority) must accompany your application.*

Additional fees may be assessed for processing after-the-fact permits for activities already conducted without a permit in violation of federal regulations.

The following is general guidance for TVA full-cost recovery fees and project duration. These figures are not exact or binding, but are provided to generally describe what may be encountered. Costs and schedule will be determined by the specific circumstances of each location and action. As with any project concerning unknowns, the fees and duration could escalate significantly depending on what is discovered during the review.

Non Standard Applications — Full-Cost Recovery	
	Typical Cost and Duration
Modifications to existing projects, new projects requiring limited additional special studies, or actions not covered by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers general permit, typically exceed the standard fee.	\$1000 to \$3000 (3 to 5 months)
Projects requiring in-depth or additional review of at least one environmental or programmatic issue. Issues can include, but are not limited to: identification of historic or archeological resources, presence of wetlands, threatened or endangered species impacts requiring involvement of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, TVA programmatic interests (for example transmission rights-of-way, navigation, and municipal water supply), or actions not covered by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers general permit.	\$5,000 to \$10,000 (4 to 12 months)
Projects which require in-depth or additional review of multiple environmental or programmatic issues. An EA may be required. Issues can include, but are not limited to: investigation and documentation of historic or archeological resources, wetland impact mitigation studies, issues requiring seasonal field review (low water level, foliage emergence), formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on threatened or endangered species, controversial actions, significant TVA programmatic interests, or actions not covered by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers general permit.	Up to \$15,000 (6 to 18 months)
Projects which require in-depth, detailed studies for multiple or significant environmental or programmatic issues. An EA or EIS may be required. Issues can include, but are not limited to: mitigation of impacts caused by the proposed action, impacts to historic or archeological resources, significant wetlands impacts, formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on significant threatened or endangered species impacts, significant TVA programmatic interests, or actions not covered by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers general permit. If proposed action is controversial, public meetings are likely and the applicant would be responsible for costs incurred.	\$25,000 or significantly more (12 to 36 months, potentially more)

What is the difference between On-Reservoir and Off-Reservoir activities?

On-reservoir activities include 26a permit requests in, across, or along TVA reservoirs and regulated rivers and streams in the Tennessee Valley. Regulated rivers and streams are rivers and streams located downstream of TVA dams, and which are directly impacted by the operating of TVA dams. Off-reservoir activities include 26a permit requests on all other rivers and streams in the Tennessee Valley Watershed.

TVA Watershed Team Offices

TVA has seven Watershed Team Offices located across the Valley to provide quick response to questions and problems, and to discuss permit applications and processing fees.

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Shoreline Construction Permitting Under Section 26a of the TVA Act

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Section 26a of the TVA Act (U.S. Congress, 1933, as amended) requires that TVA approval be obtained prior to the construction, operation, or maintenance of a structure or construction activity affecting navigation, flood control, or public lands, along the shoreline of the TVA reservoirs or in the Tennessee River or its tributaries. TVA administers this authority under rules in Title 18; Code of Federal Regulations.

Section 26a is designed to ensure that construction along the shoreline and in waters of the Tennessee River system and the TVA reservoirs does not adversely impact TVA's responsibility for managing the river system and for achieving "Unified Development and Regulation of the Tennessee River." TVA reviews over 2500 construction proposals annually to ensure that shoreline construction activities are compatible with TVA's integrated mission for flood control, navigation, power generation, reservoir recreation, land management, and environmental protection. Permit approvals for construction under Section 26a are "federal actions" and are therefore subject to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and other federal laws.

Typical structures requiring TVA review and approval include: boat docks, piers, boat ramps, bridges, culverts, commercial marinas, barge terminals and mooring cells, water intake and sewage outfalls, and fill or construction within the floodplain.

For more information, contact the appropriate Watershed Team Office

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