

Columbia Corridor Drainage Districts

Development Review Process

The Columbia Corridor Drainage Districts reduce flood risk by maintaining our levee system, managing drainage and responding to emergencies.

As part of these responsibilities, the Districts review development applications for projects within their boundaries.



A Structured Process

The Districts work hard to balance our responsibility to manage flood risk while supporting development of private property. We have a tiered review structure to provide developers with as much information and predictability as possible.

The level of review – Tier 1, 2 or 3 – is based on the project's proximity and potential impact to flood protection systems (including levees) and complexity of the review required. All projects start at the simplest level of review and move to more thorough review if more information is needed on potential impacts or mitigation is required.

BENEFITS OF THE REVIEW:

Development reviews ensure new development does not increase the risk of flooding, and that developers are active partners in mitigating flood risk.

What to Expect

The City managing your development application sends review requests to the Districts to identify any flood risk or necessary mitigation measures. In most cases, the Districts directly provide the City with comments and conditions that are incorporated into the City's final permits and no further contact or payment is required. For projects where flood risk or necessary mitigation measures are identified, the Districts will conduct a higher level of review. You will be notified if this is the case.

See the reverse for a quick overview of the development review process.



Get in Touch

If you want a jumpstart, the Districts can set up a pre-application meeting to help identify potential mitigation needs early and explain submittal requirements for larger or complex projects.

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Development Review at a Glance

Type of Review	Services Provided	Action Needed	Timeframes	Payment	Payment Options	Notification
Tier 1: Simple review (most applications)	Confirmation that project will not negatively impact flood protection system	None required (application submitted from the City processing your permit)	Usually less than two weeks	No service charge	N/A	City processing your permit will provide notification of approval/conditions or need for further review.
Tier 2: Detailed review	Work with applicant to determine how to mitigate impacts to the flood protection system (requires more than 6 hours of review)	Schedule pre-application meeting with the Districts (optional but recommended). Submit the Districts Development Review Application, including Charge Agreement	Varies greatly depending on project factors; meet with the Districts for approximate timeframes.	Base charge (\$550) + monthly invoice for additional costs incurred (up to \$2,500 maximum)	Check, or credit card	During review process, the Districts will contact you with additional information needs. City processing your permit will provide notification of approval/conditions.
Tier 3: Time intensive or complex review	Work with applicant to determine how to mitigate impacts to the flood protection system + Liaise with federal U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) review, if applicable	Meet with the Districts to determine additional documentation needs	Varies greatly depending on project factors; meet with the Districts for approximate timeframes. The option to expedite may be available for additional charge.	Monthly invoice for costs incurred past Tier 2 (total cost based on staff hours required)	Check, or credit card	During review process, the Districts will contact you with additional information needs and serve as liaison with USACE, if applicable. City processing your permit will provide notification of approval/conditions.

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