Ravine Permitting Process

1. Go to US Army Corps of Engineers’ website (http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx) for application instructions:
   - Permit application
   - Letters of No Objections
   - Jurisdictional determinations

2. Submit for a pre-application meeting with USACE staff. It is highly recommended that the pre-application meeting occur during planning phase of project.

3. Submit your request via email to: Chicagorequests@usace.army.mil

4. Submittals should include the following information:
   - Contact information of requestor
   - Project location map and address of project (including coordinates in decimal degrees)
   - Project narrative descriptive as possible

5. Applicant is notified via email with assigned application number and project manager.

6. Project manager will commence a review within 45-60 days and notify applicant of required information for moving forward through the permit process.

7. Telephone, email, conference calls and face to face meetings are part of the communication process between applicant and project manager.

Ravine Projects May Require Approval from Additional Governmental Agencies

i.e.: Municipality where project is located
Lake County Planning Building and Development
Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
IDNR/OWR, Lake Michigan Management Section
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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**Regional Permits for Ravine Restoration and Enhancement Projects**

**Quick Guide:** Work performed within a ravine may qualify under RP#5. Temporary fill for construction access points may qualify under RP#7. Work performed along ravine sideslopes may qualify under RP#10.

**RP#5 Wetland and Stream Restoration and Enhancement**

Authorizes:
- Restoration and enhancement of former wetlands and riparian areas,
- Enhancement of degraded wetlands and riparian areas
- Creation of wetlands and riparian areas on private or public lands

Examples include but are not limited to the removal of sediments, installation of riffle and pool structures and in-stream habitat structures, modification of stream bed or banks, restoration or creation of stream meanders, removal of existing drainage structures and revegetating sideslopes.

**RP#7 Temporary Construction Activities**

Authorizes:
- Temporary structures and discharges necessary for construction activities
- Access fills and dewatering of construction site

RP#7 is required for work in regulated waterways to prevent sediments from entering jurisdictional areas during construction activities. All construction areas will be restored to pre-construction conditions or better.

**RP#10 Bank Stabilization**

Authorizes:
- Bank stabilization activities
- Erosion protection by utilizing vegetative and biotechnical practices
- Erosion protection by utilizing structural methods of stabilization

Examples include but are not limited to rip rap keyed into the toes of slope with vegetation above, regrading and revegetating slopes with native species to ravines, vegetated geogrids, coconut fiber logs, woody vegetation, fascines, brush layering, soil lifts, brush clearing. Structural practices may be authorized under RP#10 as determined by purpose and need on a case by case basis.