



TOWN OF ROCKPORT
BOARD OF HEALTH
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SOIL & PERCOLATION TESTING APPLICATION

DATE: _____
 STREET LOCATION OF PARCEL: _____ MAP/LOT: _____/_____

Is there an existing dwelling on lot? _____ Is the soil evaluation for existing dwelling? _____

Note: If this soil evaluation is for an existing dwelling, on the day of the evaluation, the Health Agent will need to walk through the dwelling to count rooms, check for garbage grinders, and note where building sewer(s) exit the building.

Will the septic system be designed under "upgrade" or "new construction" standards? _____

Has the parcel been tested before? _____ YES _____ NO If Yes, Date of Test: _____

Estimated time to complete test: _____

SOIL EVALUATOR: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

ENGINEERING FIRM _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

PROPERTY OWNER _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS _____

Please submit the completed application to the Board of Health Office with the following:

- Locus map with an arrow to the lot location
- Site/plot plan showing all physical features such as cross streets, identified wetlands and water bodies, and rock outcropping. Depict with "x" (s) on site plan where soil tests will take place
- Fee: \$200 per proposed septic system (up to 4 hours)

A Conservation Commission determination as to the absence or presence of wetlands within 100 ft of the proposed testing location is required prior to scheduling or conducting a perc test/soil evaluation. Each proposed testing location must be marked in the field with a readily identifiable orange stake. Testing must be conducted no further than 20' from each field identifier. Proper locus maps and field identification markers will expedite this process.

The Board of Health Office will contact the Soil Evaluator to schedule a date and time for the soil evaluation after the Conservation Commission has completed its review of the application.

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BOH: Locus map attached and marked? _____ YES _____ NO Site plan attached and marked? _____ YES _____ NO

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

ConCom: Wetlands Present? _____ YES _____ NO Wetland Delineation and/or filing required? _____ YES _____ NO

Flood Zone? _____ YES _____ NO

COMMENTS: _____

Signature of Conservation Commissioner/Agent: _____ Date: _____

BOH: Scheduled Date: _____ Time: _____

To Accompany Soil & Perc Test Applications to the Board of Health

The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Rockport Wetlands By-law apply to many properties where wetland areas may not be obvious, so please read the following.

*Application procedures with the Conservation Commission are separate from approval procedures with the Board of Health. The Rockport Conservation Commission wishes to advise you that your proposed septic system repair/construction or well installation may be subject to review under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Sec. 40) and the Rockport Wetlands Protection By-law. **If wetlands (*see list of wetland resource areas listed below) are present within 100' of the proposed work, or a river/ perennial stream is present within 200', an application must be filed with the Rockport Conservation Commission for the proposed work.** Contact with the Commission at this time may save considerable time, frustration and expenses down the road.*

In general terms, **the Act and By-law provide that anyone proposing to remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise alter any wetland must first file** a Request for Determination and/or a Notice of Intent (permit application) including detailed plans with the local Commission. The Commission subsequently holds a public hearing on the activity. This is the law administered in all 351 communities within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Following this hearing an Order of Conditions (the permit) defining the limit of work and any conditions may be issued if the project meets performance standards set forth in the Wetlands Act and By-law. The purpose of any such conditions is to ensure that negative impacts to the *wetland resource area are avoided and that the assumed functions and values of the wetland resource area are preserved.

The Wetlands Protection Act and Rockport Wetlands By-law and their Regulations may be reviewed at and application forms obtained from the Conservation Commission Office. Copies of the Act and By-law can also be obtained at the Town Clerk's office and on the Commission's website: <http://www.rockportma.gov>. Anyone with questions about the laws and how they apply to their site or activity, and anyone in need of filing assistance can call the Conservation Commission Office at 978-546-5005 to speak with the Conservation Agent or via our website.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to find out if they are working in a *wetland resource area or buffer zone and to apply for and obtain any necessary wetland permits before doing work in these areas; it is NOT the Commission's or Board of Health's responsibility to notify you. The Commission stands ready to help the public understand and comply with these laws.

Also please be aware that while excavation, grading and vegetation clearing may be not required of the Board of Health, these activities do require a "permit" from the Conservation Commission if taking place 100' from a *wetland or 200' from a river/perennial stream. **Unpermitted activities are subject to fines up to \$300 per violation per day.**

*** Wetland resource areas include: freshwater or coastal wetlands, marshes, wet meadows, bogs, swamps, vernal pools, banks, reservoirs, lakes, ponds, quarry pits or motions, rivers, streams, creeks, beaches, dunes, estuaries, the ocean, lands under water bodies, lands subject to flooding or inundation by groundwater or surface water, lands subject to tidal action, lands within 100' of above cited resource areas, coastal storm flowage, or flooding.**