



APPLICATION FOR  
VEGETATION REMOVAL PERMIT

Dear Claytor Lake Property Owners:

On behalf of Appalachian Power Company (Appalachian), please find attached an application for a vegetation removal permit. Instructions for completing this application include the following:

1. Read the entire permit application carefully.
2. To help ensure a prompt response, please include all requested information. Incomplete applications will be returned for additional information.
3. The Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) for the Claytor Project, dated November 14, 2022, as approved by Order Approving Revised Shoreline Management Plan Pursuant to Article 414 issued June 28, 2023 can be found at [claytorhydro.com](http://claytorhydro.com). The proposed vegetation removal must meet the requirements of the SMP before it can be approved.
4. A site visit will be conducted upon receipt of the application. The vegetation that is proposed to be removed must be marked. Please call the number listed below if you or your contractor would like an appointment to discuss vegetation within the Project boundary.
5. The property owner, not an agent or contractor, is required to sign the permit application. Applications with incorrect signatures will be returned.
6. Property information, including the parcel identification number, legal description, and deed reference information can be obtained by contacting Pulaski County. On-line information is available at [pulaskicounty.org](http://pulaskicounty.org).
7. Mail the completed application to the following address for processing:

Appalachian Power Company  
Shoreline Management  
996 Old Franklin Turnpike  
Rocky Mount, Virginia 24151

8. If the proposal meets the SMP, a permit will be issued.

Should you have any additional questions, you may contact me at (540) 489-2556.

Sincerely,

*Lisa H. Hammock*

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Real Estate Agent Senior







**Permit for Vegetation Removal**  
**Appalachian Power Company**  
**Claytor Lake**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PERMIT**

This permit is granted by APCO and accepted by the Permittee, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. This permit is granted solely for the purpose of removing vegetation from within the Project boundary or for planting vegetation for mitigation for work done within the Project boundary without the benefit of a permit. No addition or design change shall be made to this permit without prior approval from APCO.
2. Plantings will be installed within one (1) year of the date of the Permit.
3. Routine maintenance to the existing vegetation within the Project boundary is allowed without a permit in order to keep the vegetation healthy and ensure the buffer functions properly. Call APCO if you are uncertain whether your Project falls into this category.
4. Dead, diseased or dying trees or shrubbery and non-native invasive weeds may be removed. In addition, trees that are a hazard to life or property may be removed with a permit from APCO. If the trees or shrubs are removed, they shall be replaced with other vegetation as detailed in Table 2.5.9-1 of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) for the Claytor Project, dated November 14, 2022, as approved by Order Approving Revised Shoreline Management Plan Pursuant to Article 414 issued June 28, 2023. The trees or shrubs that are removed should be replaced with native plants. A list of native plants can be found in Appendix F of the Shoreline Management Plan. Individuals may be required to plant or pay for the planting of vegetative materials within the Project boundary in the event that vegetation is removed without a permit.
5. The activity described in this permit is part of a single and complete Project.
6. Under this permit, modifications shall not alter the Project boundary (generally 1850 foot contour). If alteration of the Project boundary is proposed, additional information will need to be submitted to APCO for review.
7. This permit does not include permission for the removal of wetland vegetation.
8. By thirty (30) days' notice, mailed to the Permittee by registered or certified letter, APCO may revoke this permit whenever it determines that the public interest necessitates such revocation or when it determines that the Permittee has failed to comply with the conditions of this permit. The revocation notice shall specify the reason for such action.
9. The Permittee is responsible for proper design, engineering, construction, maintenance and placement of any proposed re-vegetation or vegetation measures. APCO's review and approval of the plans are no guarantee or assurance the Permittee's plans are proper or adequate for the purpose intended.
10. The Permittee shall ensure that erosion and sedimentation (E & S) control devices are in place prior to clearing and grading and that they are maintained in good working order to minimize impacts to all waters and wetlands in accordance with the current edition of the Virginia Erosion and Sedimentation Handbook. Any deposition of graded materials in upland areas shall be carried out in such a manner as to prevent the erosion of these materials and preclude their entry into all waters and wetlands. These controls shall remain in place until the area stabilizes. Soil stabilization practices shall be applied to all denuded areas **within seven (7) days** after final grade is reached within any impact area.
11. Success of the re-vegetated buffer shall be based upon the following criteria:
  - i) 80% of the vegetation survives. Plantings that do not survive shall be replaced by the Permittee by the beginning of the next growing season.
  - ii) Plantings shall be made between March 30 and October 15. No plantings shall occur in frozen soils.
12. If restoration of the vegetated buffer fails, then the reasons for this failure shall be determined and a corrective action plan submitted to APCO. The corrective action plan shall be implemented by the Permittee upon receipt of written approval from APCO.
13. It is understood and agreed by and between APCO and Permittee that part of the consideration for the granting of this permit for lakeshore use is the Permittee's agreement to keep Project lands and waters occupied by and surrounding the permitted facility free of all waste, garbage, and other unsightly debris and materials and is to comply with local health rules and regulations.
14. It is understood that the water levels at Claytor Lake can fluctuate from time to time, especially during periods of high inflow or during scheduled drawdowns of the reservoir. These fluctuations in elevation should be taken into consideration when designing re-vegetation plans.
15. In the event that any previously known or unknown cultural resource materials are discovered, all work associated with this permit must be stopped. Appalachian must be notified and consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) must be completed before any further work within the work area will be allowed to continue. In addition:
  - A. The applicant shall notify Appalachian and SHPO immediately and follow-up with a written account of the discovery. The applicant may be required to employ an archaeologist who meets or exceeds the qualifications described in the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards (48 FR 44738-9) to assess the eligibility of the resource for inclusion in the National Register.
  - B. If the resource is determined to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register, and the applicant wishes to continue with the activity, the applicant shall ensure that an archaeologist who meets or exceeds the qualifications described in the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards (48 FR 44738-9) shall prepare a plan for its avoidance, protection, or recovery of information. The SHPO shall approve such plan, prior to implementation.
  - C. Work in the affected area shall not proceed until either:
    - a. Appropriate data recovery or other approved mitigation procedures are developed and implemented, or
    - b. The determination is made that the located resources are not eligible for inclusion on the National Register.
16. Permittee agrees to all conditions set forth in the Claytor Project Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) for the Claytor Project, dated November 14, 2022, as approved by Order Approving Revised Shoreline Management Plan Pursuant to Article 414 issued June 28, 2023.

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