

Drawings

General Information

Three types of drawings - Vicinity, Plan, and Elevation - are required to accurately depict activities.

Submit one original, or good quality copy, of all drawings on 8½ X 11 inch white paper (tracing cloth or film may be used). Submit the fewest number of sheets necessary to adequately show the proposed activity. Drawings should be prepared in accordance with the general format of the samples, using block style lettering. Each page should have a title block. See check list below. Drawings do not have to be prepared by an engineer, but professional assistance may become necessary if the project is large or complex.

Leave a 1-inch margin at the top edge of each sheet for purposes of reproduction and binding.

In the title block of each sheet of drawings identify the proposed activity and include the name of the body of water; river mile (if applicable); name of county and state; name of applicant; number of the sheet and total number of sheets in set; and date the drawing was prepared.

Since drawings must be reproduced, use heavy dark lines. Color shading cannot be used; however, dot shading, hatching, or similar graphic symbols may be used to clarify line drawings.

Vicinity Map

The vicinity map you provide will be printed in any public notice that is issued and used by the Corps of Engineers and other reviewing agencies to locate the site of the proposed activity. You may use an existing road map or US Geological Survey topographic (scale 1:24,000) as the vicinity map. Please include sufficient details to simplify locating the site from both the waterbody and from land. Identify the source of the map or chart from which the vicinity map was taken and, if not already shown, add the following:

-  location of activity site (draw an arrow showing the exact location of the site on the map).
-  latitude, longitude, river mile, if known, and/or other information that coincides with Block 6 on the application form.
-  name of waterbody and the name of the larger creek, river, bay, etc., that the waterbody is immediately tributary to.
-  names, descriptions and location of landmarks.
-  name of all applicable political (county, parish, borough, town, city, etc.) jurisdictions
-  name of and distance to nearest town, community, or other identifying locations
-  names or numbers of all roads in the vicinity of the site.
-  north arrow.
-  scale.

Plan View

The plan view shows the proposed activity as if you were looking straight down on it from above. your plan view should clearly show the following:

- 📍 Name of waterbody (river, creek, lake, wetland, etc.) and river mile (if known) at location of activity.
- 📍 Existing shorelines.
- 📍 Mean high and mean low water lines and maximum (spring) high tide line in tidal areas.
- 📍 Ordinary high water line and ordinary low water line if the proposed activity is located on a non-tidal waterbody.
- 📍 Average water depths around the activity.
- 📍 Dimensions of the activity and distance it extends from the high water line into the water.
- 📍 Distances to nearby Federal projects, if applicable.
- 📍 Distance between proposed activity and navigation channel, where applicable.
- 📍 Location of structures, if any, in navigable waters immediately adjacent to the proposed activity.
- 📍 Location of any wetlands (marshes, swamps, tidal flats, etc.)
- 📍 North arrow.
- 📍 Scale.
- 📍 If dredged material is involved, you must describe the type of material, number of cubic yards, method of handling, and the location of fill and spoil disposal area. The drawing should show proposed retention levees, weirs, and/or other means for retaining hydraulically placed materials.
- 📍 Mark the drawing to indicate previously completed portions of the activity.

Elevation and/or Cross Section View

The elevation and/or cross section view is a scale drawing that shows the side, front, or rear of the proposed activity. If a section view is shown, it represents the proposed structure as it would appear if cut internally for display. Your elevation should clearly show the following:

-  Water elevations as shown in the plan view.
-  Water depth at waterward face of proposed activity or, if dredging is proposed, dredging and estimated disposal grades.
-  Dimensions from mean high water line (in tidal waters) of proposed fill or float, or high tide line for pile supported platform. Describe any structures to be built on the platform.
-  Cross section of excavation or fill, including approximate side slopes.
-  Graphic or numerical scale.
-  Principal dimensions of the activity.

Notes on Drawings

-  Names of adjacent property owners who may be affected. Complete names and addresses should be shown in Block 5 on ENG Form 4345.
-  Legal property description: Number, name of subdivision, block, and lot number from plot, deed, or tax assessment.
-  Photographs of the site of the proposed activity are not required; however, pictures are helpful and may be submitted as part of any application.
-  While illustrations need not be professional (many small, private project illustrations are prepared by hand), they should be clear, accurate, and contain all necessary information.

