This guide identifies the most common land use applications necessary to gain local land use approval to build or register a dock. Because this is a general analysis, it may not address special situations that could apply to a single property. Any determination of additional permits necessary would be made on a case-by-case basis and be identified in the Land Use Compatibility Statement.

**How do I know if my existing dock has local land use approval?**

Submit a Land Use Compatibility Statement Application ($130) with the State dock registration form. A Planner will determine if the dock was built in compliance with the applicable County regulations. A dock that was built prior to July 24, 1980, complies with local land use regulations.

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**Was the dock built prior to July 24, 1980 or with a County approved building permit?**

- **No**
  - Congratulations! Your dock complies with local land use laws.

- **Yes**
  - Is your dock above the ordinary high water mark?
    - **No**
      - You will need a Riparian Modification ($2,600).
    - **Yes**
      - Does your property have an estuarine zone or coastal combining zone?
        - **No**
          - You will need a Special Use Permit ($2,600).
        - **Yes**
          - Building Permit

The final step in this process will be to obtain an as-built building permit for your dock. For more information regarding building permit requirements, contact the Building Program at 541-682-4651.