

Crossing Authorization Process

Outline

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The Authorization Process is divided into two basic risk categories, one being low risk and the other being high risk. Risk will be assessed and determined solely by the County.

Low Risk Ventures: shall include but not necessarily limited to “at grade” construction such as stripping of topsoil within approved access approach widths, access road construction if no ditches are proposed in the right of way, temporary storage of light materials, temporary small and easily moveable buildings or storage sheds, heavy equipment or gravel truck crossing haul points, landscaping, copper line (not fibre optic) telephone cable installation, overhead power installations where the poles are located outside of the right of way, etc. These are activities that generally take place at or near the existing surface. **In such circumstances only a Class 2. Crossing Permit is required.** In these cases only simple diagrams or drawings are required and the Permit is a simple document.

High Risk Ventures: shall include but not necessarily limited to “below grade” construction such as water or sewer installations, service connection installations, fire hydrants and lead installation, fibre optics cable installations, underground power installations, sign installation if posts exceed 1 meter in depth, etc. **In such circumstances a Class 1. Crossing Permit is required.** In these cases, engineering drawings are required and the Permit is complicated and lengthy document.

Stages work may require both Class 1 and a Class 2 Permit depending how the work is to be staged and by whom the work is to be done.