

Best Practices in Permitting

What?

✈ The Scenario:
An aircraft manufacturer seeks to build new facilities to accommodate future growth.

✈ The Challenge:
The company needs to expand onto an additional **468 acres, 150 of which are wetlands.**

✈ The Result:
The company's air and wetlands permits are approved **6 months** after submission, and **4,000 acres are now protected.**

How?

PLAN.

Engage early with key stakeholders.
Take advantage of pre-application meetings.
Create a permit target schedule.

COMMUNICATE.

Identify needs (requirements, priorities, uncertainties) and solutions.

BE FLEXIBLE.

Be willing to change course to overcome barriers.

COLLABORATE.

Work together to achieve the best outcomes.

Who benefits?

COMMUNITY

The wetlands mitigation plan protects **4,000 acres**, expanding the green belt around Charleston – terrific for future hiking, biking, bird watching, and enjoying nature.

ENVIRONMENT

The plan improves water quality, protects wildlife, and restores the long-leaf pine ecosystem.
Note: wetlands projects do not have to be large; it is more about functional ecological gain than acreage.

ECONOMY

Streamlined permitting supports business development, adding direct and indirect jobs to the local economy, as well as around the state through the supply chain.

A streamlined permitting process is good for the economy and good for the environment.

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