Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Fisheries Division

NATURAL RIVER PROGRAM VARIANCE APPLICATION

Required for permit consideration by authority of Public Act 451, Part 305, Natural River, of 1994 as amended

DNR USE ONLY
Application No.:
River System:

Note: Please print or type. If more space is needed attach additional sheets.

1. Name of River or Creek Affected by Project

2. Applicant Information

**********PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT**********		********CONTRACTOR/AGENT**********	
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, ZIP		City, State, ZIP	
Telephone	E-Mail	Telephone	E-Mail

3. Project Location

Street			City and ZIP	
Subdivision			Lot Number(s)	
County			Township	
Town	Range	Section	Property Tax No.	Parcel Size

4. Project Description

Describe in detail your proposed action and/or use *(attach additional sheets if necessary)*:

5. Certification

Please read carefully before signing: *Application is hereby made for a permit to authorize the activities described above. I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this application, and that, to the best of my knowledge, such information is true and accurate and in compliance with the Michigan Natural River Program. I understand that Issuance of this permit does not revoke, annul, cancel, or in any way impair or interfere with existing provisions of law, ordinances, or any rules, regulations, or premises or with any private restrictions placed upon property by covenant or deed. I certify that I have the authority to undertake the activities proposed in this application. By signing this application, I authorize representatives of the Department of Natural Resources to enter upon said property to inspect the proposed project. I understand that the granting of this permit does not release me from the requirements of obtaining other federal, state, and local permits before commencing the project. I understand that if a permit is issued based on inaccurate information, the permit may be revoked.*

Signature of Applicant	Printed Name	Date

6. The following Documentation must be submitted with this application:

1. A detailed site plan showing all existing and proposed activities, structures and uses, including their distances to the river and adjacent properties. *(see page 2)*
2. Names and addresses of all property owners within 300 feet of the property, including property owners across the river obtained from the county equalization office.
3. A detailed site location map and written directions if necessary.

*** PLEASE NOTE * - There are no state fees required for this application**

7. Submittal Information

To email your application (preferred method): DNR-Naturalrivers@michigan.gov

To mail your application:

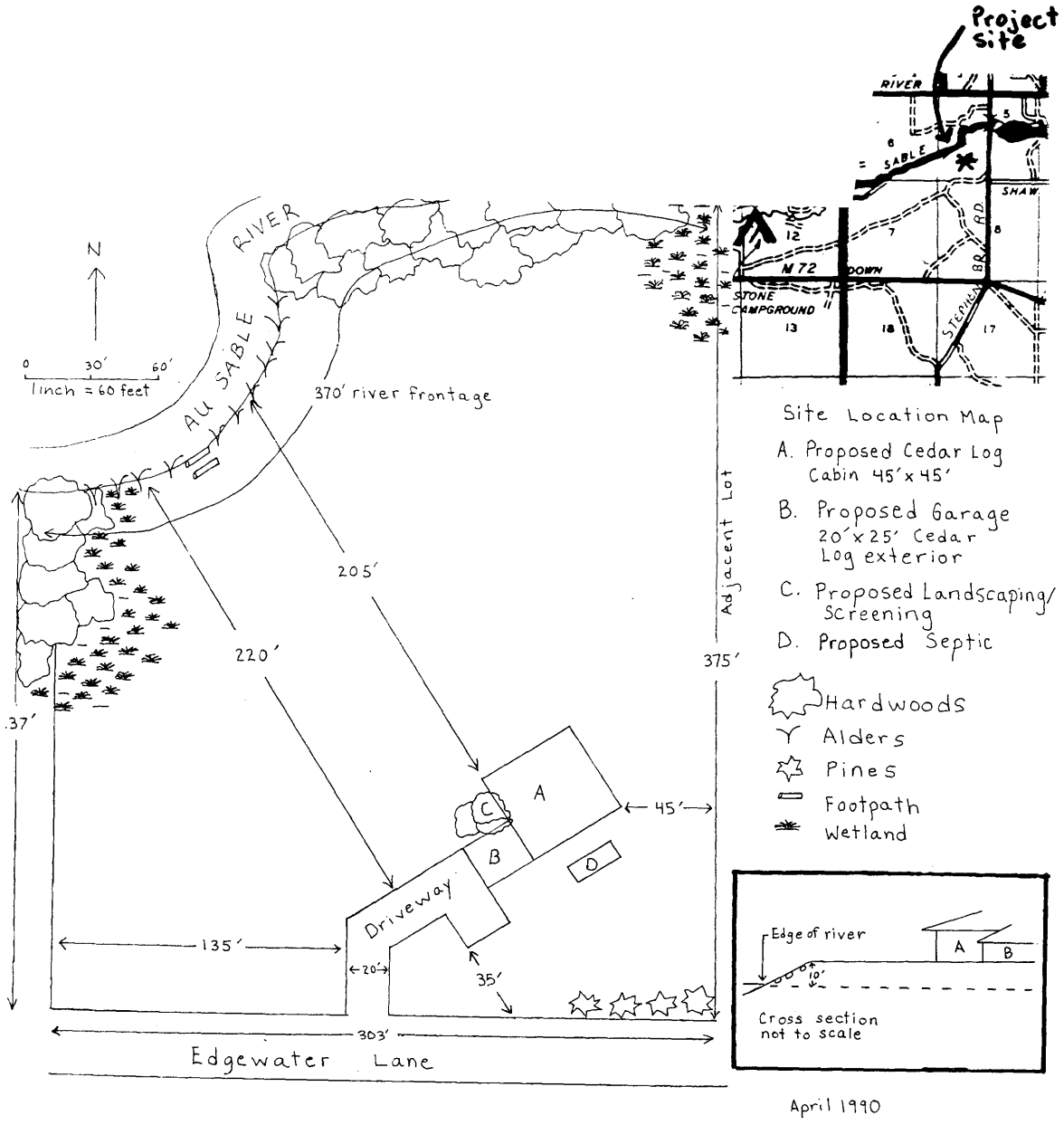
FISHERIES DIVISION - NATURAL RIVERS ADMINISTRATOR
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
1732 WEST M-32
GAYLORD MI 49735

NATURAL RIVER PROGRAM APPLICATION SITE PLAN CHECKLIST AND REQUIREMENTS

All the following are required to be submitted with your application:

1. SITE PLAN

- ☐ Exterior dimensions of all existing and proposed structures, including covered floor area, peak roof height, shape, use, and location with distances to property lines and the river's edge.
- ☐ Location of other structures, including all accessory buildings (i.e. garage, outhouse), landscape structures (i.e. retaining wall, fences, fire pits), and footpaths, stairways, or docks.
- ☐ Existing vegetation, including location and type.
- ☐ Adjacent streets and highways.
- ☐ Driveways and parking areas.
- ☐ Location and description of existing/proposed septic systems and water wells.
- ☐ North arrow.
- ☐ Date of drawing.
- ☐ Brief description of building design and materials (i.e. single-story cabin, natural wood siding).
- ☐ Drainage facilities, if any.
- ☐ Cross-section drawing showing height of building site above river level.
- ☐ Existing and proposed riverside building elevations (drawings of buildings as seen from the river).



2. VARIANCE REVIEW CRITERIA

A dimensional variance may be granted only after evidence establishes that a practical difficulty exists in complying with the zoning rules. Please answer the following questions:

a. Does a condition exist on the property that prevents the development standards from being met? If so, please explain.

b. What project design options were considered to avoid requesting a variance or, if a variance is unavoidable, to reduce the extent of the variance?

3. DATE PROJECT WILL BE STAKED/MARKED:

4. ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS LIST

a. Did you attach the names and addresses of all property owners within 300 feet of the property, including property owners across the river, obtained from the county equalization office, as required in Section 6.2 of this application?