

Frequently Asked Questions

Structures and Activities

Question: What are structures and activities?

Answer: These are terms used to describe the specific water obstructions and encroachments regulated by Chapter 105, which are proposed in the permit application or registration. In other words, what is being done that is regulated. This can include a bridge, culvert, outfall, bank stabilization, dock, gravel bar removal, etc. **Structures and activities entered in e-permitting are a specific regulated activity at a specific location.**

Question: How do I choose the correct structure/activity in e-permitting?

Answer: First, each structure/activity which is proposed must be identified. A permit registration could have more than one structure/activity, or there could be multiple structures and activities submitted under different general permits. Identify the structures and activities proposed and which general permits they fall under.

Multiple Different Regulated Activities: A new building may need utilities and a road to cross a stream. Therefore, the stormwater outfall is one structure, the new bridge is a second structure, and the underground water line and underground sewer line are the third and fourth structures. These would all be listed as separate structures and activities under the appropriate General Permit Modules.

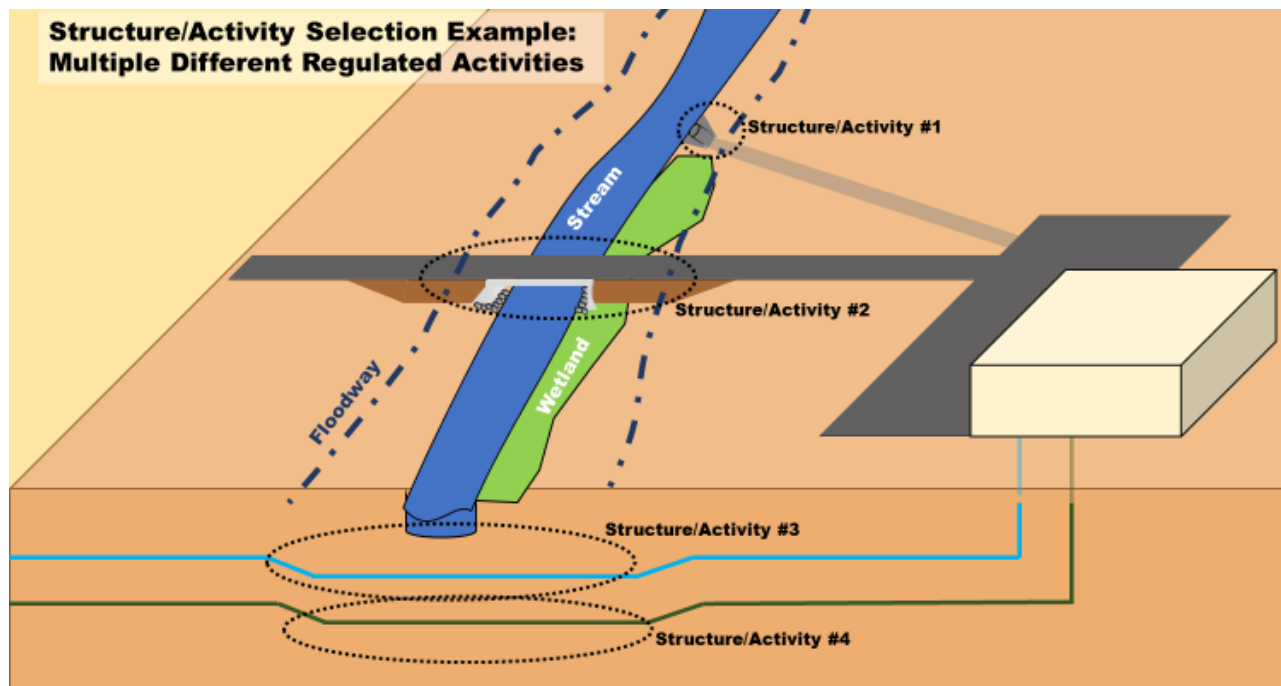


Figure 1. Structure/Activity Selection Example: Multiple Different Regulated Activities

Linear Projects: These projects, such as utility lines, may have one utility (such as a water, sewer, or gas line) with multiple regulated activities at multiple distinct locations. Each distinct location is a separate structure/activity.

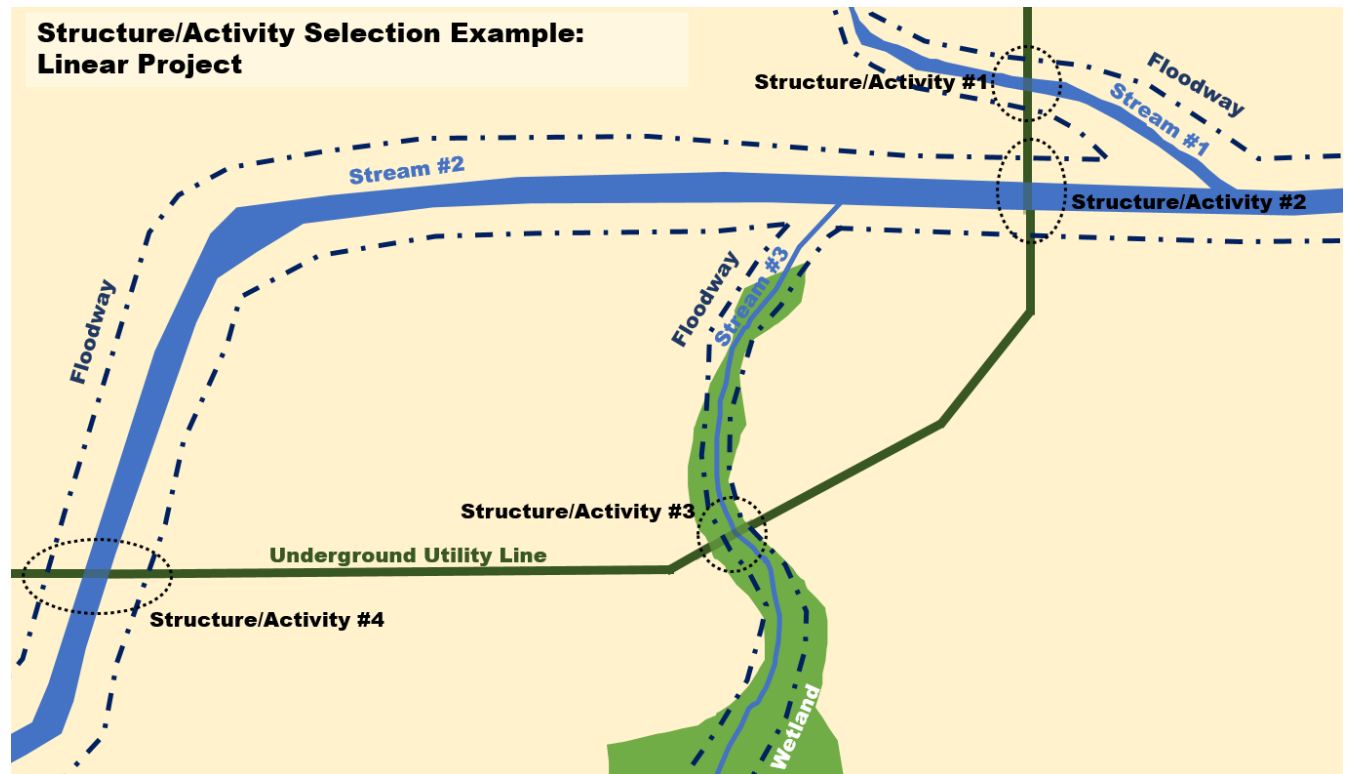


Figure 2. Structure/Activity Selection Example: Linear Project

Structures/Activities with Multiple Aquatic Resource Impacts: A structure or activity may be at a specific location and impact multiple aquatic resources. For example, a utility line may cross a wetland, stream, and floodway all at the same location. Where the wetland is immediately adjacent to the stream, this would all be one structure and activity and will use a single coordinate entry (please note, this may differ from how crossings are defined for fees).

Questions: How are structures and impacts related?

Answers: Structure/activities are the reason the project is occurring; the impacts are the area of aquatic resources which are affected during the project by the structure/activity. When you create the impacts for each aquatic resource type within e-permitting, they would all be linked to a structure/activity. Please see the *Impact Area FAQ* for more details.