

# Tidal Wetlands

REGULATED SINCE 1972  
BY CODE AND  
CITIZEN WETLANDS BOARDS



# Fairfax – (Regulatory) Wetlands Board

- Preserve and prevent the despoliation and destruction of wetlands while...
- Accommodating Necessary Economic Development
- No Net Loss of Remaining Wetlands

# FCWB Permit Required for:

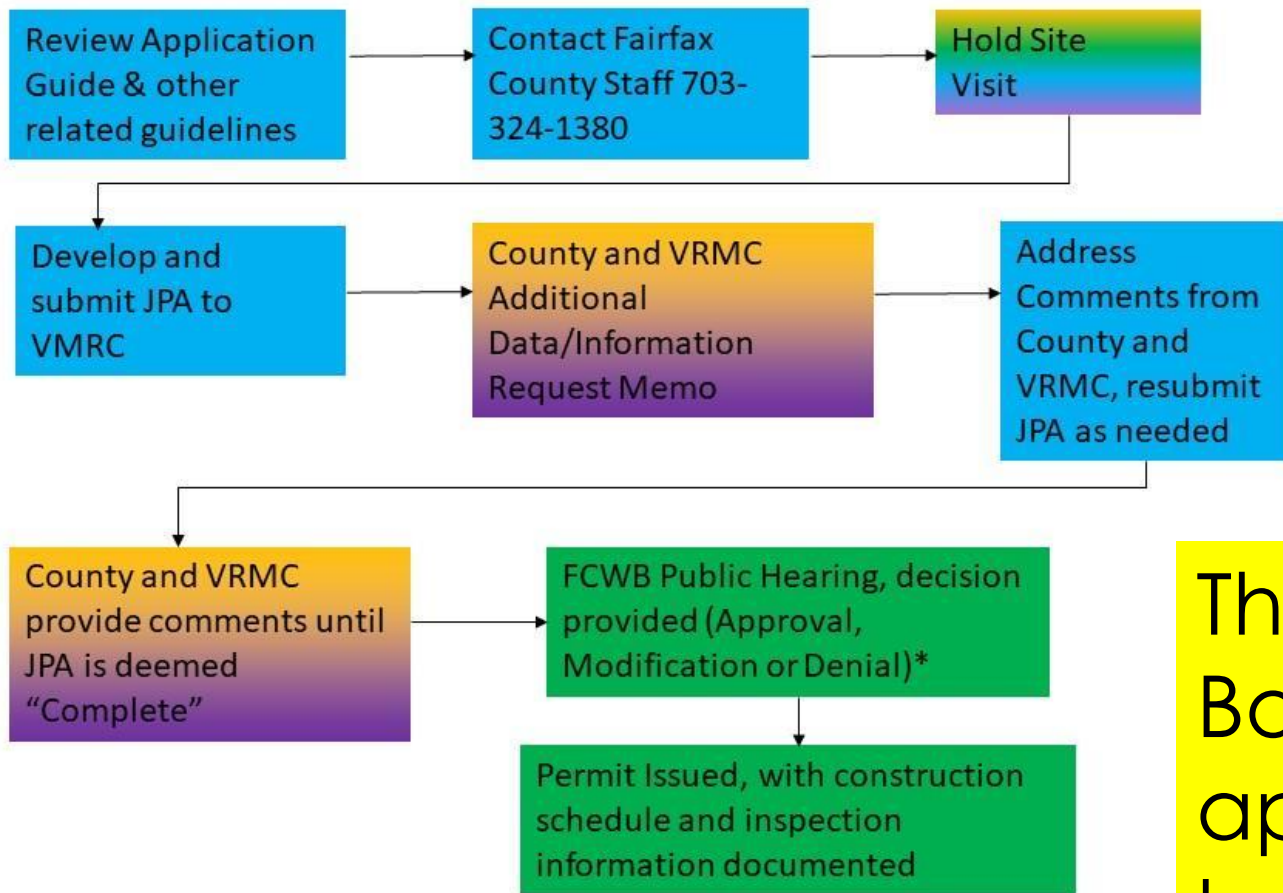
- Disturbance of Tidal Wetlands
- Erosion Protection
- SINCE 2020
  - Living Shorelines Required where suitable

2020 Law

# Living Shorelines Where Suitable then...

- VMRC Draft Regulations
- FCWB Comments To VMRC
- VMRC Issues Guidance
- FCWB Develops Fairfax Specific Guidance
  - Public Comment -
  - Final FCWB Guidelines/Responsive Summary

## FCWB Joint Permit Application (JPA) Process



### Lead Party

\*any appeals to FCWB decisions will follow VMRC appeal processes and timelines

Applicant and/or designated agent

Fairfax County Wetlands Board

FCWB Staff

VMRC Staff

The Fairfax County Wetlands Board will receive and evaluate applications on a case-by-case basis to balance environmental, economic, public and private, benefits and detriments.

# Response to Comments



- Best Available Science
- Need for a Permit
- Maintenance
- Cost
- Property Loss