

Frequently Asked Questions

- How long will it take to process an application for Release of Reservations?

Approximately 60 to 90 days from receipt through Governing Board approval.

- What is the cost to obtain a release of reservations?

It depends on the type of reservations you are seeking to have released. There are fees required by Rule 40E-9.965 of the Florida Administrative Code and a release value required by Section 140-86 of SFWMD's Policy Code:

1. Releases:

Canal and road reservations held by SFWMD and reserved by Everglades Drainage District (EDD) and/or Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund (TIIF) - \$250.00 per release instrument, plus the value of the released interest of 3% of the current land value per the property appraiser's records, per application.

2. Non-Use Commitments*:

Parcels in excess of 20.00 acres - \$750.00 per application, plus the value of the released interest of 3% of the current land value per the property appraiser's records, per application.

Parcels over 21.00 acres - \$750.00 per application, plus \$25 for each additional acre or portion thereof, plus 3% release value, per application.

*NOTE: the right of entry on parcels that are now or have ever been 20.0 acres or less has been released pursuant to Chapter 270.11, Florida Statutes.

3. Approvals:

Canal reservations held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (TIITF), Board of Education (BOE), or Third-Party Deed references to TIITF and BOE reservations - \$250.00 per deed.

SFWMD's recommendation accompanies your application to Florida Department of Environmental Protection for release by TIITF; \$300 application fee to FDEP.

*NOTE: SFWMD only reviews canal reservations. For TIITF held road and mineral reservations, apply for release directly to FDEP (850) 245-2720.

- What is the Beneficial Interest and Disclosure form and when do I need to provide it?

The purpose of Beneficial Interest and Disclosure is to disclose all the beneficiaries under an entity. The form is only required for properties privately owned by a corporation, partnership, LLC, LLLP or trust; does not apply to individuals or publicly traded corporations. Failure to complete and return this form will result in your application being returned or delayed from further processing.

- Why do I need to provide the Beneficial Interest and Disclosure form?

Governing Board members must recuse themselves from voting on an item if there is a conflict of interest (i.e. a board member is an attorney and the board member's firm represents a disclosed beneficiary of a corporation that has applied for a release of reservation; the board member would recuse themselves from voting on the release of reservations board item.)