



Walton County Public Works Division

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Opening an Unimproved County Right of Way

Please find the steps below that detail the process for applying to improve the access to your property. **Any and all cost associated with opening an unimproved right of way, including the installation of necessary utilities, are the responsibility of the applicant.**

Street Rights-of Way (ROW).

- Identify the boundaries of the ROW and identify the boundaries of the wetlands within the ROW.
- Develop an engineered construction plan of the proposed improvements within the ROW and determine the amount of, if any, wetland impacts from these proposed improvements.
- Provide a copy of the plan showing the proposed improvements, wetland impacts, etc., a completed State of Florida Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application and/or Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) application along with your completed application for opening unimproved ROW to Walton County Public Works.
- Once Public Works has reviewed the proposed plan and wetland impact application and determines that the plan is compliant with the County's standards, Walton County will sign the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and ACOE wetland application for you to submit to those agencies.
- Once the FDEP/ACOE permits are issued to you, provide those to the County for our records/review and the County will then issue the permit for opening the County ROW.

Please be aware that if any mitigation is required by either FDEP or ACOE, you will be responsible for providing that mitigation not Walton County. Let us know if you have any further questions.

Please contact the Walton County Environmental Department with any specific questions regarding the FDEP and ACOE permits at 850-892-8108.