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The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) emergency work process is meant to expedite a permit review in emergency situations. Please note that NPCA approval is still required before commencing any work in a Regulated Area. To find out if your property is in a Regulated Area, check our [mapping](#).

An emergency is considered an unexpected situation or an impending situation that constitutes an imminent threat to the health or safety of persons or that could result in substantial damage or destruction to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, an accident or an act whether intentional or otherwise. Emergency work means reparative work required to prevent or alleviate an emergency situation.

In an emergency situation, it is preferable to be able to issue a full Permit following an expedited review of the application. If temporary work is needed to immediately stabilize a hazard, then conditional permission **may** be given for the temporary work ahead of the full Permit. Note that an emergency situation does not allow the applicant to do whatever they want as a solution. The application must still meet the requirements of the *Conservation Authorities Act, Ontario Regulation 41/24* and the NPCA's Policies.

The following information is required when applying for an NPCA Permit:

- NPCA Application form, properly filled out
- Landowner authorization form signed by the landowner (if the work is being done on land not owned by the applicant)
- Applicable fee (fees are based on the scope of work; NPCA staff can assist in determining the correct fee)
- Drawing showing proposed work
- Other information e.g. Report or assessment by a qualified professional (depending on the circumstances, documentation prepared/signed/stamped by a qualified professional may be required)

It is important to speak with an NPCA Watershed Planner before applying for your Permit. They will be able to assist you with questions and guide you to ensuring your application contains the information needed to allow us to process it quicker. Please direct Permit application questions to [planninginfo@npca.ca](mailto:planninginfo@npca.ca). We will direct your email to the appropriate Watershed Planner to assist you.