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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Long Branch follow up

Hi Allison,

I hope all is well!

Thank you for your help coordinating the Long Branch call.

As a follow up Long Branch has a additional request to meet homeowners request:

Since a blanket approval for the Township is not possible...and block by block for residents is too burdensome....they want to put forth two requests:

1. Can DEP have an online portal that allows residents to apply for and immediately get approved for either an 18in replacement bulkhead or in-place solution? Currently the wait time is up to 90 days and the process is burdensome for residents. They want to make it more efficient for residents. Pricing for the permit is up to DEP of course but lets speed up the process.
2. Currently DEP requires the township to apply for a permit for EACH of its streets that end at the bay and need a bulkhead at a cost of \$1,000 per street. Long Beach Township has 150 streets....thus \$150,000! (They have already permitted for 20 streets and paid \$20,000 to the state). Can DEP allow one blanket permit to cover all of the township's streets (rather need 150 separate permit applications) and one manageable permit fee, since the township then has to spend municipality dollars for the actual bulkhead?

Any assistance you can provide is appreciated!

Thank you,

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