

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF STATE LANDS

**APPLICATION TO PURCHASE LANDS LOST DUE TO ARTIFICIAL EROSION
OR ARTIFICIAL EROSION AND AVULSION**

“Avulsion” means the sudden or perceptible loss of or addition to land by the action of water or the sudden or perceptible change in the bed of a lake or the course of a stream.

“Artificial Erosion” means the slow and imperceptible loss of washing away of sand, sediment, or other material from property caused by man-made projects and operations.

Applications to purchase lands lost due to artificial erosion or artificial erosion and avulsion must be supported by documentary evidence acceptable to the Department including the following:

1. Applicant's name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Telephone Number (____) _____
2. Name, address and title of Applicant's authorized agent for application coordination:

Telephone Number (____) _____
3. Name of Waterbody _____
4. Location of Parcel:
Street/Road _____
Section _____, Township _____, Range _____
Town/City _____ County _____
Subdivision _____ Lot _____ Block _____
5. Satisfactory evidence that the owner of the lands adjacent to the land lost due to artificial erosion or artificial erosion and avulsion is the person in whose name the quitclaim deed is to be issued. Such evidence may consist of a current title insurance policy issued by a title insurance company authorized to do business in Florida, an opinion of title prepared by a member of the Florida Bar, or an affidavit of ownership.
6. Satisfactory evidence that the land for which the quitclaim deed is sought was previously located above the line of mean or ordinary high water prior to artificial erosion or artificial erosion and avulsion. Such evidence shall include a survey, and may also include photographs, aerial

photography, newspaper articles and affidavits indicating the previous location of the mean or ordinary high water line. For survey instructions, please call (850) 488-2427.

7. Satisfactory evidence that the owner's property consists of an unbulkheaded or unarmored segment of a shoreline that is otherwise bulkheaded or armored; the total amount of bulkheading or armoring adjacent to the owner's property equals or exceeds a distance that is six times the length of the unbulkheaded or unarmored shorelines; and that there exist bulkheads or other armoring equal to or exceeding twice the length of the unbulkheaded or unarmored shoreline on each side of it.
8. Satisfactory evidence that the distance between the adjacent bulkhead or other armoring does not exceed 500 feet.
9. Satisfactory evidence of the location of the mean or ordinary high water line prior to artificial erosion or artificial erosion and avulsion and the current mean or ordinary high water line of the parcel. Such evidence shall include a survey indicating the previous location of the mean or ordinary high water line and the current mean or ordinary high water line of the parcel, and may also include other evidence, such as newspaper articles, photography, or affidavits supporting such location. For survey instructions, please call (850) 488-2427.
10. A legal description including the quantity of land within the property owner's deeded parcel that is above the current mean or ordinary high water line and the quantity of land for which a deed is requested.
11. A letter from the county property appraiser indicating the current year's tax assessed value of the parcel, with and without improvements.
12. A drawing indicating the proposed location and type of proposed bulkhead structure.
13. If the applicant desires to construct any type of structure or facility or alter wetland resources in Florida waters in any way other than applied for in this application, an evaluation of such activity must be made using the Department of Environmental Protection/United States Army Corps of Engineers joint application form. These forms are available from the local Department of Environmental Protection district offices.
14. A non-refundable application processing fee of \$500 shall accompany each application. Fees shall be made payable to the Department of Environmental Protection.
15. The consideration for the quitclaim deed as described in Section 18-21.019(f), F.A.C., is due when the applicant is notified that the deed is completed. The applicant's payment shall be made payable to the Department of Environmental Protection.

SEND APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of State Lands
Bureau of Survey and Mapping
Title and Land Records Section
Mail Station #108
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Telephone: (850) 488-8123

I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this application, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief such information is true, complete, and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the proposed activities.

Signature of Applicant or Agent

Date