



## Cleveland County

NORTH CAROLINA

### Improvement Permit Backhoe Pit Option.

The application fee is reduced to provide a reduction in cost to the applicant if they agree to dig backhoe pits up front before the evaluation begins. Such as, 2BDR or less \$450.00, 3BDR=\$500, 4 BDR=\$600.00, 5BDR=\$700, 6 BDR=\$800

The initial process to apply will remain the same including site preparations. The application will be placed in queue, and when the application comes the top of the work list the applicant will be contacted by an Environmental Health Specialist for scheduling the excavation.

### Applicant's Responsibility:

Before the site can be evaluated, the following items must be completed:

1. The property corners must be clearly marked.
2. The property must be reasonably clear of undergrowth or obstacles that prohibit a thorough site evaluation.
3. The four corners of the structure must be clearly staked or marked.
4. Contacting 811 for locating utilities
5. The applicant will be responsible for acquiring a contractor to excavate pits to evaluate the site for the proposed septic system.

Pits need to be approximately 2' wide and 4' long and sloped or steps to allow for ingress and egress to pit. Pits need to be excavated on contour, so as to not unnecessarily disturb the site. The depth of the pit may vary pending the soil conditions not to exceed applicable safety standards.

Environmental Health Specialist will meet the backhoe operator on site to advise where pits need to be dug. Should there be time constraints flags may be placed to identify where pits need to be dug.

- **This fee reduction in cost does not apply if backhoe pits are required after the evaluation begins and many times backhoe pits are required for evaluations.**
- **If necessary, any applicable pump and engineered system fees will also be collected upon issuance of the Improvement Permit.**
- **Backhoe pits will be required for subdivision evaluations for five lots or more.**

### Environmental Health

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