



Some Considerations

- A permit review process considers safety, stability and navigational issues to determine whether there is a net benefit to the water resource to leave or remove fallen trees and branches.
- If the tree becomes an obstruction to navigation or causes flooding on neighboring properties, then a municipality or the riparian landowner can remove the tree to alleviate the damage.
- Local river groups looking to remove material for navigation will have to get approval from the riparian landowner to cut a path or remove obstructions since the streambed and its obstructions are owned by the riparian landowner.

If you have questions about your specific circumstances, contact the DNR Water Management Hotline at 920-662-5452 and ask to be connected to the water management specialist serving the county where the obstruction occurs.



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