



All fees are due at time of application and are a non-refundable filing and processing fee.

Somerset County Health Department Land Evaluation Information Sheet

Feature	Separation Distance <i>per COMAR 26.04.02.04 J. unless otherwise noted</i>
All steep slopes (>25 percent)	25 feet
Springs	100 feet
Drainage ways and gullies	25 feet
Flood plain soils	25 feet
Rock outcrops	25 feet
Elevation of spillway crest water level in a water supply reservoir	300 feet
Stream bank 3,000 feet or less upstream from a water intake on a water supply reservoir or intake on a stream used as a potable water supply	200 feet
Stream bank greater than 3,000 feet upstream from a water intake on a water supply reservoir or intake on a stream used as a potable water supply	100 feet
Water bodies not serving as potable water supplies including intermittent and perennial streams	100 feet
Water well system in unconfined aquifers	200 feet <i>per Somerset County GPR</i>
Water well system in confined aquifers	100 feet <i>per Somerset County GPR</i>
Sink holes underlain by karst topography	100 feet
Building foundations	10 feet
Wetlands	100 feet

- Applicant must select a testing site that maintains the required distances above.
- Applicant must submit a site plan showing the proposed test site(s).
- Land evaluations may take several months. During this time the test site must be maintained, any disruption of the test site may void any testing performed by the Health Department.
- Once testing is completed, a letter is sent to the applicant notifying them of the test results. If the site is approved, a plat must be submitted to the Health Department within **six months** showing a minimum 10,000 square foot sewage reserve area that includes the test site.

Failure to complete this step may void the approval.

The majority of land evaluations must be conducted during the “wet season”, when groundwater levels are at their highest throughout Somerset County (typically during the winter and early spring seasons). A letter advising land evaluation applicants to mark the test site and notify the Health Department will be mailed prior to the start of each wet season. Please contact the Environmental Health office of the Somerset County Health Department at 443-523-1700 if you have any questions.