



**LAKE ALLEGAN  
SHORELINE USE PERMIT APPLICATION**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:  
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Address of Lake Allegan Property (if different than mailing address):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: (Note: One permit covers all structures.)

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Dock                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned |
| Seawall               | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned |
| Stairway              | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned |
| Other (Specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned |

Return Completed Form with Payment to:

Consumers Energy  
Land Administrator, Hydro Operations  
330 Chestnut Street  
Cadillac, MI 49601

<i>For Internal Use Only</i>
<b>Permit # 785-</b> _____
<b>Date Issued</b> _____

February 14, 2005

**ALLEGAN PROPERTY OWNER:**

Consumers Energy (Consumers) will soon begin the process required to request a new federal License for its Calkins Bridge hydroelectric dam on the Kalamazoo River. (Calkins Bridge is commonly called Allegan Dam and forms Lake Allegan.) Consumers' current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) License for Allegan Dam expires in April 2010.

The Allegan Dam's operation, including the property associated with it, is closely regulated by the FERC. Part of Consumers' Allegan Dam property includes the submerged lands of Lake Allegan. Generally speaking, Consumers' ownership runs to a contour elevation of 618 feet – or about 3 feet above the normal level of Lake Allegan. Thus, Consumers owns most of the shoreline around the reservoir. As with its other hydroelectric Licenses throughout the state, it is anticipated that any new FERC License for the Allegan Dam will include shoreline management requirements that will necessitate the permitting of all structures that Consumers allows to be placed on its Lake Allegan shoreline property. This would include docks and seawalls, both new and existing. The public can use the shoreline for recreation or access to Lake Allegan, but Consumers' Allegan Dam ownership precludes the placement of personal property (docks, seawalls, steps, lighting, etc.) without a permit from Consumers to do so.

Property owners on Lake Allegan who have personal property located on Consumers' shoreline, can currently obtain a permit for a fee of \$50.00 by completing the enclosed form and mailing it to Consumers Energy. This fee is good until 2010, at which time the fee amount and frequency is subject to change, based on Consumers' cost in complying with FERC mandates. If you do not apply for a permit, or if Consumers does not grant your application, you may be required to remove your personal property from Consumers' land.

Please contact me if you require further information. I can be reached at 231-779-5511, or by email at [llmcilrath@cmsenergy.com](mailto:llmcilrath@cmsenergy.com).



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Land & Recreation Management  
Hydro Operations