



## State of New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill

# Apply for the New Jersey Permitting Dashboard Pilot

New Jersey is piloting an online permitting dashboard that helps developers, businesses, and nonprofits track their permit applications in one place. The dashboard will focus on housing, energy, and commercial real estate projects. It will expand to include more project types over time.

Your participation in this pilot will help us understand how to make the permitting process faster and easier. The State will randomly select up to 10 projects for this pilot to help us build and improve the dashboard. Submit a completed application by 11:59pm on May 21, 2026, to be considered.

## Check Eligibility and Apply

# About the New Jersey Permitting Dashboard Pilot

Development projects in New Jersey often need multiple permits from various State agencies. The application and review process can be long and complex. When permits take too long to process, projects cost more money and take longer to finish. This slows down critical projects across the State, like affordable housing and power generation.

The New Jersey Permitting Dashboard aims to make the permitting process for developers, businesses, nonprofits, and other applicants more transparent and accountable. Applicants will be able to track permit applications across State agencies in one place. The dashboard will show you target due dates, next steps, and status updates for each of your permits. This will help reduce permitting delays, saving time and money so important projects get built faster across New Jersey.



*This image shows a sample of what the Permitting Dashboard pilot could look like for a solar energy project. The dashboard is still being built and may change before public release. Participant feedback will help us make the dashboard better.*

The New Jersey Permitting Dashboard will be piloted in summer 2026 with up to 10 energy, housing, and commercial real estate development projects. This pilot will track permits from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT), and New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

## Who Can Apply

This pilot is limited to projects that require multiple permits and will have a significant economic impact in the State. To be eligible for this pilot, your project must:

### **Meet 1 of these permitting criteria:**

- Need permits from at least 2 of these agencies: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT), or New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), or
- Need at least 3 permits from any 1 of these agencies: DEP, DOT, or DCA

### **Be 1 of these project types in New Jersey:**

- Multi-family or mixed-use residential development that will include at least 25 housing units
- Commercial real estate development that creates jobs at the project site. A project must create at least 10 permanent, full-time jobs or 25 temporary construction jobs
- Solar energy project, battery storage energy project, or a combination of both. Projects must generate or store at least 1 megawatt of new power

### **Meet 1 of these permit application timelines:**

- Plan to submit at least 1 permit application to DEP, DOT, or DCA by July 31, 2026, or
- Have recently submitted an initial permit application to DEP, DOT, or DCA on or after April 1, 2026

**By applying, you agree to:**

- Share feedback about your experience with the State permitting team
- Share public data about your project, which may be shown on <https://permits.nj.gov>. The State will only share data that is already in the public domain

If your project meets these requirements, submit your completed application by 11:59pm on May 21, 2026.

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## Your Path Through the Pilot

After the application process closes, the State will randomly select up to 10 qualifying projects for the pilot. Of these 10 projects, 4 will be housing projects, 3 will be commercial projects, and 3 will be energy projects. The steps below explain the application, selection, and permit review process.

### Step 1: Apply to Join the Dashboard Pilot

Complete and submit the Dashboard Pilot application form for your project.

### Step 2: Find Out if You're Selected

The State will review all project applications to confirm that they meet the eligibility criteria. Eligible projects will then be randomly selected by the end of May using a numbered lottery.

If your project is selected, we will notify you and schedule an onboarding meeting.

### **Step 3: Have Your Onboarding Meeting**

You will meet with Governor's Office representatives and agency Permit Coordinators. This meeting will walk you through the permit dashboard process. After this meeting, your project will be added to the dashboard pilot.

### **Step 4: Prepare and Submit Your Permit Pre-Applications**

You will submit a pre-application checklist for any agency relevant to your project. Each agency will then schedule a pre-application meeting with you to talk about what permits you need and how to apply. You can track all these steps on the dashboard pilot.

### **Step 5: Apply for Your Permits**

After your pre-application meetings, your required permits will appear on the dashboard. The dashboard will

### **Step 6: Track Your Permits**

Use the dashboard to track updates on your permits and monitor progress.

show you your next steps, expected timelines, and progress updates. You will apply for each permit following the normal application process.

## Additional Opportunities for Engagement

All eligible projects that apply for the pilot can participate in the broader advisory group. This group is open to all applicants, even if your project is not selected for the permitting dashboard pilot. The goal of this group is to get feedback to improve the State permitting process. If you are not eligible for the pilot but still want to share your thoughts, [contact us at permits@nj.gov](mailto:permits@nj.gov). We welcome your input on how to improve the State permitting process.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Will my project get approved faster if I am selected for the pilot?**

The dashboard will help track permits and boost transparency and accountability in the review process. Feedback from this pilot will help the Governor's Office identify ways to reduce delays and costs in the future. This dashboard is not expected to speed up approvals in this initial pilot phase. If selected for this pilot, you will follow the normal permit application process for your project. All permit applications must continue to meet standard permit requirements.

### **How will you select projects for this pilot?**

The State will review all applications and make sure projects meet the eligibility requirements. Projects will then be selected using a numbered lottery. The State will randomly pick 4 housing projects, 3 commercial projects, and 3 energy projects.

To maintain regional diversity, the State will design the lottery to ensure that at least 2 projects are randomly selected from among South Jersey applicants (from Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem counties). No more than 2 projects from any single county may be selected statewide.

Developers, businesses, nonprofits, and other organizations may apply for this pilot. Applicants can submit more than 1 project, but only 1 project per applicant can be chosen for the pilot. This helps the State include a diverse range of projects during the pilot.

If there are not enough eligible applications in a specific category or region, the State may fill the remaining spots by randomly drawing from other categories or regions.

### **What are the eligibility criteria for participating in the pilot?**

Applicants must be up to date on State taxes and comply with State and federal employment and labor laws. Review the [Who Can Apply](#) section above for the complete list of requirements.

### **What if I require permits from other State agencies or local governments?**

You can still apply for the pilot. However, permits from agencies or local governments outside of DEP, DOT, or DCA may not appear in the dashboard pilot.

### **What happens if I am not selected for the pilot or do not have an eligible project?**

All eligible projects that apply for the pilot can participate in the broader advisory group. Review the [Additional Opportunities for Engagement section](#) above for more information.

If you believe that your project was mistakenly declared ineligible for the pilot based on the established criteria, you can also [contact the Governor's Office at permits@nj.gov](mailto:permits@nj.gov).

## **Stay Informed About Future Phases**

Sign up to receive email updates as New Jersey expands the permitting dashboard to more projects in the future. We'll send you information with updates on the permitting dashboard or other key State permitting announcements.

## Sign Up for Emails

# Ready to Get Started?

**Submit  
Your  
Application**

Apply to join the 2026 permitting dashboard pilot. If selected, you will be able to see your permits across agencies on one page, allowing you to track requirements and progress throughout your permit review process.

Reach out to [permits@nj.gov](mailto:permits@nj.gov) with questions or input related to the permitting dashboard or pilot process. This mailbox is not able to address questions about specific permit applications or agency-specific matters. For those inquiries, please contact the appropriate State agency directly.

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