The Village of Mettawa requires that a property owner secure a Building and/or a Watershed Development Permit before beginning demolition, beginning to clear (if the area of surface disturbed is over 5000 sq. ft.) or excavate a site for a building or structure, for grade changes in excess of 24", for a change that redirects drainage to an adjacent property, when over 5,000 square feet of surface area will be disturbed, or when required by the Watershed Ordinance. For more information please contact Building Services.

A Building Permit is required for new construction, a new home, an addition, any alterations to electrical, HVAC, or plumbing systems, an accessory building, a swimming pool, a pond, a deck, a patio, a wall, a fence, a driveway, etc., or any structural changes or alterations within an existing building. Check with Building Services to determine how to get a Building Permit for your project.

A Building Permit is not required in order to make ordinary repairs to existing structures, or replacement with the same kind of materials or equipment, but such repairs and replacement shall not include cutting away of any load-bearing wall, partition or portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or bearing support, or the removal or change of any required means of egress, or the rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting the exitway requirements; nor shall ordinary repairs include the addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any structural member, stand pipe, water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electrical wiring or mechanical or other work affecting the public health or general safety. A Building Permit is not required for a storage building that is less than 150 sq. ft.

The Village permitting process will insure that we have only the highest quality construction, which will in turn enhance the value of everyone's property.