Representative will visit the site and sample the soil located in the test pits that were previously dug as part of the Site Evaluation Application process. A report is sent to the applicant and to the County Planning Department explaining the results from the evaluation. The next application is sent with this report.

Authorization to Construct - $705.00 (for a standard system)
Only a licensed Septic Installer or the property owner can install a Septic System. This application must be completed correctly showing in detail the method and location of the proposed installed Septic System. Once the application is submitted and found to be in order the DEQ Representative will issue the Permit to Construct. The Septic System can then be placed in the ground as shown on the approved Permit to Construct materials. After the septic system is in place and before it is covered a Pre-Cover Inspection must be completed by the DEQ Representative. The property owner must call for an inspection before covering the septic system (1-541-388-6146 x. 234).

Step 3: Floodplain Determination – $145.00
This step comes before the construction of the buildings associated with this project. The Planning Department in relation with the approval of the Farm Dwelling or Non-Farm Dwelling has already determined whether the parcel lies within a floodplain. The Findings and Decision document will show this on the front page. If the parcel is located within a floodplain a "Floodplain Development Permit" will be required. This application will have two Elevation Certificates attached and/or other applicable certifications. This permit will provided documentation that the structure is constructed at a particular height above grade to mitigate flood damage in the case of flooding.

Step 4: Building Permits
Once the property owner receives the Permit To Construct from the DEQ, building permits may be issued. Building Permits include Electrical, Manufactured Home Placement, Mechanical, Plumbing and Structural. The number and types of building permits required for the construction of the dwelling and outbuildings depends on the building plans of the property owner and the requirements of the Uniform Building Codes utilized by the State of Oregon, Harney County and Inspections, Inc. Inspectors from Inspections, Inc. will visit the site upon request by the property owner/contractor once the permit has been purchased and work has been done. The property owner must call for inspections in order for the Inspectors to visit the site (1-800-916-0028).

Estimated Building Permit Fees:
Electrical: Service to site 200 amps or less - approx. $100. There may be other features of the dwelling that will require additional fees.
Manufactured Home Placement: $404.50 (singlewide + $60 per additional unit)
Mechanical: depends upon the number and type of appliances (i.e. wood stove, fans, etc.)
Plumbing: if water well and septic are within 100 feet of dwelling – approx. $100
Structural: depends upon type of construction and square footage (i.e. stick built, log, etc.)

The total building permits on an unimproved parcel for a Manufactured Home are estimated at $1,500 and for a 2,000 sq. ft. stick built (conventional construction) house approximately $3,000. Of course, it should be noted that every situation is different and these are merely estimates. Building permits will vary depending on the size and type of construction and the features of the structure.