



# Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District

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**Advancing the Wise Stewardship of Our Natural Resources**

## **ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL PONDS (Design and Construction or Repair)**

The District's primary concerns are erosion control and water quality. Assistance may be provided for small ponds as part of the "Technical Assistance to Land Users" provisions of the District's "Servicing Policy" and the following provisions. Sediment control and other water quality benefits will be considered in setting priorities for providing assistance for small ponds.

The District requires all landowners to sign a Soil Conservation and Water Quality Agreement before we begin working with that individual on each piece of property involved. The agreement states that the District and the landowner/operator will work cooperatively in preparing a plan which meets the agricultural operation needs and includes land use/management decisions that are within the property's resource capabilities. Any best management practices implemented with the District's assistance will need to meet the standards and specifications required to address adequate soil conservation and water quality. This plan would be completed in accordance with the District's resources and operating policies at the time any work is done. All major water quality problems on the property must be corrected before assistance is provided.

Assistance, when provided, will be according to the following procedures and "Good Faith Deposit" requirements:

1. The District will meet on-site with the landowner requesting assistance on pond development for a feasibility investigation.
2. If the site is suitable, the District will (a) require a \$750 deposit (cash, check or money order) and (b) assist the landowner in applying for applicable wetland permits through the Joint Permit Application Process (a complete survey may be necessary).
3. The District will await decisions from all agencies involved.
4. If applicable permits cannot be obtained, the deposit will be refunded.
5. If, after other agencies have responded and applicable permits received, the landowner decides not to pursue construction, the deposit **will be forfeited**.
6. If the landowner decides to pursue construction of the pond, the District will complete a survey and design for the pond and prepare a mitigation plan, if needed.
7. If construction of the pond is not started within one year from the time the pond plan was completed and/or permits received (whichever is later), the deposit **will be forfeited**.

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8. When the pond is completed and certified by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to meet NRCS design specifications, the deposit will be returned.
9. For ponds designed by the District, the District will supervise construction and prepare the required "as-built" plan.
10. Ponds developed with government cost-share assistance are required to be maintained for fifteen (15) years.
11. If the area served by the pond is developed within ten (10) years, the District must be reimbursed for its' assistance in the development and construction of the pond.

I have read the District's Pond Assistance Policy and do hereby request pond development assistance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RECORD OF POND DEPOSIT TRANSACTIONS**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Employee Initials</u>
Good Faith Deposit Received	_____	_____	_____
	/_____/	/_____/	/_____/
	Check #	Money Order	Cash

Pond Completed, Certified by  
Natural Resource Conservation Service \_\_\_\_\_  
Deposit Refunded to Landowner \_\_\_\_\_