

So, You Want to Build a Pond!

A Citizen's Guide to
Pond Construction in Parish

There are many good reasons that you may be considering building a pond:

- livestock watering and crop irrigation
- fishing or fish farming
- swimming and ice skating
- general wildlife and aesthetic benefits

But... did you know?

Certain regulations apply. You may need:

A Dam Safety Permit if:

- the dam exceeds six feet in height, or
- the dam's maximum capacity is one million or more gallons, or
- the dam is 6 – 15 feet in height and the capacity is less than three million gallons

A Land Disturbance Permit and Runoff Plan

- if disturbing one acre or more of surface area during construction

A Stream Protection Permit

- if disturbing banks or bed of a protected stream

A Freshwater Wetland Permit

- if excavating or placing fill within 100 feet of a regulated wetland

A Mined Land Reclamation Permit

- if excavating and moving off-site one thousand tons or more of soil

A Fish Stocking Permit

- if you are stocking fish for either recreational or commercial purposes

Why is there a need for regulations?

- to insure long-term success for the landowner
- to protect adjacent and downstream property
- to protect adjacent waterways and wetlands

Where do you get permits?

- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Regional Permit Administrator
- Bureau of Fisheries

Success depends on many factors...

- location on the landscape
- drainage area
- water source
- soil conditions
- construction techniques

...but help is available:

- Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District
- NYSDEC
- NRCS