

Pond Project Requirements

- J Proposed ponds in the unincorporated areas of Racine County may require a zoning permit.
- J **All ponds will be required to have a permit as of January 1, 2007.**
- J Ponds, wetland scrapes, & other similar projects that are designed & approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service or by Racine County Land Conservation staff & are funded by watershed program monies or other Federal or State monies still must obtain a zoning permit by paying the required permit fee. However, the review fee will not be assessed for these projects.
- J Call the town in which the pond will be located for the town's pond permit requirements (storm water review is the town's responsibility).
- J **Prepare detailed plans as follows:**
 - ✓ Plot the pond's location on a survey; include overall pond dimensions & setbacks to lot lines, structures, wells, & sewage system.
 - ✓ Prepare a cross-section view illustrating the side view(s) of the pond, including side slopes & depth(s) of the pond.
 - ✓ Prepare a written report describing how the pond will be constructed, including the name of the excavating company & a timeframe for constructing the pond.
 - ✓ On the plan views, illustrate the proposed location of dredged pond spoils on the subject property.
 - ✓ **Note:** All pond spoils must remain on the subject property.
 - ✓ No pond spoils may be sold from the pond site unless the site has M-4 Quarrying zoning & conditional use approvals.
- J Obtain a Racine County zoning permit application form. These are available at the Racine County Planning & Development Department.
- J Submit plans with a completed zoning permit application & review & permit fees to Racine County Planning & Development.
- J The applicant must submit plans to local town, DNR, & drainage district for review.
- J Racine County Land Conservation staff will review the pond project & provide technical recommendations for the pond design & functionality.
- J The review time varies, so allow a minimum of four weeks for review of the pond project by Racine County.
- J Some ponds may require conditional use public hearing approval. These projects require separate, additional fees to be paid at the time of filing.
- J A Racine County zoning permit is valid for six months to begin work on the project.
- J A time limit will be set to complete pond projects. This time limit will be determined by Racine County & the town.
- J Additional information may be requested by Racine County staff to complete a pond review.

Ponds-Additional Information

- J Ponds usually will NOT solve drainage problems—a pond may, in fact, exacerbate an existing drainage problem.
- J A pond for fish requires special design to function properly.
- J Do not build a pond without town, County, & State approvals (if required). There may be fines assessed for doing work without permits.