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Pond Information Sheet

Private residential ponds and agricultural or farm ponds may be permitted on a minimum of (2) acres and two hundred (200') foot frontage in the AR, R-1 and RC districts **as an accessory to a residence**. (No pond permits will be issued for vacant land). All ponds must meet the following minimum requirements:

| <u>Property Setbacks:</u> | | <u>Pond Information:</u> | |
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| Front Setback | 150 ft * | Minimum Pond Width | 90 ft |
| Side Setback | 30 ft | Minimum Pond Depth | 15 ft |
| Rear Setback | 30 ft | Minimum Pond Size | 5000 sq ft |
| From Residential Dwelling | 100 ft | Max Berm Height Above Original Grade | 6 ft |
| Septic Tank / Disposal Field | 100 ft | <u>Minimum Side Slopes:</u> | |
| Accessory Buildings | 25 ft ** | Beach side to 6ft. in depth: 5 to 1 | |
| Wells | 25 ft | Other side slopes: 3 to 1 | |
| Overhead Electrical Wires | 10 ft | | |

Notes: *Front setback is measured from the centerline of the road. **Corner lots must use front setback for each road.** **See accessory structures to ponds. River Conservation (RC) District must stay at least 30 ft. from any escarpment or short, steep slope.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

DO NOT BLOCK ANY DRAINS OR NATURAL WATERCOURSES. A Soil and Sedimentation Permit will be required if pond disturbs one (1) acre or more or within five hundred (500') feet of a river, drain, or natural watercourse. Pond of five (5) acres or more in size shall obtain a lake permit from appropriate governing agency. All work shall be done in a manner that strives to protect the property and adjoining properties against soil erosion. It is the responsibility of the property owner to provide overflow drainage to eliminate the possibility of flooding neighboring properties. Excavated materials, in excess of one thousand (1,000) cubic yards, may not be hauled off the site unless a mining permit is obtained pursuant to Section 1124 of the Riley Township Zoning Ordinance.

Applicants must furnish a site plan showing distances from all items shown above, including any ditches, easements, etc. Permit fees must be remitted with application for a pond. Until site inspection has been approved by Pond Inspector, no excavating shall take place. All ponds shall be completed within six (6) months with the possibility of an extension of (6) months with just cause. A \$250.00 Bond will be posted until the pond is finalized. Pond Bonds are good for six (6)

months. The use of any residential, agriculture or farm pond by the public for swimming, fishing or the like shall be prohibited. **Enlargement of an existing pond requires a permit.** Cleanouts or maintenance that **do not enlarge** the pond do not require a permit.

SITE INSPECTION REQUIRED: Pond area must be staked and inspected before any excavation for the pond is started. Stakes must be on property lines for the Pond Inspector to verify setback.

FINAL INSPECTION REQUIRED: When a pond is completed and safety items installed call Pond Inspector for required inspection.

SAFETY ITEMS REQUIRED: There shall be a minimum of two (2) pressure treated posts on opposing sides of the pond with one (1) danger sign and one (1) U.S.C.G. Approved life ring with seventy-five (75') (P.H. 5-15-06; Adopted 8-14-06; Efft., 8-30-06) feet minimum of rope attached to each life ring on each post. Upon final approval by the Pond Inspector it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the safety equipment.

ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO PONDS: Accessory structures to ponds will be permitted subject to the following regulations:

1. It is six hundred twenty-five (625) square feet or less.
2. Minimum setback from the pond is ten (10') feet from high water mark.
3. Minimum elevation of finished floor is 12" above high water mark.
4. It is described as the following type of structure:
 - a. Gazebo
 - b. Pavilion
 - c. An open or lattice type structure that is used for outdoor entertaining and dining.
 - d. A small roofed structure that is screened on all sides that is used for outdoor entertaining and dining.
 - e. A changing house that is used for the changing of clothes and /or outdoor restroom facility and/or storage.
 - f. Similar type open or screened, or enclosed structures used for outdoor entertaining, dining, and storage.
 - g. Decks
 - h. Sheds for storage of boating and/or fishing equipment.

Necessary permits will be required. A zoning permit is required for structures two (200) square feet and under and a building permit is required for structures over two hundred (200) square feet. (P.H. 5-15-06; Adopted 8-14-06; Efft., 8-30-06)

Docks, slides, rafts, bridges, boat houses, piers, and diving boards are a permitted accessory structure to a pond. (P.H. 5-15-06; Adopted 8-14-06; Efft., 8-30-06)