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Pond Information Sheet

Private residential, agricultural or farm ponds may be permitted on a minimum of two (2) acres and two hundred (200) foot frontage in the AR, R-1 and RC districts as an accessory to a residence that is occupied full-time by the property owner. Pond permits will NOT be issued for vacant land. Enlargement of an existing pond requires a permit. Cleanouts or maintenance that do not enlarge the pond do not require a permit

**** No excavation shall take place until the stake inspection has been approved ****

Property Setbacks		Pond Information	
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.
Accessory Buildings	25 ft. **		
Waterbody Setback	500 ft.	Minimum Side Slopes:	
Septic Tank / Disposal Field	100 ft.	Beach Side to 6 ft. in depth:	
		5 to 1	
Wells	25 ft.	Other Side Slopes: 3 to 1	
Overhead 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 30 ft. from any escarpment or short, steep slope.

General Information:

- Applicants must furnish a site plan or detailed drawing showing distances from all items shown above, including any property lines, existing structures, waterbody locations, septic & well locations, ditches, easements, roadways etc.
- Current Copy of Driver's license or State ID of property owner, along with proof of ownership.
- Permit fees must be remitted with pond application.
- A \$ 250.00 Bond must be posted until the pond final inspection has been completed and pond has been approved.
- All ponds shall be completed within six (6) months with the possibility of an extension of six (6) months with just cause. Pond Bonds are good for six (6) months.
- **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.
- Ponds of five (5) acres or more in size shall obtain a lake permit from the 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 (1000) cubic yards, may not be hauled off the site unless a mining permit is obtained pursuant to Section 1124 of Riley Township Zoning Ordinance.
- The use of any residential, agricultural or farm pond by the public for swimming, fishing or the like shall be prohibited.

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 setbacks.

Final Inspection Required: Required Affidavit form must be completed and submitted by pond contractor (with required pictures) before final inspection takes place. When a pond is completed and safety items have been installed call the Pond Inspector for the 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) 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 twelve (12) inches 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 hundred (200) square feet and under and a building permit is required for structures over two hundred (200) square feet.

Docks, slides, rafts, bridges, boat houses, piers and diving boards are permitted accessory structures to a pond.