

**Garrett Soil Conservation District**  
**1916 Maryland Highway Ste C**  
**Mt Lake Park MD 21550**  
**301-334-6951**

**POND CLEAN OUT AGREEMENT**

(Landowner/Applicant)	(Address)	(Phone)
Location of pond: _____		
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Maryland Water Appropriations And Use Law (5-503) provides that under limited circumstances, local soil conservation districts may approve certain maintenance and repair activities for small ponds. Pond construction including rebuild/repair activities approved through a soil conservation district must comply with USDA Natural Resources Conservative Service, Maryland Conservation Practice Standard Pond Code 378

The following activities are considered by NRCS as maintenance activities and do not require compliance with 378 standards.

- A. Removal of sediment from pool area.
- B. Cutting of vegetation from the embankment.
- C. Replacement of trash rack and anti-vortex assembly.
- D. Minor grading needed for seeding.

The following activities are considered a rebuild/repair, require small pond approval and require bringing the pond up to current 378 specifications.

- A. Replacement of riser.
- B. Replacement of riser or barrel pipe.
- C. Any structural work to the embankment, principle spillway, emergency spillway or outlet.
- D. Any work that would change the design elevations (water level, design high water top of dam, pool size etc.)

Additionally, State Sediment Control Law (4-105) requires an approved Sediment Control Plan be obtained and implemented for any disturbance that exceeds 5,000 sq.ft. or 100 cu.yds.

The Garrett Soil Conservation District hereby grants approval for the removal of accumulated sediment provided that the following conditions are met:

1. All points of construction ingress and egress shall be protected to prevent deposition of materials onto public roads. All materials deposited onto public roads shall be removed immediately.
2. The following instream work restriction periods will be observed:
  - Use 1 water - March 1 through June 15, inclusive
  - Use 3 water - October through April, inclusive
  - Use 4 water - March through May, inclusive
3. Dewatering shall be performed according to the Maryland Department of the Environment Waterway Construction Guidelines, Revised November 2000.
4. In lieu of a custom prepared sequence of construction, the following general sequence of construction shall be followed:
  - a. Install stabilized entrance and sediment control measures (silt fence, sediment traps, etc) including around stockpile areas, loading/staging areas, etc.
  - b. Install dewatering measures (basins, filter bags, coffer dams, sand bags, dikes, etc).
  - c. Install pond lowering pump/pump around pump and start pump-down to lower pool level. Discharge to a stabile area at a nonerosive rate.
  - d. Suction hose shall be floated or suspended to pump the cleaner water from the top of the pond. The discharge end of the hose shall not be placed directly in the stream channel, bank, or be allowed to discharge onto unprotected soil. As the cleaner water is pumped, the suction will lower and eventually encounter sediment laden water. When this happens, the pumping will cease. Provisions will be made to filter water through a geotextile bag or other approved method prior to discharge to receiving waters.
  - e. Excavate accumulated sediment and transport to approved site or protected storage area, or disposed of according to an approved plan.
  - f. Following initial soil disturbance or redisturbance, permanent or temporary stabilization shall be completed within three (3) calendar days as to the surface of all perimeter controls, dikes, swales, ditches, perimeter slopes, and all slopes greater than 3 horizontal to 1 disturbed or graded areas on the project site.
5. Please include a site map or sketch at a legible scale that shows and identifies site features such as:
  - a. Location/size of existing pond and overflow/outlet structures including emergency spillway.
  - b. Location of erosion and sediment control measures including silt fence, sediment traps, etc.
  - c. Location/size of stabilized construction entrance and staging areas for equipment and materials including temporary stock pile areas and final spoil placement.
  - d. Location of natural features such as streams, drain ways, springs, wetlands, steep areas, etc.
  - e. Location of dewatering measures or practices such as pumps, diversions, dikes, filter bags, coffer dams, basins, etc.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

DISCHARGING SEDIMENT LADEN WATER INTO WATERS OF THE STATE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

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Landowner/Applicant

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Date

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Garrett Soil Conservation District

This approval expires on \_\_\_\_\_