

**STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR SMALL
POND CLEANOUT/MAINTENANCE**

(Name) (Address) (Phone)

Location of pond: _____

Purpose of work: removal of accumulated sediment other _____

(Describe)

Maryland Water Appropriations Law (5-503) and State Nontidal Wetlands Law (5-905) provides that under certain circumstances local soil conservation districts may approve the maintenance/repair of small ponds.

The Garrett Soil Conservation District hereby grants approval for the above described activity provided that the following conditions are met:

1. Original surface area of pond will not be enlarged.
2. Any disturbed areas above normal pool elevation will be stabilized within seven (7) days.
3. Sediment which is removed will be spread and stabilized immediately or disposed of at another approved site.
4. When draining or dewatering a pond, care will be taken to ensure that sediment does not enter the stream and that erosion will not occur as a result of dewatering. This may require the use of straw bales, silt fence, or rock stabilized structures such as stilling basins and/or aprons as recommended by the District.
5. The following instream work restriction periods will be followed:
 - Use 1 water - March 1 through June 15, inclusive
 - Use 3 water - October through April, inclusive
 - Use 4 water - March through May, inclusive

Landowner/Applicant Date Garrett Soil Conservation District

This approval expires _____
(Date)