

“POND POLICY”

As adopted by the Howard Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors on May 26, 1994
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I. POLICY ON UPGRADES TO EXISTING PONDS:

When property is planned for development and the Howard Soil Conservation District (HSCD) has review and approval authority, the developer/owner has the following choices on how to handle existing ponds.

- A) To certify the pond meets current specifications.
- B) To upgrade the pond to meet current specifications.
- C) To remove the pond.

II. DISTRICT BOARD POND WAIVER CRITERIA:

The Howard Soil Conservation District Board may grant a waiver to the above requirements based on the following criteria.

- A) The engineer certifies* that there is no hydrologic and no hydraulic impact on the pond, and...
- B) The engineer certifies* that the pond meets the criteria on the MD-378 Dam Inspection Checklist (Appendix A), and...
- C) A favorable dam breach analysis is performed by a registered professional engineer, and...
- D) Requirements for any corrective work required by the HSCD will be placed in the sequence of construction of the plan for which approval is being sought.

*Certified is defined as written testimony from a professional engineer registered in the State of Maryland.

NOTE: With regard to ponds on certain categories of plans, over which the Howard Soil Conservation District does not have direct review and approval authority, such as ponds on minor subdivisions, the Howard Soil Conservation District will make a good faith effort to notify all responsible parties of their obligations and liabilities under law for maintaining a safe pond in accordance with the “Maryland Small Pond Law”. Said notification shall be by means of a form letter to the most appropriate address available.