

TOWN OF SMYRNA  
DETENTION POND INSPECTION PROCEDURES  
(Procedures were enacted in 2005 and followed ever since)

Inspection Frequency:

1. Annually.
2. If violation(s) are found then frequency lessens to six months until violation(s) are corrected.

Inspection Procedures:

1. Latitudes and longitudes of pond corners and outlet structure have already been determined and recorded, while new ponds are added to a computerized inventory soon after construction.
2. Entire pond perimeter is inspected for erosion into the pond.
3. All inlets and outlets are inspected for structural competency, plus erosion and illicit discharge(s) immediately down stream of structure(s).
4. Interior pond slopes are inspected for erosion and vegetative cover.
5. Pond floor is inspected for erosion and deposition as well as illicit discharges, including excessive litter and vegetative cover.
6. Overall pond holding capacity is assessed to determine if pond still meets original design approved by the Smyrna Planning Commission and staff.

Enforcement Procedures:

1. Descriptions of pond violation(s) are written onto the standard inspection form on-site during and before leaving the site inspection.
2. Depending on severity of the pond violation(s), either a letter of warning/advisement or a Notice of Violation is crafted then sent, via certified mail, to the pond owner.
3. Depending on the severity of the pond violation(s), a follow-up inspection is performed to determine if required repairs have been properly made. This pond inspection can be made within just a few days or as many as six months after the initial pond inspection.
4. More stringent penalties can be levied against the pond owner if they fail to correct the specified violation(s).