



Lumpkin County, Georgia

Planning Department

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GUIDELINES FOR AGRICULTURAL POND CONSTRUCTION IN LUMPKIN COUNTY

Before an agricultural pond exemption is given you must have approval from the following local, state and federal agencies.

1. **Natural Resource Conservation Service**

Letter stating pond is for a bona fide agricultural operation.

GAINESVILLE SERVICE CENTER
734 E CRESCENT DR
GAINESVILLE, GA 30501-5082
Att: Buddy Bellflower / Todd Powers
(770) 536-0549
(770) 534-9684 fax

2. **United States Army Corp of Engineers**

Piedmont Branch

404 permit under federal clean water act

U.S Army Corps of Engineers
The Plaza Suite 200
1590 Adamson Pkwy
Morrow, GA 30260
(678) 422-2720 ext. 2721

3. **Department of Natural Resources**

Environmental Protection Division

Written approval if impoundment is constructed on trout waters

Watershed Protection Branch
4220 International Parkway, Suite 101
Atlanta, GA 30354
Att: Jan Sammons / Peggy Chambers
(404) 675-6232

4. **Department of Natural Resources**

Environmental Protection Division

If dam is more than 25 feet tall or stores more than 100 acre feet

Safe Dams Programs
4220 International Parkway, Suite 101
Atlanta, GA 30354
Att: Robert Ringer
404.362.2678

The NRCS is available to assist farmers with determining the **Water Budget** and preparing a **Site Map with Pond GPS Coordinates**.

The NRCS will sign the completed **Farm Pond Exemption Information Paper (GA-ENG-378-EX1)** for a "Proposed Operations" pond when they assist with the supporting data; however, the landowner will need to send the completed package to the USACE for evaluation and possible exemption of the USACE permit regulations.

You should not begin clearing or construction until you have received an approval letter from the USACE.

NOTE: No person shall construct an impoundment of trout waters in Georgia

The NRCS is available to assist farmers with planning and designing farm ponds. To determine if a pond qualifies for a **farm pond exemption**, the NRCS will require that the following three documents be completed.

- Farm Pond Exemption Information Paper (GA-ENG-378-EX1),
- Water Budget, and
- Site Map with Pond GPS Coordinates