

Why is maintenance important?

Routine maintenance is critical for preventing flooding, reducing mosquitoes, keeping your maintenance costs down and keeping our water clean. For example, removing young trees from stormwater ponds is less costly and difficult than removing mature trees and can prevent more serious structural damage later. Small problems today can become bigger problems tomorrow.

Stormwater ponds are not always beautiful, but they can be. Planting attractive native plants or painting the detention pond structures could transform the pond from just functional to functional and pretty.

More resources at athensclarkecounty.com/stormwater.



Stormwater Solutions



Your Stormwater Pond

You have received this brochure because you own a stormwater facility, specifically a stormwater pond, that is scheduled for inspection this year. This brochure will serve as a quick guide in preparation for the inspection.

For more information about stormwater ponds, visit athensclarkecounty.com/stormwater. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact us.

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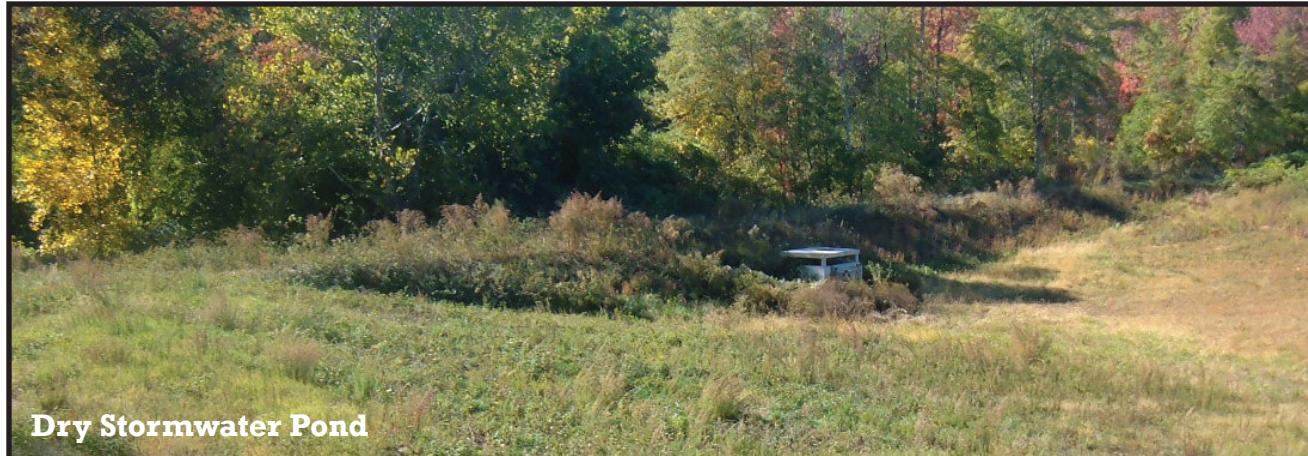


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What is a stormwater pond?



Dry Stormwater Pond

When rain falls in a forest, most of the water soaks into the soil or evaporates, leaving only a little to run off into streams and rivers. However, in urban areas, such as Athens-Clarke County, most of the rain becomes runoff. As a result, after a storm our waterways receive unnaturally large amounts of water.

Stormwater ponds help deal with this large amount of water. The ponds slow the release of runoff into our waterways and protect our streams by temporarily holding the water. Newer ponds are even designed to improve water quality. **Each stormwater pond plays an important role in keeping Athens-Clarke County waterways clean**, but these ponds can do so only if they are properly maintained.

What do I need to do?

While your stormwater utility fee pays for many services, such as construction site inspections, stormwater inspections, and storm drain maintenance, it is unable to cover private pond maintenance.

You are responsible for maintaining your stormwater pond. For most, this means mowing and picking up litter, such as trash and organic debris.



Who can help?

Your stormwater inspector. Your stormwater utility fee pays for our stormwater inspector who is happy to check that your pond complies with all regulations and ordinances during your routine inspection. The stormwater inspector can develop a comprehensive maintenance schedule that is tailored for your specific needs and offer technical guidance with pond maintenance.

We understand that each location has unique challenges and opportunities. The stormwater inspector wants to work with you to address your situation efficiently and effectively.

We all share the same goal: clean water for our county. Let's work together.

Left: A dry stormwater pond at the Athens-Clarke County Streets and Drainage building.

Below: A detention pond that was overgrown with vegetation (before) and then mowed (after).