

PONDS OR BERMS

If you are thinking of digging a pond or berm on your property, the following will need to be provided to the Permit Office PRIOR to start of project.

1. Legal plat (see attached example) showing acreage of land and location of pond or berm drawn on site and showing any flood zones, floodways, etc. **The pond must have consistent water depth, 50' setback from all property lines and a minimal 8" outflow pipe.**
2. Scope of the project detailing depth, width, slope and overflow.
3. Placement of dirt from pond (is the dirt being placed on the same site location for future construction or is it being hauled away and sold? If sold, this could be considered a commercial dirt pit.) **YOU CANNOT PLACE IT ON YOUR PROPERTY IF YOU ARE IN A V/VE FLOOD ZONE. IT MUST BE HAULED OFF.** If property is in a flood zone A/AE special flood hazard area, then a letter from an engineer will need to be provided stating that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point within the community. If you are not sure what flood zone the property is in please call Permits, Planning and Zoning at 337/369-4438.
4. A drainage impact study is required by a Louisiana state licensed engineer and must be presented to the permit office prior to issuance of a permit, regardless of what flood zone you are in. (If this is a commercial dirt pit, the dirt pit will need to be registered and permitted with a full drainage impact study.)

Once all documentation has been gathered and brought to the permit office, it will be reviewed and if approved, the owner will be able to get a permit.

Below is a checklist, for your use, to ensure all documents/information needed is being submitted:

1. _____ PLAT SHOWING ACREAGE OF LAND
2. _____ DEPTH OF POND, WIDTH OF POND, SLOPE OF POND, WHERE IS THE OVERFLOW GOING.
3. WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH DIRT WHEN REMOVED TO MAKE POND _____
4. FLOOD ZONE _____, LETTER FROM ENGINEER IF IN ZONE A/AE _____
5. DRAINAGE IMPACT STUDY FROM LOUISIANA STATE LICENSED ENGINEER

Please submit all documents/information to the Permit Office for review PRIOR to issuance of permit.