

Stormwater Ponds

A Citizen's Guide to Their Purpose and Management



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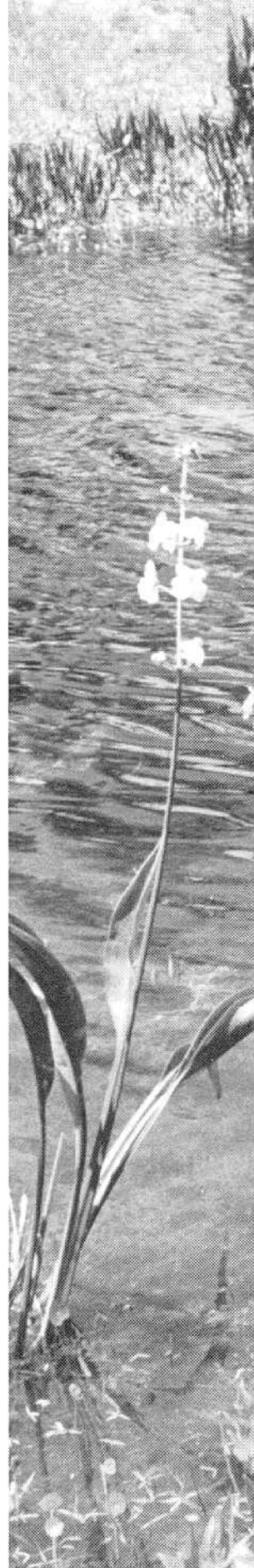
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Preface

The present availability of quality materials to educate stormwater managers and the general public is limited. This manual, written for citizens, stormwater managers and practitioners, is a companion document to "Stormwater Management: A Guide for Floridians" produced by the Stormwater/Non-Point Source Management section of the then Florida Department of Environmental Regulation. This citizen's guide focuses on stormwater ponds and their place in the watershed. This new manual is a practical approach to stormwater ponds and their care. It contains information on developing a neighborhood-based care program for your stormwater pond. The information contained in this guide will also aid stormwater pond maintenance companies in their provision of quality services to their customers.



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Introduction

What is the Purpose of this Citizen's Guide?

The guiding theme for the content of this citizen's guide is captured in the following vision statement:

To educate communities about the purposes and benefits of stormwater ponds, and provide guidelines for effective pond management.

The intent of this booklet is to instruct and provide a comprehensive, multi-agency source of reliable information for homeowners, lake management companies and Homeowner's Association (HOA)/Property Owner's (POA)/Condominium Owner's Association (COA) officers in their search for management guidelines with respect to stormwater

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ponds. This guide will help you develop realistic expectations for your Florida stormwater pond.

This guide was developed in Central Florida but is expected to have statewide application. The information is current although always evolving and adapting to new research.

For additional information from the agencies with responsibility for ponds in your area, first read this manual and then call the appropriate stormwater agency for your city or county. You will find a more complete list of these agencies in Chapter 6: Resources and References.

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