



NIAGARA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Pond Site Suitability Assessments

Towns within Niagara County request pond site assessments from Niagara County SWCD as a requirement for their pond permits. The purpose of the assessment is to identify and document soils on site; more specifically, whether a pond will “hold water” upon completion.

In order to establish the feasibility of a pond, the District must do background research on the property. This is followed by a visit to visually inspect the site. It may be necessary, upon inspection, to examine the subsoil to further investigate the soil profile and matrix. This involves the excavation of a series of test pits to allow visual access to the subsoil. If test pits are required, the landowner is responsible for arranging the excavation of the pits. This will require a second site visit from this office for further examination.

Upon completion of the investigation our findings are forwarded to the individual requesting the evaluation.

The **\$100** fee for a pond site assessment, payable to *Niagara County SWCD*, should be attached to this form. Site visits are scheduled weekdays, 9:00am – 3:00pm. If you are unavailable during business hours, you may arrange to stake out the pond, allowing us to visit the site independently.

Please send us the following, after which we will contact you to set an appointment:

* Name of property owner(s): _____

* Address of pond site: _____

* Mailing address: _____

* Daytime Phone # _____

* Township: _____ * SBL or Parcel Tax ID#: _____

* Current tax map of parcel – You can request this from your town assessor’s office.
It **MUST** either be attached to this form or faxed to our office before we can begin.