

## Installing a Pond as a Water Source

- A. Contact the Fulton County Health Department – Environmental Services at 337-0915 to set up a site review for your proposed pond location. One of their representatives will come out to evaluate the site. Ponds are not used for a water source on properties that can support an adequate well. They can either approve or disapprove the site. If they disapprove the site, choose another location and check that one. If they approve the site, go to B.
- B. Apply for a water permit with the F.C. Health Department. They will need to know various things on this application and there is a fee. A plan of the pond construction and water treatment equipment must also be submitted to the health Department. They will ask who your pond and treatment system installers are, so make sure you have the contractors lined up for the job. You will be sent the approved, signed permit in the mail.
- C. Have your contractor dig test holes in the pond site. You can request a test log be done by the Fulton Soil & Water Conservation District by calling 337-9217. They will log the soils at various depths as the contractor digs down in his test holes. You must coordinate the time the contractor will be at the pond site so that the SWCD can be there at the same time. A test hole and log is not required, but is highly recommended. It will prevent some unexpected surprises, such as bad soils for ponds, and extra cost in constructing a pond.
- D. Once your contractors are done constructing your pond and installing the water treatment system obtain information for the Health Department on the disinfection and filter system and retention tank. This information is recorded on a “completion form”. Some contractors will complete this for you.
- E. Contact the Health Department and schedule a final inspection. They will inspect the pond to verify that it was installed according to the plans submitted with the application. They will also inspect the water treatment system to verify that it was installed according to the plans submitted with the application. They will also collect a water sample and test it for coliform bacteria and nitrates.