

# Pond Maintenance Fact Sheet

- Be sure your contractor understands and can remediate **ALL** violations for your failed facility (i.e. a landscaper may re-vegetate well, but they may not be the best option if you have other maintenance issues). Specific violations are noted on the inspection report page and on the code form page in your information packet. **Ponds must be restored to ALL design specifications.**
- **Beginning October 1, 2009, the City of Austin will institute a follow-up inspection fee of \$100 for still non-compliant ponds at the 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection.**
- Link to City of Austin Connection for self-service printing of site plans/permits, etc.:  
[https://www.austintexas.gov/devreview/a\\_queryfolder\\_permits.jsp](https://www.austintexas.gov/devreview/a_queryfolder_permits.jsp)
- Link to Drainage viewer:  
<http://www.austintexas.gov/GIS/developmentwebmap/>
- Links to Travis County and Williamson County Appraisal Districts (for researching ownership):  
<http://www.traviscad.org/>  
<http://www.wcad.org/>
- Pond owners/owner representatives are encouraged to accompany their contractor in meetings with City pond inspectors in order to make clear to all parties an understanding of all code and regulation violations and the methods for their remediation.
- Routine pond vegetation maintenance is key to the functionality of stormwater ponds and to their owners continuing to receive the 20% discount (if applicable) on their drainage fee.
- City of Austin commercial pond inspectors are not consultants. They will not (are not allowed) to assist contractors with bidding, prior to work being done.
- Weeds are not a specified/approved form of vegetation.
- ***Do not till a sand filtration bed. Tilling a sand bed will require you to replace the entire sand bed.***
- Before beginning work in a City of Austin Right-of-Way, please see Sections 5.5.0, 5.5.1, and 5.5.2 of the Utilities Criteria Manual for specific Insurance and Bonding requirements.
- For specific regulation and code information, go on-line to <http://austintexas.gov/>, click on **Development** & then from **Information Center**, scroll down to **Codes & Technical Information**, under which you will find links to **City Code & Technical Criteria Manuals**. Many applicable regulations for storm water management ponds are found in the Environmental Criteria Manual, Section 1.6.3 and/or in the Drainage Criteria Manual, Section 1.2.4E
- Link to the Environmental Criteria Manual:  
[https://www.municode.com/library/tx/austin/codes/environmental\\_criteria\\_manual](https://www.municode.com/library/tx/austin/codes/environmental_criteria_manual)
- Link to the Drainage Criteria Manual:  
[https://www.municode.com/library/tx/austin/codes/drainage\\_criteria\\_manual](https://www.municode.com/library/tx/austin/codes/drainage_criteria_manual)
- Link to City of Austin Standard Specifications for Environmental Enhancements:  
[https://www.municode.com/library/tx/austin/codes/standard\\_specifications\\_manual?nodeId=AUSTIN\\_TX\\_STANDARD\\_SPECIFICATIONS\\_TECHNICAL\\_MANUAL](https://www.municode.com/library/tx/austin/codes/standard_specifications_manual?nodeId=AUSTIN_TX_STANDARD_SPECIFICATIONS_TECHNICAL_MANUAL)
- Link to City of Austin Trees and Landscape questions:  
<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/trees-and-landscaping>