

VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY Stormwater Management / Purpose of Ponds

For the past ten years, more and more emphasis has been placed on “multi-objective” use of stormwater management facilities. The days of the sterile/dry detention basin is over. Water quality, variety of vegetation, erosion control and even wildlife habitat, along with recreation, have all become objectives of stormwater management facilities.



Did you know that?

- The purpose of the ponds constructed in new subdivisions are for stormwater management.
- When neighborhoods are officially accepted it is Village policy that the ponds become the property of the Village of Huntley.
- Private citizens are not allowed to landscape or place structures within village property.
- The embankments of ponds are to be seeded with special plant material native to Illinois designed for little or no maintenance, erosion control and enhancement of water quality and aesthetics. (It is important for residents to understand that shallow rooted turf grass is inappropriate for stabilizing pond embankments and preventing erosion).
- Pond embankments are to be mowed only by Public Works personnel and only in areas determined by Public Works.
- The ponds are a “passive” recreation feature. This means no boating, swimming, wading or ice-skating is allowed unless otherwise specified by the Village.

The reason for presenting this information at this time is due to the recent encroachments of trees and other objects being planted by residents surrounding the ponds. In addition, there have been requests to construct amenities such as park benches on Village property. There is an obvious need for information sharing concerning the Village’s responsibility for maintenance and community use of the aesthetic values of the stormwater facilities.

The Village of Huntley and its residents are all stakeholders in these amenities. By assuming ownership and maintenance of the stormwater management facilities, the Village’s objective is the long-term protection of health, safety, water quality, run-off control, and aesthetic value.