

# TOWN OF ROYALTON

## POND INFORMATION SHEET

5316 ROYALTON CENTER RD.  
MIDDLEPORT, NY 14105

THE TOWN OF ROYALTON REQUIRES A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FARM OR RECREATION POND. SPECIAL USE PERMITS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE TOWN OF ROYALTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AFTER PROPER APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING.

THE EXCAVATION LIMITS OF THE POND MUST BE **ONE HUNDRED FEET** MINIMUM FROM ALL PROPERTY LINES, **TWO HUNDRED FEET** MINIMUM FROM HIGHWAY BOUNDARY LINES, AND SITUATED ON A PARCEL OF NOT LESS THAN **FIVE ACRES**. THE EXCAVATED MATERIAL SHALL REMAIN ON SITE.

IT IS RECOMMENDED (OR MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS) THAT ANYONE WHO IS CONSIDERING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POND CONSULT WITH THE NIAGARA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION OFFICE FOR A POND SITE EVALUATION.

N.Y.S. LAW DICTATES THAT PONDS MUST BE LIMITED TO ONE ACRE IN SURFACE AREA. PONDS EXCEEDING ONE ACRE REQUIRE EITHER SPECIAL "FARM USE" PERMITS OR "MINING" PERMITS, WHICH ARE OBTAINED THROUGH THE N.Y.S. D.E.C. OFFICE.

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER REGARDING A POND .....

- ARE MY SOILS ACCEPTABLE FOR POND CONSTRUCTION?
- SELECTION OF AN EXPERIENCED CONTRACTOR FOR THE POND CONSTRUCTION.
- ARE THERE ANY STATE OR FEDERAL WETLANDS OR DESIGNATED FLOODPLAIN IN THE DESIRED POND LOCATION?
- CONSTRUCT POND DURING SUMMER MONTHS WHEN THE WATER TABLE IS GENERALLY LOWER.
- POND SITE WITH REGARDS TO TOPOGRAPHY, PROXIMITY TO BUILDINGS, DRAINAGE, OUTLET (IN CASE POND OVERFLOWS), EXISTING VEGETATION, IMPACT ON NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES, PROXIMITY TO SEPTIC SYSTEM & WELL, UNDERGROUND/OVERHEAD UTILITIES.
- LANDSCAPING AND PROTECTION OF POND SITE.

### SOME HELPFUL PHONE NOS.

ROYALTON CODE ENFORCEMENT: 716-772-7826  
NIAGARA COUNTY SOIL & WATER: 716-434-4949  
U.S. ARMY CORP (FEDERAL WETLANDS): 716-879-4330  
N.Y.S..D.E.C. (STATE WETLANDS): 716-851-7165  
N.Y.S.D.E.C. (MINING): 716-372-6242