# DESIGNING WITH NATIVES

A few strategies to garner broad appeal

## Native plants are a new aesthetic





### HOW TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES

There are four basic strategies to helping improve public acceptance of native plantings:

- ► Massing and rhythm
- ► Keep it flowering
- ► Choose the right plants
- ► Control the edges
- ► IT'S ALL SUBJECTIVE



**MASSES AND RHYTHM** 



## MASSING: MONOCULTURE



### MASSES AND RHYTHM

#### **Basic Principles**

- ▶ Plant in repeating groups of individual plants
- ▶ Use odd numbered groups: 3, 5, 7, 9, etc. of the same plant. Use multiple species but stay within scale of the site.
- ► The larger the group, the stronger the massing effect
- ► Stack by height. There's a lot of variation within a species, so think 1-2' versus 3-5' and so on.
- ▶ Be aware that plants move around: MAINTENANCE IS KEY

The result is that the eye recognizes a SENSE OF ORDER no matter how large the landscape.

## **KEEP IT FLOWERING**



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#### **Basic Principles**

- Understand flowering periods and plan for overlap
- Cover the three growing seasons. Bonus points for winter interest!
- Keep in mind: many species bloom for LONG periods, so it's easy to create overlap with just a few species.

It's harder to complain about weeds when there are FLOWERS AND COLOR!

## CHOOSE THE RIGHT PLANT



### CHOOSE THE RIGHT PLANT

How tall will it get?
How does it spread?
What do the leaves look like?

When does it flower and how long do the flowers last?

The key is knowing a plant's growth habit and WHERE IT WILL BE PLANTED.

## CONTROL THE EDGE



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#### **Basic Principles**

- Use shrubs—even non-native shrubs—to frame and contain a planting with more diversity
- Short grasses can also be used: prairie dropseed and sideoats gramma are good choices. Native species work best.

A clean line suggests a SENSE OF PURPOSE.



You can also do none of these things and STILL HAVE A BEAUTIFUL, INTERESTING, HIGH FUNCTIONING LANDSCAPE.

(Know your client)

## MAINTENANCE IS THE KEY

Thanks to Eco Logic for sharing these slides

## Native Plant Communities

for Stormwater Solutions



#### **Wetland Mitigation**

Indiana University Bloomington, IN







#### **Keys to Successful Monitoring**

- First year seedling identification
- Early identification of noxious weed species
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year seedling identification of more conservative species is necessary for establishing diverse plant communities



#### **Maintenance Program:**

Scenario # 1- Small Urban BMP High Visibility 6-12 site visits per season

#### Main Activities:

- Weed Management
- Mulching
- Plant replacements
- Trash Removal
- Maintaining Drainage



#### **Maintenance Program:**

Scenario # 2- Large Urban BMP Low to Medium Visibility 3-4 site visits per season

#### Main Activities:

- Weed Management
- Mowing or Prescribed Burning
- Over-seeding/Plant Replacement
- Maintaining Drainage



#### **Myths: About Native Plant Communities**

•They require no maintenance once established

FALSE!

•They require the same knowledge, methods and equipment as traditional landscaping

**FALSE!** 



#### **Chemical Treatment of Invasive Plants**

- Effective on a Broad Spectrum of Species
- Always Focus on Systemic Herbicides
- Does Not Cause Soil Disturbance
- Selective Herbicides can Protect Native Species
- Always Read and Understand the Herbicide Label



### **Questions for a Contractor:**

- Experience with stormwater BMPs
- Knowledge of native and invasive plant species
- Experience controlling invasive plants
- Licensed by the Office of the Indiana State Chemist
- Ability to identify 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year seedlings

# QUESTIONS?

# LUNCH & LEARN

### **LUNCH & LEARN**



# Fertilizers!



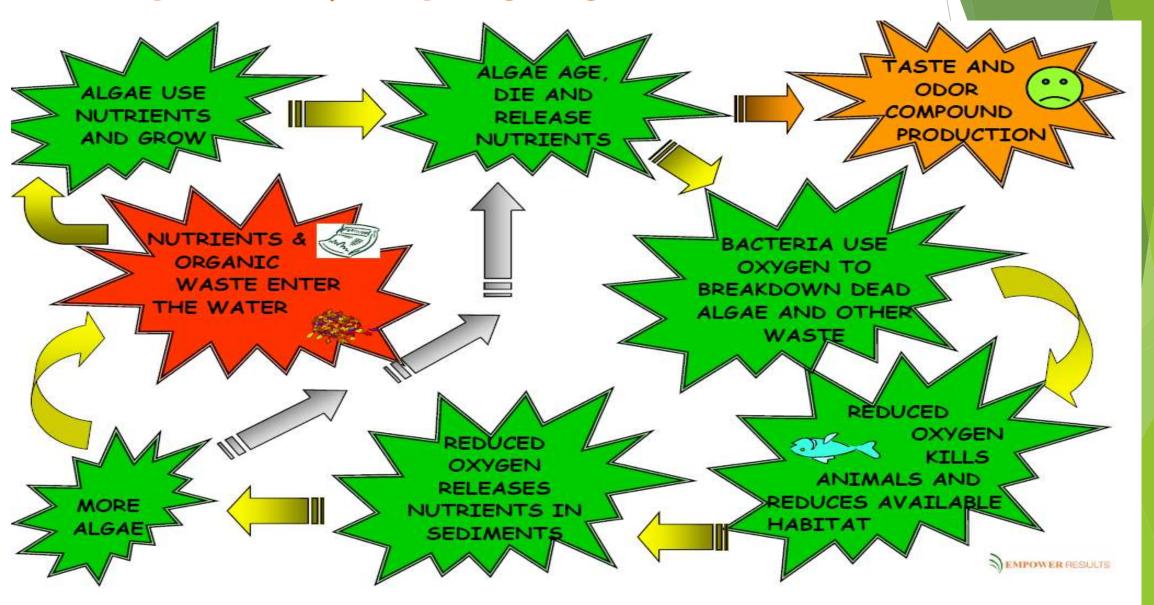
#### Frequently Asked Questions about Fertilizers



- What is fertilizer?
- What is phosphorus?
- How do I know if the fertilizer is phosphorus free?
- · Which number on the bag of fertilizer is phosphorus?
- Is "low phosphorus" the same as "no-phosphorus" in terms of protecting the environment?
- Is organic fertilizer the same as no phosphorus?
- What is soil testing and why should I care?
- Can I take my soil somewhere to get tested?
- To have a good looking lawn, do I even need to fertilize?
- Do I need phosphorus for my lawn to stay healthy/green?
- Do I need special equipment or different application method?
- Is phosphorus free fertilizer more expensive?
- Are there better times to fertilize? Time of day, time of year, weather conditions?
- What are the best practices for lawn care?
- How does fertilizer move around and affect our water quality?
- What are the levels in Indiana's waters?
- What is the government doing about phosphorus levels in our waters?
- What can I do as a homeowner that will help reduce phosphorus levels in our waters?
- Does bad taste or smell of my drinking water have anything to do with phosphorus in the water?

What is fertilizer?

## THE CHAIN REACTION OF DEATH



### PHOSPHOROUS AS A 'LIMITING FACTOR'

A 500 pound "batch" of wet algae requires:

- 1 pound phosphorus
- 7 pounds nitrogen
- 40 pounds carbon



## Leaves = >50% of Annual Phosphorus Load to Urban Stream



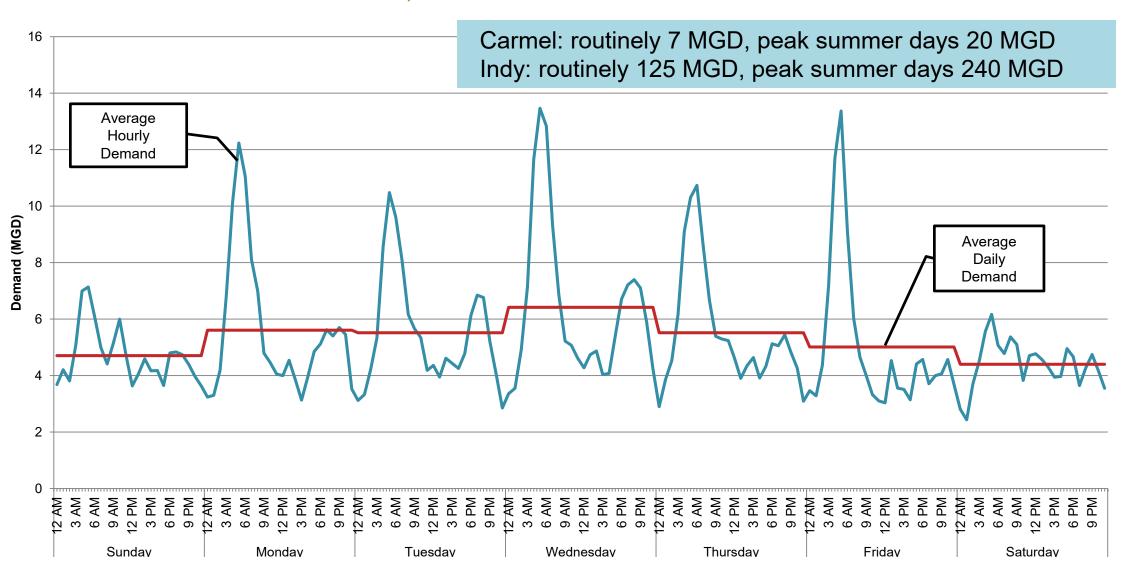




## AHH, AND A LITTLE ABOUT IRRIGATION...



# WESTFIELD WATER - SUMMER DEMAND PROFILE MON, WED AND FRI PATTERNS



# LAWN IRRIGATION CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

- ✓ Lawn Irrigation = Biggest Driver of Peak Day Water Demand (50%-75%)
- ✓ Hourly Lawn Irrigation Patterns (2am 6am)
- ✓ Daily Lawn Irrigation Patterns (Mon, Wed and Fri)

- Water System Stress (Max Pressure/Flow, Water Main Breaks, Elevated Storage, etc.)
  - RESULT: Lower Water System Reliability (Short & Long-Term)
- Reliable Long-Term Water Supply Requires New Resources & Infrastructure RESULT: Higher Water Utility Costs and Customer Rates

#### **OUTDOOR CONSERVATION ACTIONS**

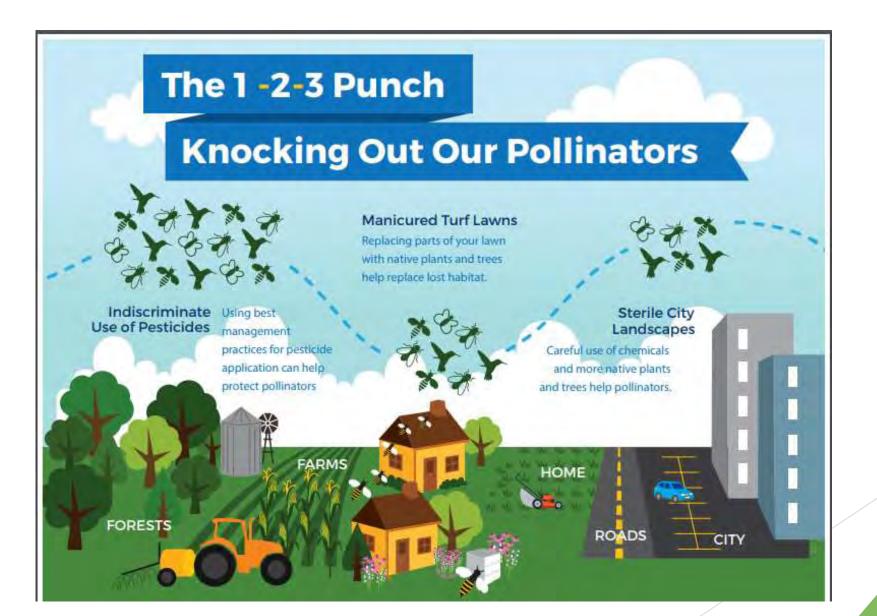
Please select each action you will or already do and be sure to fill out the additional information requested. Even if you don't water your lawn at all, please mark 'I already do' for the first 3 items below. This will allow us to acknowledge all the water savings from your efforts.

| Only water my lawn in the late evening (after 10 pm) or early morning (before 9 am).                                  |
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|   |
| Not water my lawn on hot or windy days to avoid rapid evaporation and reduce water waste.                             |
|   |
| ☐ Stop watering my lawn in late summer for the 6 weeks from early August to mid September.                            |
|   |
| Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants because bark, peat moss and other types of mulch slows down evaporation. |
|   |
| Not run the hose while washing my car. I'll use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the<br>end.               |

Use a broom to sweep off driveway and/or patio instead of using the hose to avoid wasting water.



### AND ONE MORE ACTION THAT MATTERS...





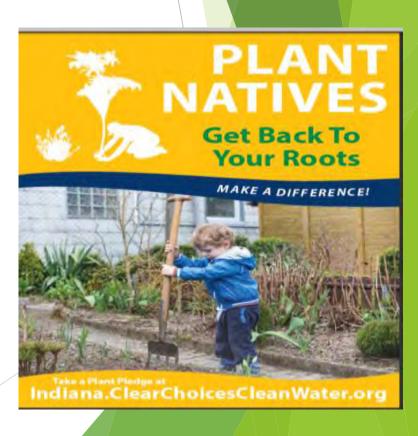




## PLEASE HELP PROTECT OUR WATER SUPPLIES







## POND DESIGN, FUNCTION, AND MAINTENANCE

### OUTLINE

- ▶ Detention Pond Definition and Purpose
- ► How Much Water is the Site Generating?
- ► Why Does the Pond Fill Up?
- Additional Pond Design Requirements
- Water Quality Aspects of Detention Ponds
- Maintenance

#### DETENTION POND DEFINITION AND PURPOSE

- What is a detention pond?
  - Excavated hole or basin from a development project
- Why is a detention pond needed?
  - Flood Control: Traps the water for a period of time
  - Water Quality Filtering: Removes pollution from stormwater



#### HOW MUCH WATER IS THE SITE GENERATING?

#### Drainage Area

- Portion of the site that drains to the pond
- Should be entire developed area



## HOW MUCH WATER IS THE SITE GENERATING? GROUND TYPE



**Low Site Runoff** 



High Site Runoff

# HOW MUCH WATER IS THE SITE GENERATING? STORM SIZE

#### Storm Size (In a day)

- ► Water Quality = 2 year (1" rain)
- ► Conveyance System = 10 year (4" rain)
- ► Flood Control = 100 year (7" rain)





# HOW MUCH WATER IS THE SITE GENERATING? FLOW RATE

#### Flow Rate

We use all of the previous factors to compute how much water flows from the site.



### WHY DOES THE POND FILL UP?

- Flood control and water quality
- Inflow Versus Outflow
  - Water leaves the pond at the same time it comes into the pond.
- Release Rates
  - Water comes into pond much faster than it can leave the pond per local ordinances
  - ► The release rate of the pond is controlled by the outlet control structure of the pond.



### WHY DOES THE POND FILL UP?

#### Storage

The difference between the amount of water coming into and exiting the pond is the storage amount.

For example, this is equivalent to filling the bath tub with the drain partially closed such that the tub can slowly fill with water, but still have some water draining out.

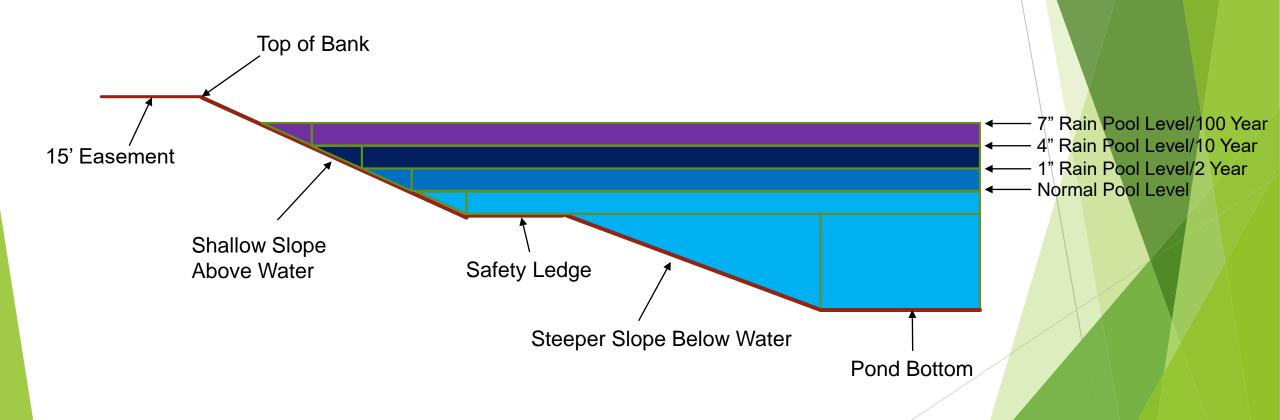


### ADDITIONAL POND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ 10 foot wide flat safety ledge around the entire pond.
- Bank slopes below the water line and safety ledge can be steeper than the slopes above the water line.



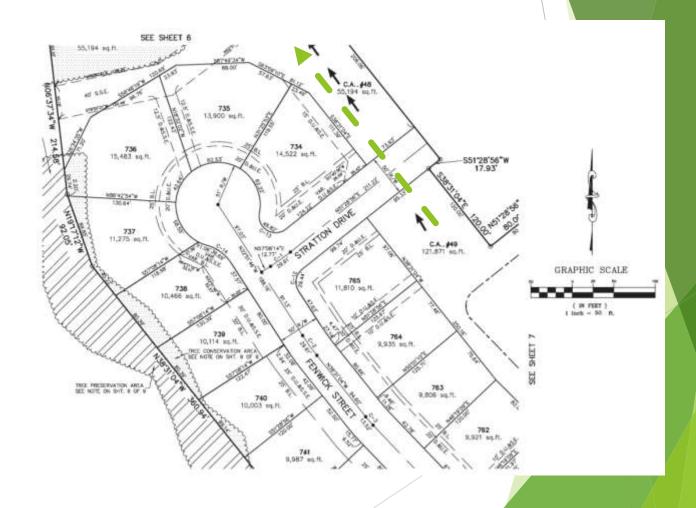
# ADDITIONAL POND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS-CROSS SECTION



### ADDITIONAL POND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS-FLOOD ROUTING

#### Flood Routes

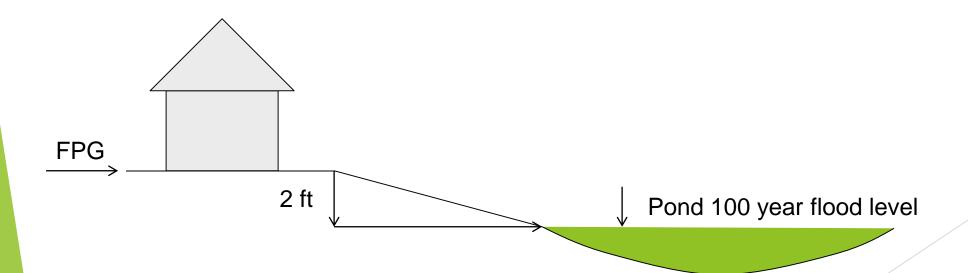
- Easements protect emergency flood routes if pond overtops
- Only happens during very extreme events or if the pond outlet becomes clogged



### ADDITIONAL POND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS-FLOOD PROTECTION

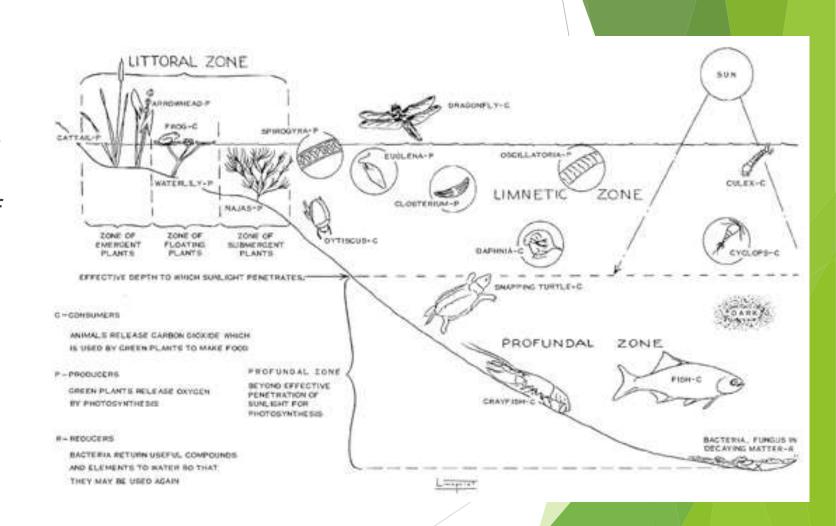
#### Flood Protection Grade

- ▶ Buildings must be 1 foot above grade of emergency overflow route
- ▶ Homes must be 2 feet above pond 100 year flooding height



### WATER QUALITY ASPECTS OF PONDS

- ▶ 8 to 10 feet in depth
- Ponds remove 80% or more of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) as well as removal of nutrients, bacteria, and metals, oils, organics
- Pollutants settle out with retention time and decay
- Many biological processes occurring



## REASONS WE NEED WATER QUALITY PONDS



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### MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS

- Sedimentation
- Muck/sludge
- Aquatic Vegetation and Algae
- ► Trash
- Erosion and Bank Management
- Outlet Clogging



## MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: SEDIMENTATION

- ► Harmful Effects
  - Shallow Depths
  - Vegetation Growth
  - ► Less chemical trapping
    - Lower retention time
  - Inlet Blockages/Flooding

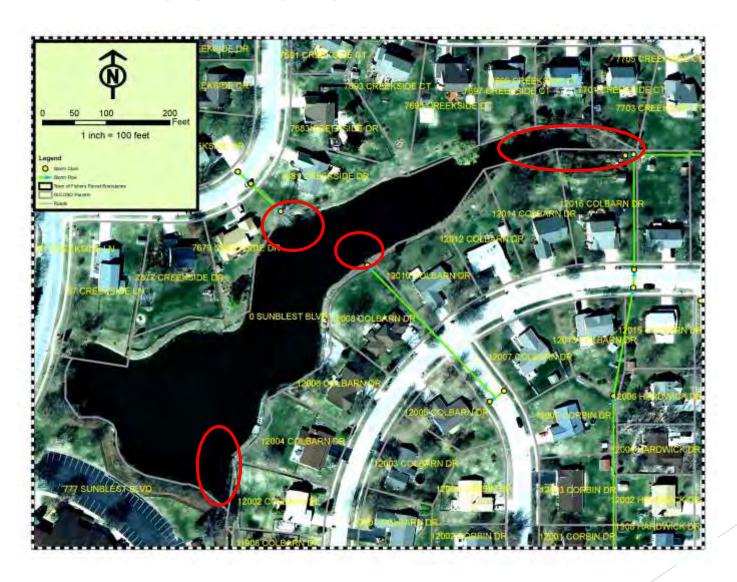
- Treatment Options
  - Mechanical Dredging/Excavation and Haul
  - Hydraulic Dredging
  - Biological Sludge Techniques



# MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: SEDIMENT EFFECTS



# MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: SEDIMENT LOCATIONS



# MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: SEDIMENT REMOVAL



## MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: AQUATIC VEGETATION/ALGAE

- ► Harmful Effects
  - Offensive odors
  - Discoloration/Unsightly
  - Oxygen depletion due to decomposition
  - Fish kills
  - Bad drinking water tastes
  - ► Toxic algae

- Treatment Options
  - Chemical\*
  - Biological\*
  - Cutting
  - Harvesting
  - Dredging
  - Aeration\*





# MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: AQUATIC VEGETATION/ALGAE





# MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: CHEMICAL TREATMENT



# MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: AQUATIC VEGETATION HARVESTING





#### MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: TRASH

- Harmful Effects
  - Unsightly
  - Leaves pond into rivers and lakes
  - Clog outlets causing flooding

- TreatmentOptions/Expectations
  - Hand collection
  - Most is probably near the shoreline
  - May need waders or boat for difficult to reach trash



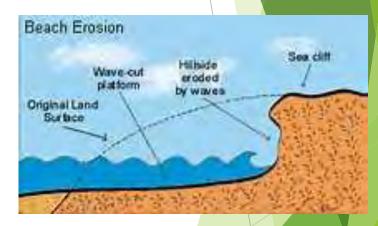
# MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: TRASH





- ► Harmful Effects
  - Deterioration of the pond bank
  - Gullies or rills
  - Storm sewer damage
  - Shoreline creepage
  - Animal burrows
  - Maintenance access loss

- Treatment Options
  - Fill in holes with soil and re-seed/blanket
  - Animal trapping
  - Stabilize shoreline with rip rap stone, glacial stone, sea walls, or native plantings
  - Stabilize swales, channels, or sump pump discharge points
  - Remove trees and woody vegetation









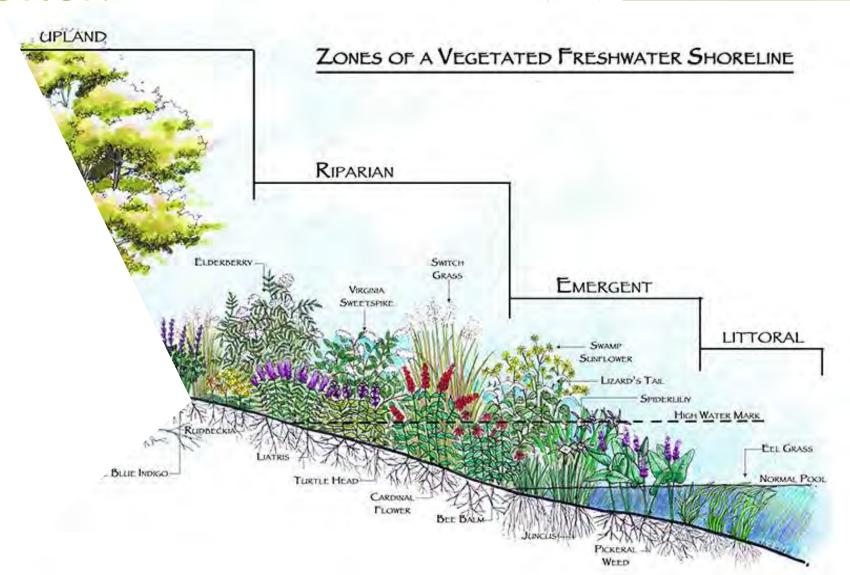




## MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: SHORELINE PROTECTION

#### Vegetation-

- Shoreline vegetation protects property naturally, effectively and inexpensively
- Nearshore water plants can help protect the shoreline against waves and provide excellent fish habitat



## MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: SHORELINE PROTECTION

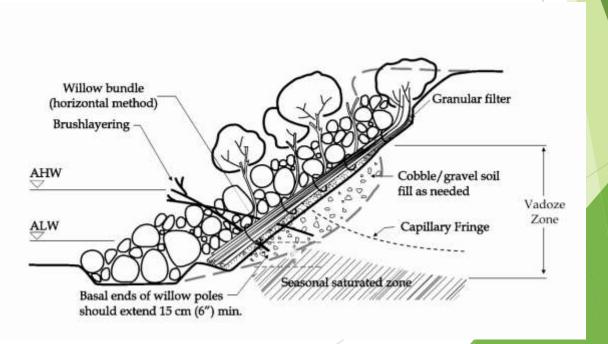
Bioengineering

For steep bluffs or high wave energy

- Planting vegetation on slopes stabilized with blankets made of special, biodegradable fibers;
- Transplanting trees into stone or riprap (known as "joint planting");
- Planting freshly cut willow limbs in the ground (known as "willow staking"); and
- Laying interlocking blocks with gaps designed to promote plant growth.







MAINTENANCE ASPECTS
OF PONDS:
SHORELINE PROTECTION

- ► Glacial Stone/ Riprap
  - ► Functional for erosion
  - Expensive
  - Negative effect to ecosystem
  - ▶ No Nutrient reduction





# MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: SHORELINE PROTECTION

- Concrete or sheet piling
  - ► Functional for erosion
  - Very Expensive
  - ► Failure has very expensive repairs
  - ▶ Negative effect to ecosystem
  - ▶ No Nutrient reduction

# MAINTEN SHORELI

#### **Comparison of Erosion Control Methods**

|                                    | Estimated cost<br>per lineal foot*   | Effectiveness   | Maintenance   | Appearance  | Habitat Value  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|
| <u>Vegetation</u>                  | \$5 to \$20,<br>depending on<br>type and<br>maturity of<br>plants selected.            | Excellent at<br>reducing erosion<br>and stabilizing<br>flat or moderate<br>slopes.  | Little<br>maintenance<br>required. Varies<br>depending on<br>desired effect.                          | Preserves natural,<br>scenic beauty of<br>shoreline. Can<br>provide a<br>privacy screen<br>for lake residents.                  | erosion and<br>nutrient<br>contamination of<br>lake. Excellent   |
| Bioengineering                     | \$30 to \$100,<br>depending on<br>method selected<br>and severity of<br>erosion.       | Excellent at<br>dissipating<br>moderate waves,<br>controlling<br>erosion, and<br>stabilizing most<br>slopes.                                      | If installed<br>properly,<br>requires little<br>maintenance<br>beyond aesthetic<br>management.        | Supports natural vegetation and scenic value.   | Dampens wave<br>action. Strength<br>and habitat value<br>for fish and<br>wildlife improve<br>over time.  |
| Glacial stone<br>or riprap         | \$20 to \$40 for a<br>shoreline with 8<br>feet between<br>high and low<br>lake levels. | Excellent at<br>dissipating<br>moderate waves<br>and stabilizing<br>slopes up to<br>2-to-1.   | Occasional<br>maintenance<br>necessary to<br>move and<br>replace rocks.                               | Provides natural-<br>appearing rocky<br>shoreline.<br>Allows native<br>vegetation to<br>grow between<br>stones.                 | Dampens wave<br>action. Good<br>habitat for fish<br>and wildlife,<br>especially if<br>plant growth is<br>allowed.                              |
| Concrete, steel<br>or vinyl piling | \$50 to \$200,<br>depending on<br>type of seawall.                                     | Structural barrier<br>against strong<br>waves and ice.<br>May stabilize<br>bluffs. Increases<br>erosion in lake<br>and along<br>nearby shoreline. | maintenance to<br>repair cracks and<br>check for toe<br>erosion. Must<br>be completely<br>replaced or | Permanently<br>alters shoreline<br>contour and<br>prevents<br>establishment of<br>native vegetation<br>along lake<br>shoreline. | Poor habitat value.<br>Increases wave<br>action. Reduces<br>diverse feeding<br>and spawning<br>areas for fish and<br>other aquatic<br>animals. |

# MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: OUTLET PLUGGING

- Harmful Effects
  - ▶ Flooding
  - Erosion
  - Outlet damage
  - Blockages from tree roots (Willows) and debris

- Treatment Options
  - Frequent trash removal and maintenance
  - Call City or Contractor to remove outlet blockage
  - Tree root cutting and tree removal





# MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: OUTLET PLUGGING





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# MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF PONDS: MAINTENANCE FREQUENCIES

- Sedimentation 5 to 10 Years
- Muck/Sludge 5 to 10 Years
- Aquatic Vegetation and Algae Yearly
- ► Trash Yearly
- Erosion and Bank Management Yearly
- Outlet Clogging After storms

# CITY OF FISHERS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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## **NEXT PRESENTATIONS**

**Addressing Algae** 

Ginger Davis, Hamilton County SWCD

**Physical Maintenance** 

Matthew Kerkhof, Hoosier Aquatic

Mechanical Dredging

Mark Zielinski, Valenti Held

**Hydraulic Dredging** 

Ed Roe, Heartland Dredging

# POND MANAGEMENT

Addressing Algae in Neighborhood Ponds is a Balancing Act

# THE GOOD, BAD, AND UGLY: AN OUTLINE

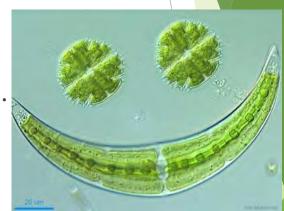
- ► What is Algae?
- ► When/Why is Algae a Problem?
- Most Effective Ways to Control Algae
  - ► Structural Controls
  - ► Biological Controls
  - ► Chemical Controls
- ► Best Balance





# WHAT IS ALGAE? ANSWER: AQUATIC PLANTS

- ▶ Plants utilize sunlight, carbon dioxide, nutrients (nitrogen & phosphorous), and water to photosynthesize.
- New plant tissue (biomass) and oxygen. Autotrophic
- Algae can exist as
  - 1. single, microscopic cells;
  - 2. macroscopic and multicellular;
  - 3. live in colonies; or
  - 4. take on a leafy appearance as in the case of seaweeds such as giant kelp.
- Can live in both Marine and Fresh water
- Grow in the right conditions
  - adequate nutrients (mostly phosphorus but nitrogen is important too),
  - light levels,
  - ▶ pH,
  - temperature,
  - Other (non-toxic, etc.)
  - Lack of predator

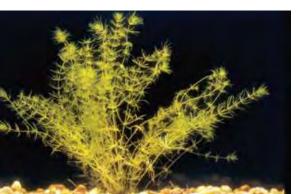


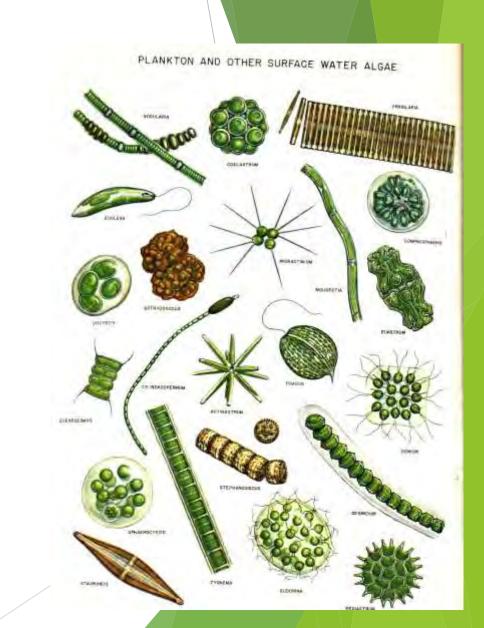
## LOCAL ALGAE

- ▶ Planktonic single celled Microscopic plant free float include green, brown, and red algae, and others.
- Filamentous or mat-forming **green** algae form billowing clouds of slimy or stringy algae.
- Chara, Musk Grass or stonewart (Hard Water Seaweed)
- Cyanobacteria, or "blue-green algae" is actually a bacteria.
  - greater concern than true algae because some species can produce potent toxins

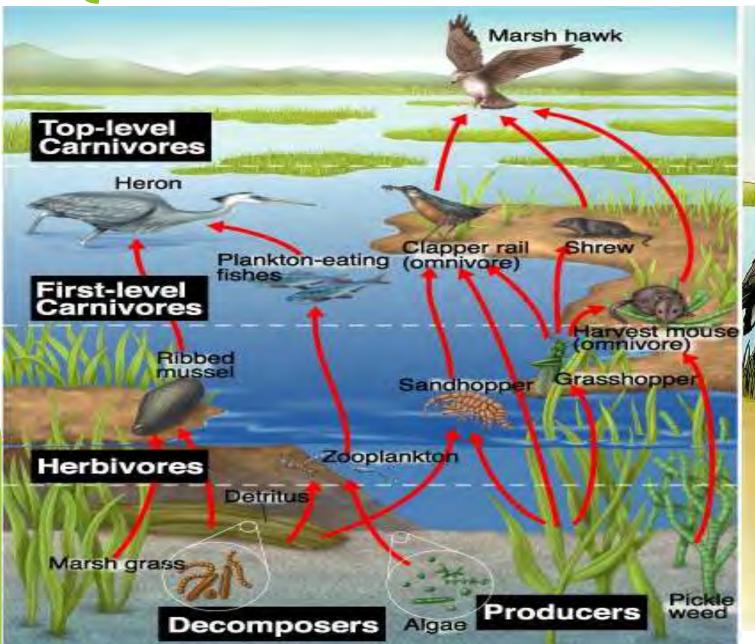
Microscopic plants (algae) form the base of the aquatic food chain.

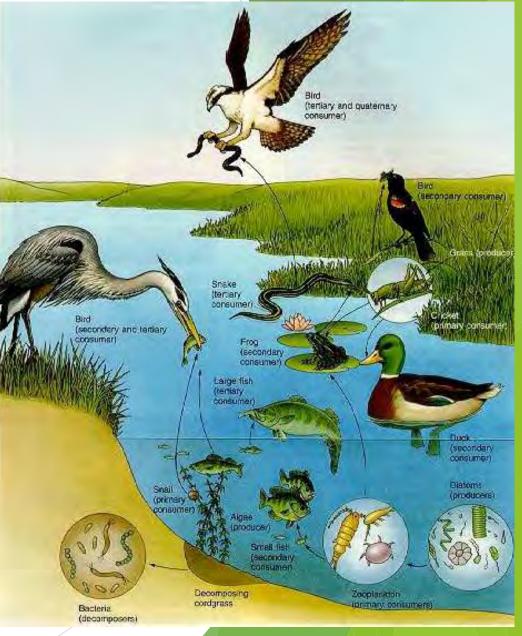


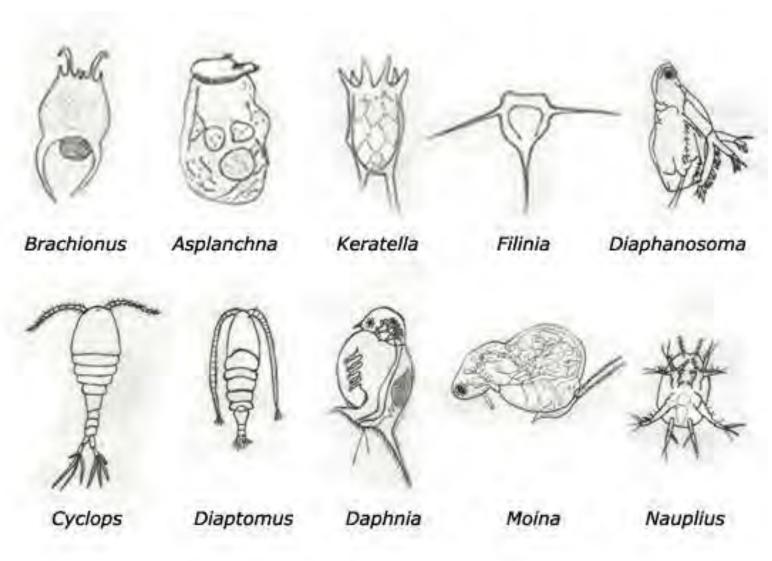




# **AQUATIC FOOD CHAINS**







# Our Friends-Zooplankton

Consume Algae at a Ferocious Rate

## WHEN/WHY IS ALGAE A PROBLEM?

Nutrient Rich Lakes or Ponds can cause Algae Blooms.

Aesthetically Unpleasing

Taste/Odor

**Poor Recreation** 

Clogs Systems

Fish Kills

Toxic- Illness, Rashes, Pet Deaths















# POND WATER QUALITY

Stratification

Fish Kills

Algae Blooms

**Invasive Species** 

Monoculture

**Storm Drain Inputs** 

Organic Matter

Trash

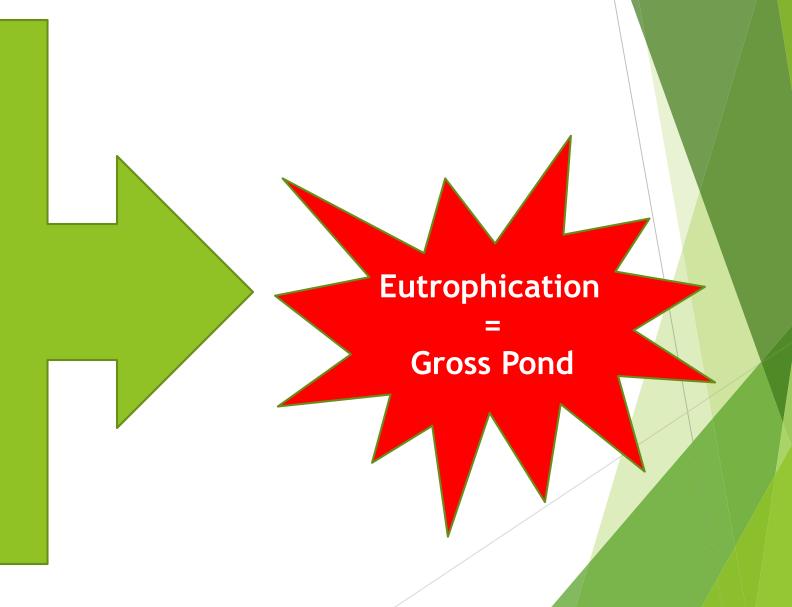
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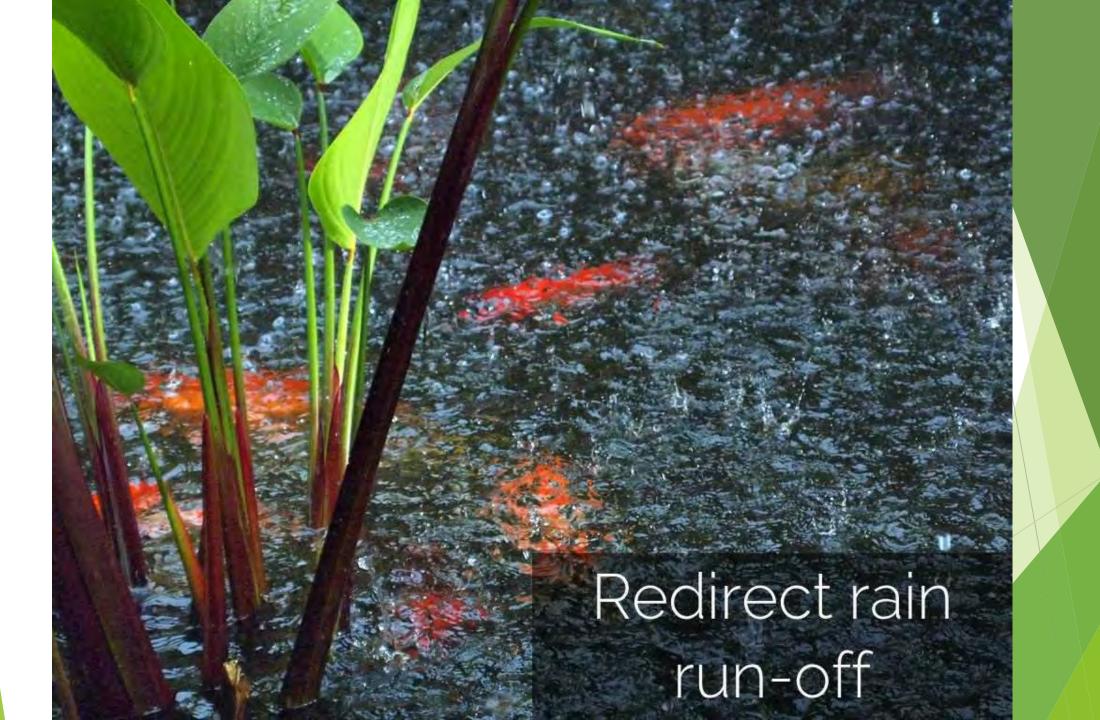
Lawns

Fertilizer Nutrients

Pesticides

Pond Size and Depth





# CAPTURE AND STORE ROOF WATER

#### Rain Barrels







# CAPTURE AND STORE ROOF WATER

#### Rain Gardens











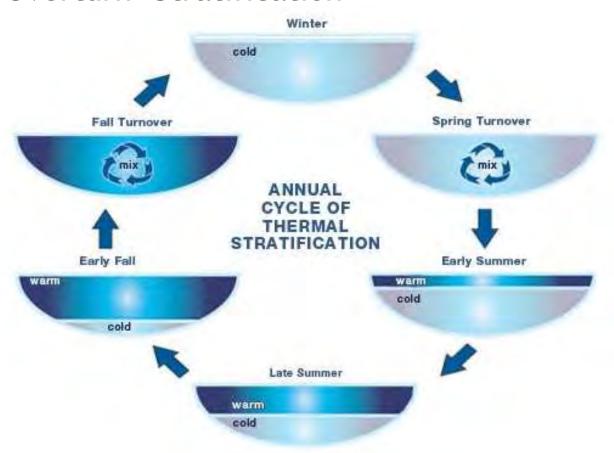


# 2. Install an Aeration System to help add oxygen to the lake bottom

- Lowers Aquatic Weed & Algae Growth
  - Reduces Bottom Sludge Buildup
  - Increase Area to exchange gases
    - Absorb Oxygen
    - Release carbon dioxide
  - & hydrogen sulfide (ODOR sources)
- Reduces nuisance insect populations

# NATURAL AERATION

#### Overturn- Stratification



#### Photosynthesis



## TYPES OF AERATION SYSTEMS

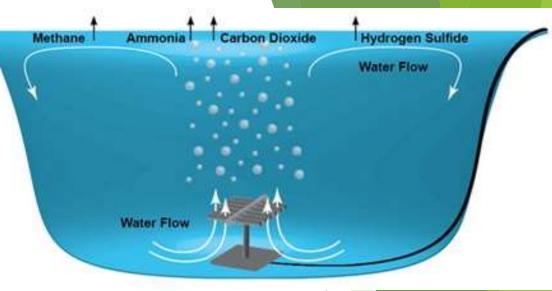
#### Diffused (Bottom) Aeration

- Diffusers
- Air Hose
- Compressor(s)
- Compressor Cabinet with Cooling Fan

#### Pros

- Energy Efficient-Can use windmill or solar power
- All of the water equal mixed
- All water comes in contact with atmosphere
- Improved Dissolved Oxygen Levels & Temperature
- Few parts/motors to maintain
- Reduce Mosquito Breeding





#### Cons

- Capital Expense
- Cannot Solve All Problems
  - Maintenance



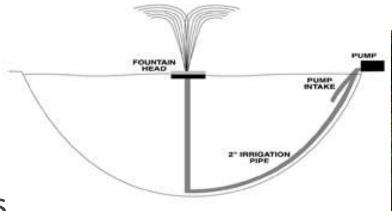
## TYPES OF AERATION SYSTEMS

#### **Fountains**

- Pump
- Spray Nozzle
- Timer
- ► Float
- Filter

#### Pro

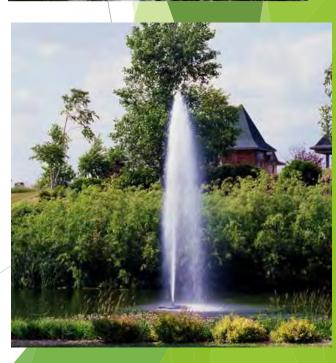
- Can be a Beautiful Display
- Variety of Spray Patterns
- Works on small or shallow ponds
- Reduce Mosquito Breeding





- Capital Expense
- Maintenance
- Must be designed for aeration vs Display
- Only Draw Water From Shallows
- High Electrical Usage
- Power Source Near Pond Needed
- Cannot Run at Night (Noise)





## TYPES OF AERATION SYSTEMS

#### **Waterfalls**

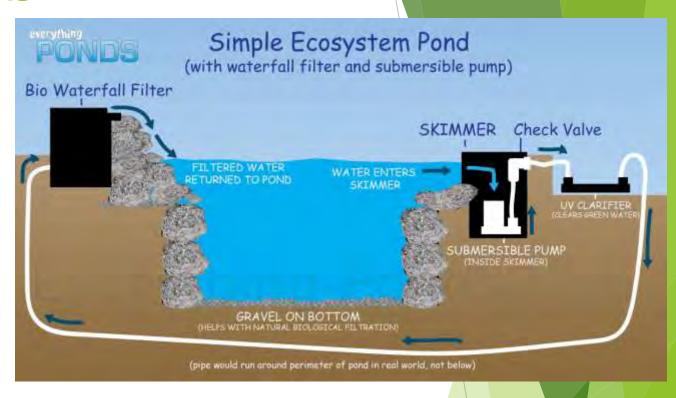
#### Pros

- Beautiful Feature
- Great for very small ponds aeration
- Many variations
- Can draw water from any area
- Can include filter

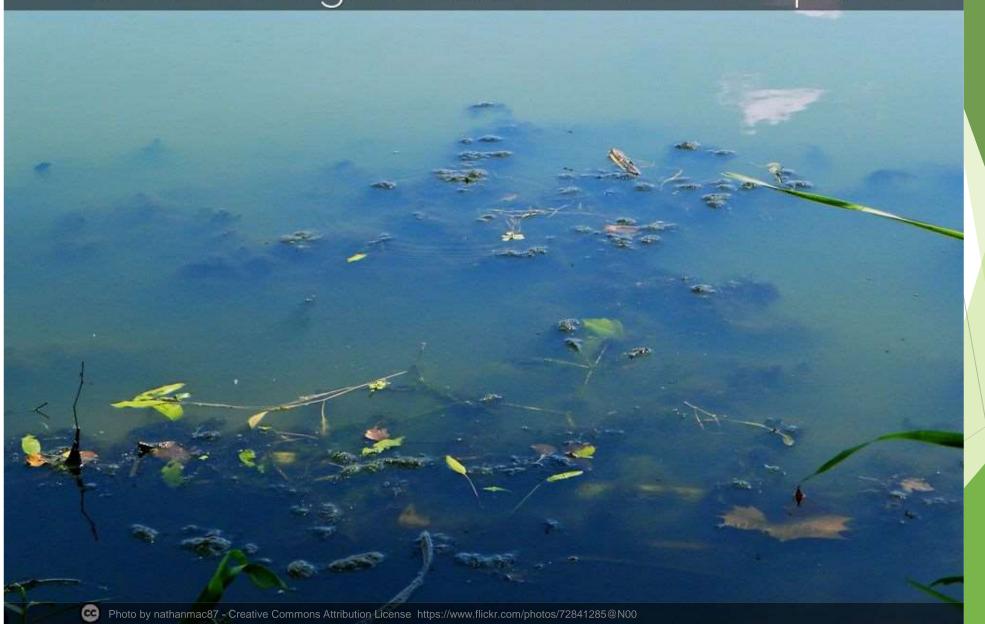


## Cons

- Often too small to affect whole pond
- Capital Expense
- Maintenance
- High Electrical Usage
- Power Source Near Pond Needed



# 3. Use Bacterius Beneficial Bacteria to reduce organic sediments in the pond

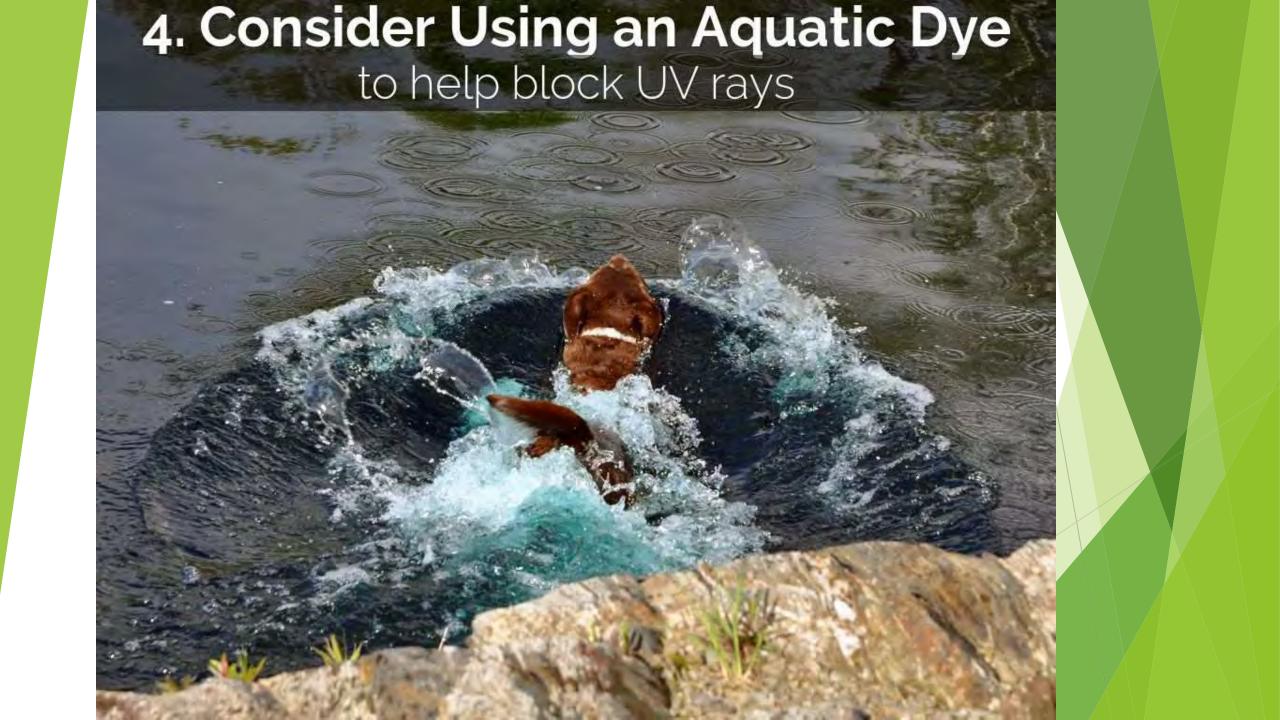


## BENEFICIAL BACTERIA, ENZYMES & ACTIVATORS

- Eats Organic Matter
- Many different kinds of Bacteria
- Some take up Nutrients (fertilizers)
- Bacteria break down organic sludge into basic elements and remove it as a food source that would otherwise be used by algae
- ▶ Bacteria are living organism & have specific environmental requirements
  - Oxygen!!!
  - ▶ pH
  - No Toxins
- ► Enzymes & Activators- Feed the Bacteria already in place
- Pros- Natural non-chemical option, no permit needed, control odor Turns nitrogen (algae engine) into gas, Converts phosphorus (algae fuel) into a form that algae can't use
- Cons- Environmental Requirements (if they were there you have them already), algicide will kill these guys, compounds produced can feed the algae



Source: SolitudeLakeManagement.com



#### **DYES**

- ▶ Blocks light for certain colors to prevent photosynthesis, work as shade
- Non-toxic varieties exist
- Must physically remove filaments after treatment
- Pros- No harmful residue, inexpensive
- Cons- can have strange appearance, can affect desirable plants, flushing



### **PEROXIDES**

- Fast acting algaecide primary for Filamentous algae
- Bubbles like the medical grade releasing oxygen
- Must physically remove filaments after treatment
- ▶ **Pros** good for spot treatments, no harmful residue, cleans: tanks & aerators
- ► Cons- does not treat microalgae, hard to treat larger lakes, mechanical removal



# Copper/Copper Sulfate

- ► Treats microalgae, Filamentous, in granular form, attached in liquid chelation
- Not as effective in high hardness waters- so more is often used
- Permit Required
- Pros- Inexpensive, controls current bloom
- ► Cons- Builds up Bottom, kills natural control, heavy metal may leach into groundwater, persistent, Toxic to fish (minnow and salmonid family), zooplankton, and bacteria

# **Diquats**

- Powerful herbicide
- Restricted for fish harvesting
- Permit Required
- Pros- Effective, Safe for consumption after 1-3 days (typically)
- Cons- Chemical Treatment, Accumulates in Sediments, contains trace carcinogen





### Other Techniques

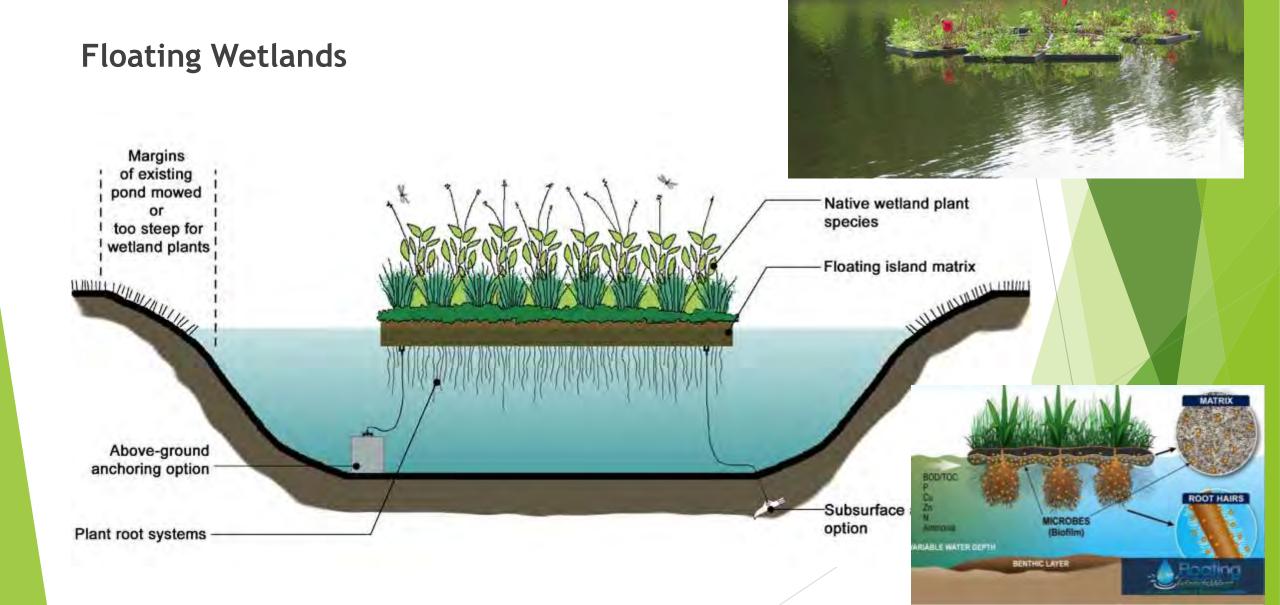
- ▶ Ultraviolet Sterilizers- zaps microalgae but expensive
- ▶ Barley Straw- Natural alternative to algaecides creates peroxide but varied results and can be unsightly
- Ultrasonic Sound Waves- kills the algae by tearing them apartencourages invasion of other types of algae
- Skimmers- Filters for smaller water gardens, to practical at large scale
- ► Fish- Grass Carp don't eat microalgae and prefer other food to filamentous and help create nutrients
- Physical Removal- only for filamentous and very labor intensive
- ▶ **Binders-** Aluminum Sulphate (Alum) removes phosphorous but can get expensive







### **NEW TECHNOLOGY**



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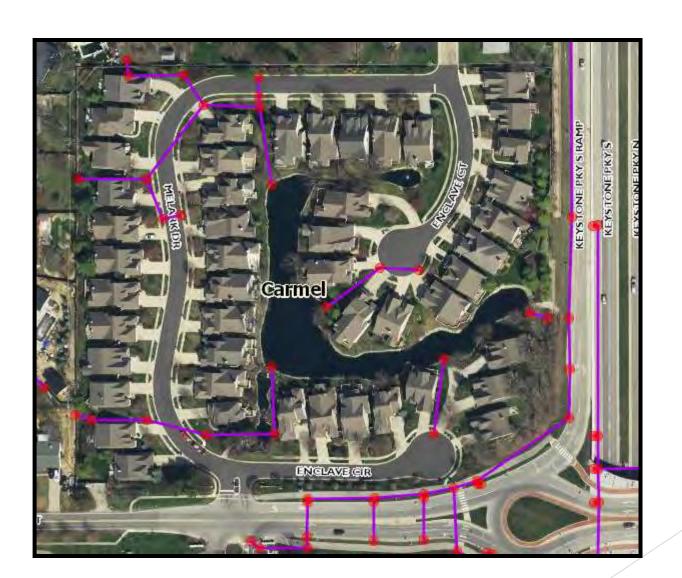
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### CASE STUDY: THE ENCLAVE OF CARMEL



### BENEFICIAL BACTERIA

### IS IT RIGHT FOR YOUR POND?

What are you trying to achieve?

- ► Odor Control
- ► Algae Reduction
- Invasive Species Reduction
- ▶ De-mucking

### FIRST STEPS

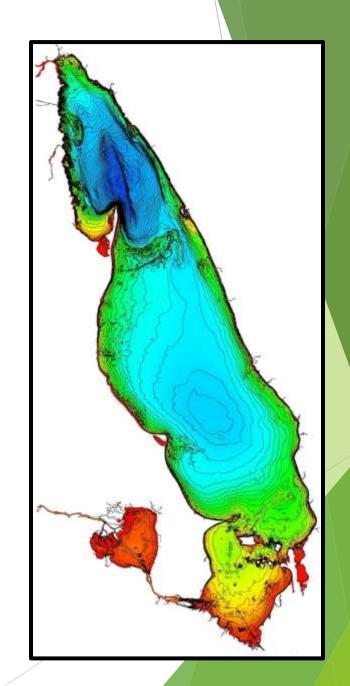
#### **Evaluate**

- ► Bathymetric Survey
- ► Pond Specialist
- ► What's filling up you pond?
  - **▶** Sediment
  - ▶ Organics

### THE ENCLAVE OF CARMEL

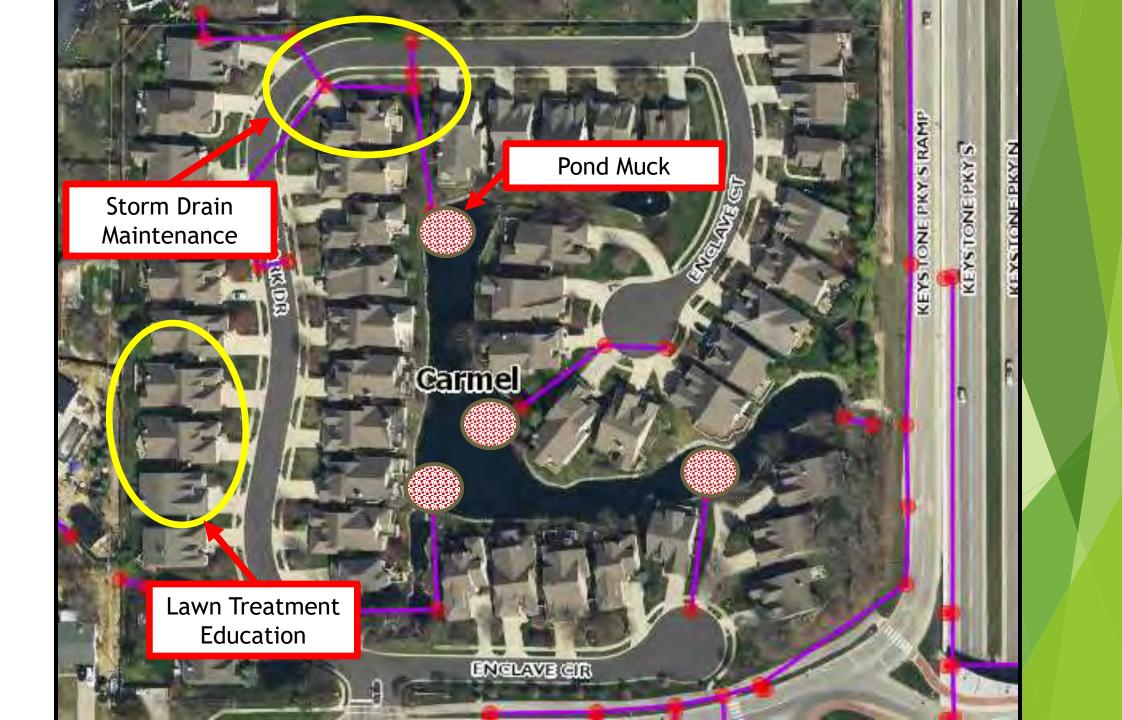
### Pond Management Plan

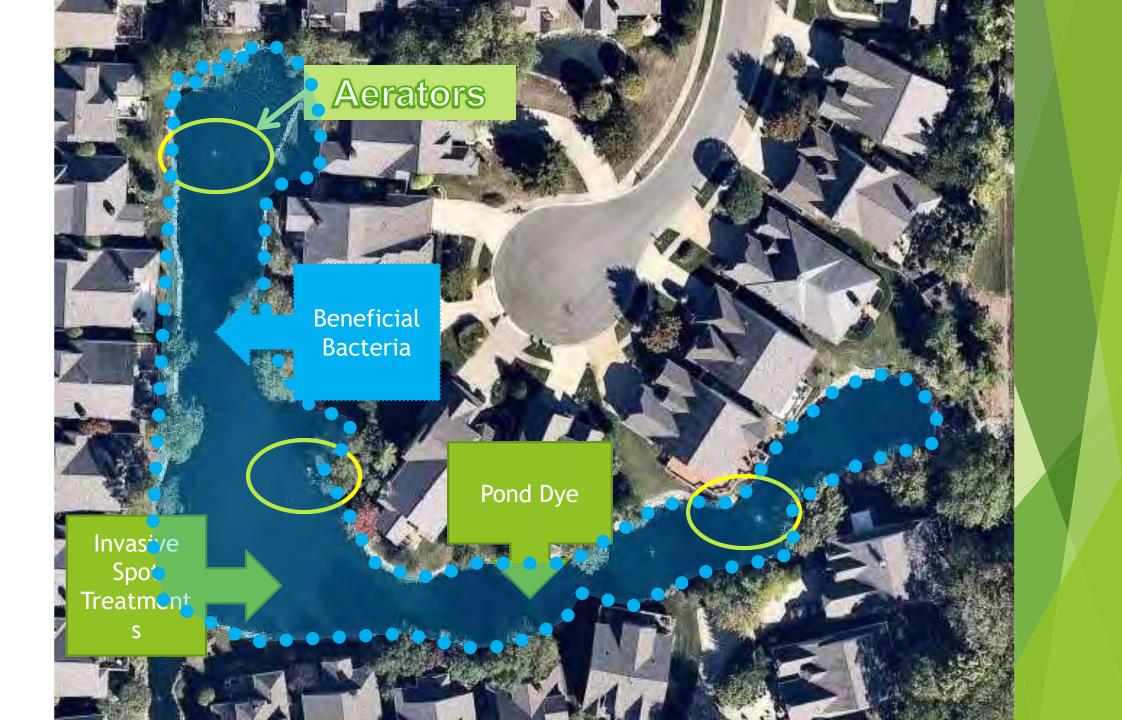
- ► Pond Specialist
- ► Bathymetric (MUCK) Survey
- ► Invasive Species Management
- Photosynthesis Inhibitor
- Aerators Diffusers
- ► Storm Drain Cleaning
- **Education**
- ► Beneficial Bacterial Application



### THE ENCLAVE OF CARMEL

- **>** 2012
  - Weed and Algae Could not be Controlled by Chemical Treatment
  - ► Hired Pond Specialist
  - ► Found 3-4 Feet of Muck on Bottom of Pond
- **2013-2014** 
  - ► Implemented Comprehensive Pond Management Plan
    - ► Spot Treatment of Invasive Species
    - ► Dye to inhibit algae
    - ► Aerator Installation
    - ► Carp Species
    - ► Beneficial Bacteria





### MANAGEMENT PLAN RESULTS

- **>** 2014
  - ▶ 2' of Muck Digestion
  - ► Lots of Bubbles
- **>** 2015
  - ▶ 1-2 more feet of Muck Digestion
  - ► More Bubbles
- ▶ 2016 forward
  - ► Comprehensive Pond Management Plan

# CASE STUDY: FISHERS INSPECTION AND COMPLIANCE PROCESS

- Outline
  - Database
  - ► Inspection Documentation
  - Process
  - ► Statistics and Trends
  - ► Maintenance Frequencies
  - Drainage and Water Quality Matching Grant

### Geographic Information Systems Mapping

- ► iPAD ArcGIS Online Mapping with unique identifier codes
  - **▶** Ponds
    - Wet
    - ► Dry
  - ► Hydrodynamic Separators
  - ► Other BMPs
    - ► Rain Gardens, Pervious Pavements, Storm Drain Inserts, etc.



### FISHERS INSPECTION AND COMPLIANCE PROCESS - Inspection Forms

- Work Order Tracking
- ► Inspection Forms
  - ► Site specific drawings for Ponds
  - ▶ Other BMP forms -
  - ▶ Notes
- Representative Photos
- On site meetings with Owner
  - ▶ Site meetings are preferred
  - ► Can see actual issues with inspector
  - ▶ Otherwise inspections results are emailed



#### **Process**

- Work Order Created
- Owner Determined
  - ► County Parcels, Title Co. Lists
- Owner Contacted
- Inspection Completed
- Inspection Results Issued
  - Contractor Lists
  - ► Compliance Timelines
  - Potential Fines
- Communication
- ► Follow up and Extensions



### FISHERS COMPLIANCE PROCESS CASE STUDY

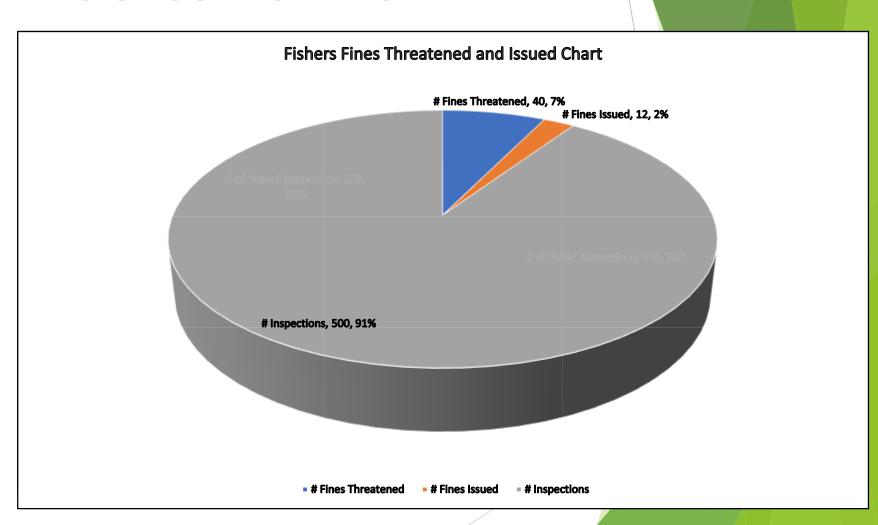
#### Matching Grant Dollars

- ▶ 50% Match
- Dredging
- Erosion
- Vegetation/Algae Control
- Aeration
- Apply at <a href="http://www.fishers.in.us/866/Drainage-and-Water-Quality-Matching-Gran">http://www.fishers.in.us/866/Drainage-and-Water-Quality-Matching-Gran</a>



#### **Statistics**

- -Inspections to date
  - -300 for Ponds
  - -200 for BMPs
  - -500 total
- -Inspections Passed (125)
- -Inspections Failed (375)
- -Fines Threatened (40)
- -Fines Issued (12)
- -Most observed issue
  - -Erosion and Trash
- -Least observed issue
  - -Dredging



#### **Maintenance Frequencies**

- Mechanical Units (Manhole BMPs)
  - ► Yearly
- Rain Gardens and Bioswales
  - Quarterly
- Pervious Pavements
  - ► Monthly or Quarterly Sweeping
- Storm Drain Filter Inserts
  - Quarterly to Yearly



A hydraulic excavator removing sediment from a stormwater system

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### **QUESTIONS?**

## THANK YOU FOR COMING!