

## Do you live near a pond?

Team up with neighbors to improve water quality – and “Adopt-A-Pond”.



The “Adopt-A-Pond” is being promoted and conducted as an entirely voluntary cooperative effort between residents, community groups, business owners, etc. and the City of Green Bay. With guidance from City staff, your group will have opportunities to promote better water quality in their backyard/neighborhood pond or wetland.

The City’s program provides the following:

- ④ Advice and educational materials on how to keep storm water and our waterways clean.



- ④ Pond cleanup assistance. The City will provide trash pick-up and at pre-established location.

- ④ Help identifying native and invasive plant.



- ④ Doing a good job is not always about impressive innovation. Sometimes it is only about doing something with plain dedication.

**Well Done!**

## Minimal Responsibilities:

- ④ A neighborhood association, or the residents adjoining the pond, should be willing to take the lead.  

- ④ As a leader(s), you should coordinate pond activities and represent the group.
- ④ No long term commitments. Just ask yourself, “how long do you want the pond near you to look good”?
- ④ Suggested conducted clean-up activities usually twice a year (Spring & Fall).
- ④ Promote storm water pollution prevention by establishing fertilizer and pesticide free zones around the pond and in the neighborhood.  
  

- ④ Mark storm drains in the neighborhood with supplied “NO DUMPING – DRAINS TO WATERWAYS” curb markers. Markers can be obtained through the Department of Public Works.  

- ④ The time commitment on a clean-up day will depend on the number of volunteers participating in the clean-up.  


## Construction Phases of a Pond: S5Pond

### Planning



### Planting





### Purpose



### Benefits of a Pond:

- Ⓢ Ponds are used primarily to reduce peak storm water runoff rates by providing temporary storage during larger storm events and improve the quality of runoff from roads, parking lots, residential neighborhoods, commercial areas, and industrial sites prior to discharging into the receiving waterways.
- Ⓢ Ponds provide two (2) primary functions: First, the ponds retain the runoff before releasing into our waterways. Secondly, the ponds are beneficial for the removal of pollutants from storm water.

### Why Some Ponds Fail:

- Ⓢ Studies show that poor operation and maintenance is the leading cause of pond failure. Poor maintenance can also create unpleasant odors, nuisance insects, algae blooms and a generally unsightly area.  

- Ⓢ Excess inflow of phosphorous from residential and commercial properties.
- Ⓢ Poor vegetation maintenance in terms of mowing and weed control.
- Ⓢ Clogged inlets resulting from trash and debris, sediment accumulation.  




- Ⓢ Failed side slopes (erosion).

- Ⓢ Inadequate access for routine maintenance activities.



Huron-Sitka Pond

## City of Green Bay Department Of Public Works

### Contact Information:

City Hall  
100 North Jefferson Street  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301-5026

Department of Public Works  
Room 300 Phone 920.448.3100  
Website: <http://greenbaywi.gov/>



Other Suggestions  
For Your Neighborhood...  
"Adopt-A-Storm-Inlet"  
"Storm Inlet Marking"  
"Protecting Our Greenways"  
"Adopt-A-Ditch"  
"Adopt-A-Creek"

## "Adopt-A-Pond"



Brown County Farms Pond

Help  
Keep Our Community  
Clean and Green



What Touches The Ground  
Enters The Waters