

**Why does my pond have native plantings when other ponds just have grass?**

In the Village, all stormwater detention facilities are either public and maintained by the public works department, or private and maintained by a homeowners association. The Village has stringent requirements for pond design in order to reduce erosion and maintain water quality. Wetland style, or 'dry-bottom' ponds are those that do not hold water 365 days a year. These ponds typically look more like depressional natural planting areas as shown in the below picture from Evergreen View subdivision.



Wet ponds do hold water 365 days a year and are designed to have minimum depth and shoreline planting requirements that provide fish and wildlife habitat while discouraging mosquito reproduction. The picture below shows a wet pond in Windhaven West subdivision.



You have probably noticed that some ponds in the Village have retaining walls or grass all the way down to the edge of the water. Although this is a very manicured look, it does require a much higher level of maintenance to keep the pond functioning. These ponds are the responsibility of the homeowners association in which the pond resides. Grass edge ponds often have severe cases of erosion. Additionally, they become prime habitat for urban geese who can easily take over the water body.