

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ADOPT-A-POND

APPLICATION/AGREEMENT

You must complete and return this application/agreement to be considered for the Adopt-A-Pond Program.
You may call Adopt-A-Pond at 272-5912 to verify receipt of your application/agreement.

APPLICATION

Pond Representative name: Last _____ First _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
Daytime Phone _____ Pond Group Name _____
Pond Location (if different from above address) _____
Why does your Pond Group want to adopt your neighborhood pond?

AGREEMENT

Each Pond Group Member, by his or her signature below, hereby agrees to the terms and conditions set forth below and in the attached Adopt-A-Pond Policy:

I. RESPONSIBILITIES.

POND GROUP MEMBERS SHALL:

1. Consist of no less than 4 people from at least 2 households.
2. Choose a Pond Group Representative to help coordinate pond activities and represent the pond group in all matters pertinent to the Adopt-A-Pond Program.
3. Attend the Pond Group Educational Meeting.
4. Attend and participate in the Pond Group's neighborhood pond planting.
5. Attend at least four (4) pond maintenance days each year to remove nuisance plants and trash,
6. Submit at least one Pond Group report every 3 months for each adopted pond.
7. Practice Stormwater pollution prevention by establishing fertilizer-free and pesticide-free zones around your pond.
8. Mark all storm drains in the neighborhood with the program's colorful curb marker that says "*Dumping Here Pollutes Our Pond* "
9. Work in a safe and responsible manner during pond work days, only during daylight hours and in good weather, avoiding heavy or hazardous items, and provide one adult supervisor for every five participating youths.
10. Avoid the use of herbicides in the pond except in coordination with Adopt-A-Pond staff.
11. Remove undesirable plants from the pond, as identified by Adopt-A-Pond staff, such as water hyacinth and cattails.

IN ADDITION TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES LISTED ABOVE, THE POND GROUP REPRESENTATIVE SHALL:

12. Represent the Pond Group in all matters pertinent to the Adopt-A-Pond Program.
13. Send notification to all group members and pond property owner(s) fourteen (14) days prior to each pond event. A copy of the written notification shall be sent to the County.
14. Submit, a neighborhood mailing list so Pond Group Members may receive the quarterly newsletter *On Our Pond*.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHALL:

1. Provide a free one-time clean-up of the adopted pond, if needed.
2. Provide educational materials, aquatic plants, pond management guidance and plant identification.
3. Provide a permanent Adopt-A-Pond sign at the adopted pond as requested.
4. Provide curb markers.

II. TERM PROVISIONS

This agreement shall remain in effect for a three (3) year period and shall be extended for successive three-year periods subject to the criteria as set out in the Policies and Procedures.

III. INDEMNIFICATION

Each Pond Group Member covenants and agrees that he or she will indemnify and hold harmless the pond property owner(s), Hillsborough County and any agencies and all their officers, agents and employees from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge or expense arising out of any act action, neglect or omission by him or her during the performance of this Agreement, whether direct or indirect, and whether to any person or property to which the pond property owner(s), Hillsborough County or said parties may be subject, except that the Pond Group Members shall not be liable under this provision for damages arising out of injury or damage to persons or property directly caused or resulting from the sole negligence of the pond property owner(s), Hillsborough County, and its member agencies, any maintaining agencies, and all their officers, employees and agents. This section does not constitute a waiver of any member agency's sovereign immunity.

IV. TERMINATION

If in the sole judgment of Hillsborough County it is determined that Pond Group Members are not meeting the terms and conditions of this agreement, upon thirty (30) days written notice, Hillsborough County may terminate this agreement and remove the sign. The Pond Group may terminate this agreement for any reason upon thirty (30) days written notice to the County.

By your signature below, you hereby agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement and the attached Adopt-A-Pond Policies and Procedures. By your signature, you also designate the Pond Group Representative to represent you in all matters pertinent to the Adopt-A-Pond Program.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>	<u>ADDRESS & PHONE</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
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14.	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____

Attach an additional sheet for additional signatures, if necessary

(To be completed by Hillsborough County Adopt-A-Pond Program)

This application and agreement is approved denied. Date: _____

By: _____
Manager, Hillsborough County Stormwater Management Section

Pond Group # _____ Service Unit _____ STR _____