



POLICY: PLANTING ON DAMS (UTILIZED AS A ROADWAY)

The Dam Safety Division has recently adopted a policy allowing limited plantings on dry stormwater management structures to accommodate landscape planting requirements under the following conditions only:

1. Planting may only be on top of the dam along the sidewalks.
2. The top of the dam shall have a minimum of 50 foot top width.
3. Planting will not be allowed on the side slopes.
4. Plantings will not be allowed within the buffer zone (15 feet from the toe of the dam).
5. Planting may only be shallow rooted trees or shrubs.
6. The pond is a "dry" structure (normal pool not exceeding 18 inches).
7. A landscape plan shall be submitted showing type and location of planting prepared by a Landscape Architect certifying shallow rooted plants (less than 3' deep).
8. A minimum of 3 feet freeboard above the 100-year water surface elevation must be maintained.
9. The structure is a low hazard (Class "a") pond.

