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Basic Ponds

**Planting,
Design,
Construction
and
Maintenance**



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Agricultural Handbook 500

Pros and Cons of building a Farm Pond



Site

Source

Soils

Water Needs



Fire Protection

Livestock

Fish production

Irrigation – including spray water

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Water Needs

Fish Ponds



100-300 lbs of fish per acre per year

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Water Needs

Recreation

Landscaping



Water Needs

Wildlife

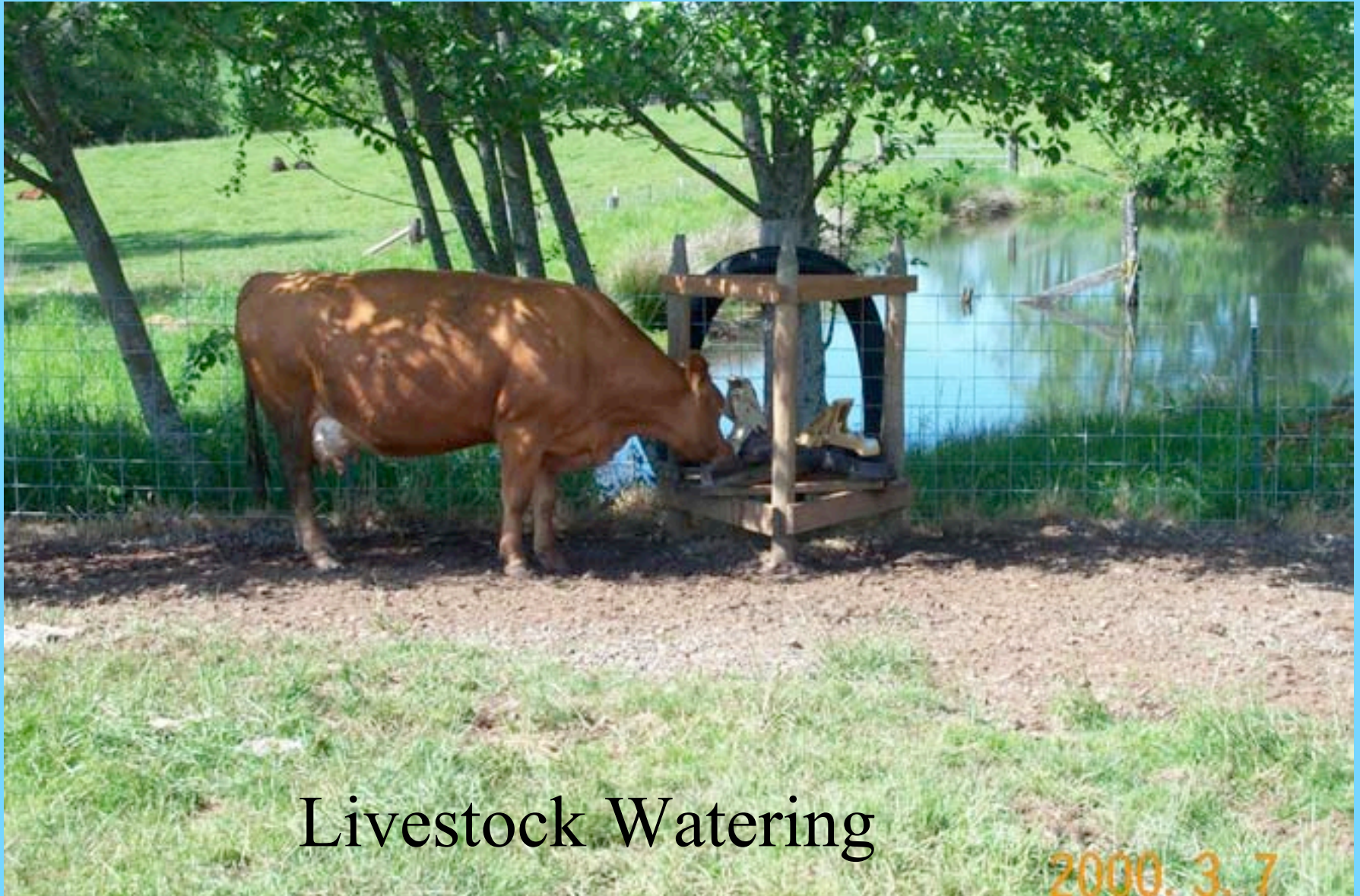
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Depth & shallows

Surrounding vegetation



Water Needs

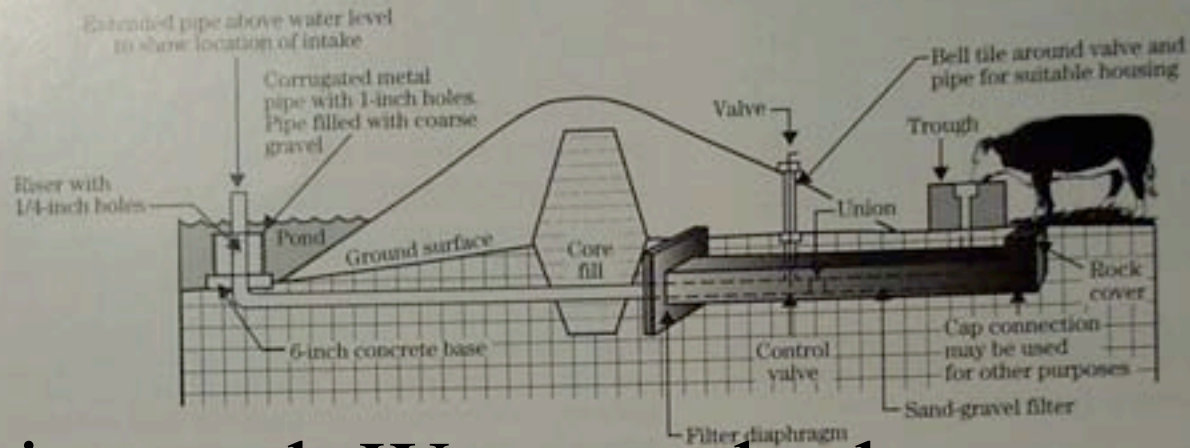


Livestock Watering

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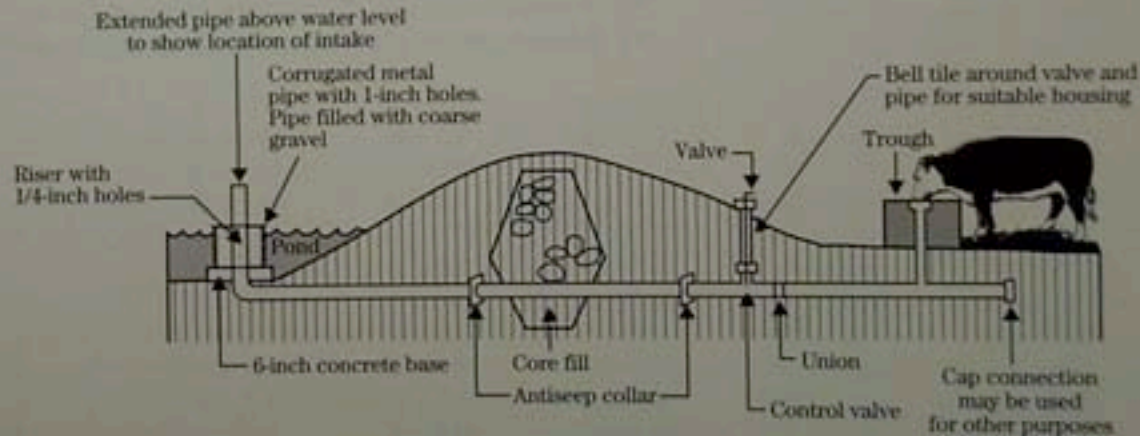
Water Needs

(a) Pipe with sand-gravel filter



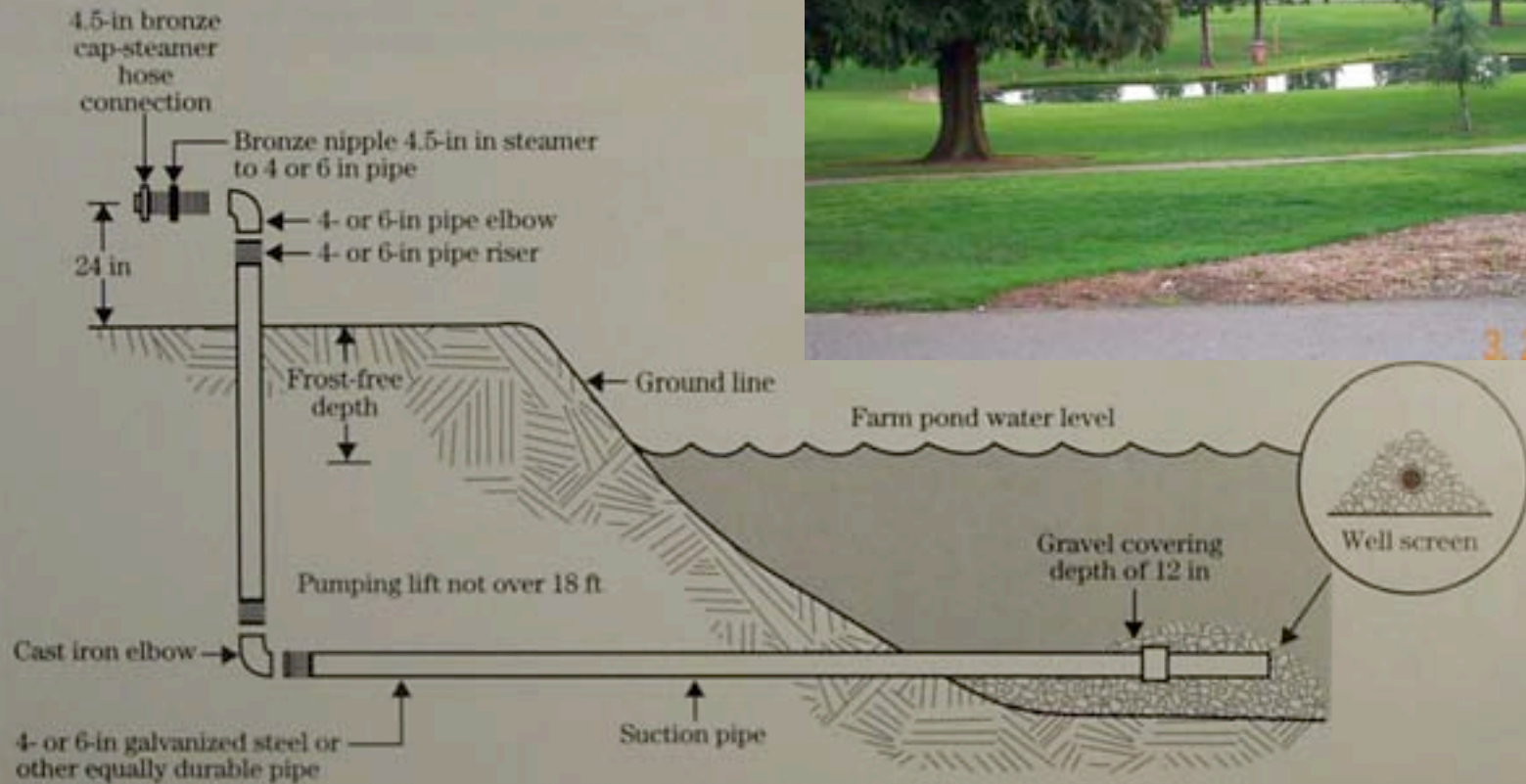
Livestock Water and other uses

(b) Pipe with antiseep collars



Water Needs

Figure 6 Details of a dry hydrant installation



Fire Protection

Not to scale

Water Needs



Municipal Wetland Sewage Systems

Water Rights

All surface and groundwater belong to the state with exceptions

Application

Cost

Water Rights

and

Water Harvesting

Water Rights



Water Rights

Watermaster – Oregon State Water Resources Department

Mike McCord – ***District 20***
1678 S. Beaver creek Rd Suite "L"
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Ph: 503-722-1410

Fax: 503-722-5926

<http://www.wrd.state.or.us/waterrights/wris.shtml>

Permitting

50 cu yards or more

Any amount in essential salmon habitat

Any amount of material in a scenic waterway

Permitting

Oregon Division of State Lands

Steve Morrow

Permits and Compliance

503.378.3805 x 297

www.oregonstatelands.us

List of permitting consultants

[http://statelands.dsl.state.or.us/
wetlands_consultants.pdf](http://statelands.dsl.state.or.us/wetlands_consultants.pdf)

Permitting

County

River and Stream Conservation Area Ordinance (Section 704)

www.co.clackamas.or.us/dtd/zoning/zdo

US Army Corps of Engineers

www.nwp.usace.army.mil/op/g/notices/Slopes.pdf

Permitting

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
(ODFW)

Off-Channel vs. Inchannel

Salmonid bearing streams

Liability

Attractive Nuisance

Fencing

Young children



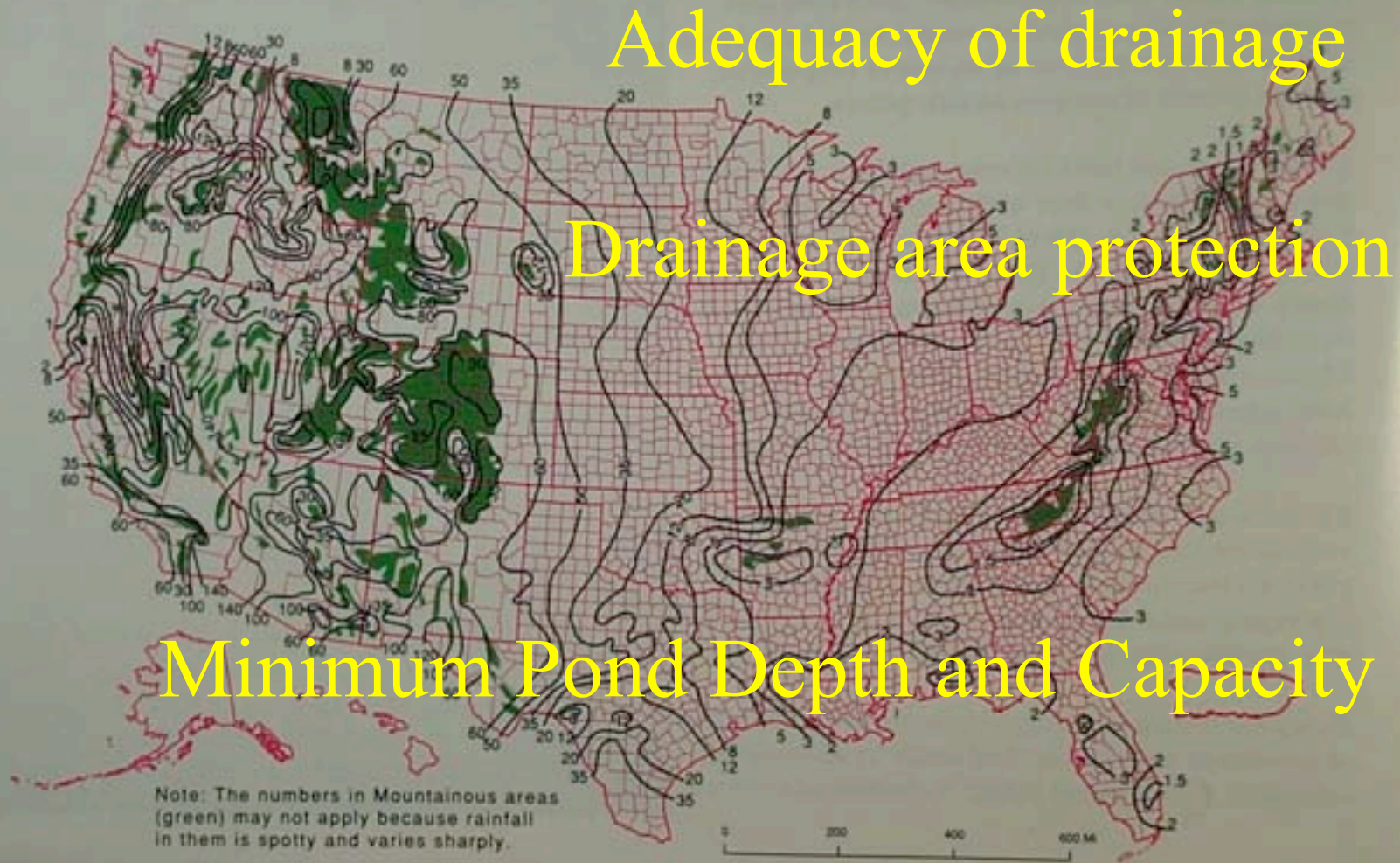
Livestock and Bacteria

Septic systems and bacteria

Are you open to the public?

Think About

Figure 11 A guide for estimating the approximate size of a drainage area (in acres) required for each acre-foot of storage in an embankment or excavated pond



Estimating Storm Runoff

Hydrologic Soil Groups

A – High Infiltration - sandy

B – Moderate – fine to coarse texture

C – Slow – fine to very fine texture - plowpans

D – Very Slow - chiefly clay – claypans
and impervious layer

Estimating Storm Runoff

Table 3 Runoff curve numbers for other agricultural lands ^{1/}

Cover type	Cover description	Hydrologic condition ^{2/}	Curve numbers for hydrologic soil group			
			A	B	C	D
Pasture, grassland, or range—continuous grazing ^{2/}		Poor	68	79	86	89
		Fair	49	69	79	84
		Good	39	61	74	80
Meadow—continuous grass, protected from grazing and generally mowed for hay		—	30	58	71	78
Brush—brush-weed-grass mixture with brush the major element ^{2/}		Poor	48	67	77	83
		Fair	35	56	70	77
		Good	30 ^{4/}	48	65	73
Woods—grass combination (orchard or tree farm) ^{2/}		Poor	57	73	82	86
		Fair	43	65	76	82
		Good	32	58	72	79
Woods ^{2/}		Poor	45	66	77	83
		Fair	36	60	73	79
		Good	30 ^{4/}	55	70	77
Farmsteads—buildings, lanes, driveways, and surrounding lots.		—	59	74	82	86

^{1/} Average runoff condition, and $I_a = 0.2S$.

^{2/} Poor: <50% ground cover or heavily grazed with no mulch.

Fair: 50 to 75% ground cover and not heavily grazed.

Good: >75% ground cover.

^{4/} Actual curve number is less than 30; use CN = 30 for runoff.

Vegetation + Soils = Runoff Curve Numbers

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Estimating Storm Runoff

Table 1 Runoff curve numbers for urban areas ^{1/}

Cover description	Average percent impervious area ^{2/}	Curve numbers for hydrologic soil group			
		A	B	C	D
Fully developed urban areas (vegetation established)					
Open space (lawns, parks, golf courses, cemeteries, etc.) ^{3/}					
Poor condition (grass cover < 50%)		68	79	86	89
Fair condition (grass cover 50 to 75%)		49	69	79	84
Good condition (grass cover > 75%)		39	61	74	80
Impervious areas:					
Paved parking lots, roofs, driveways, etc. (excluding right-of-way)		98	98	98	98
Streets and roads:					
Paved; curbs and storm sewers (excluding right-of-way)		98	98	98	98
Paved; open ditches (including right-of-way)		83	89	92	93
Gravel (including right-of-way)		76	85	89	91
Dirt (including right-of-way)		72	82	87	89
Western desert urban areas:					
Natural desert landscaping (pervious areas only) ^{4/}					
Artificial desert landscaping (impervious weed barrier, desert shrub with 1- to 2-inch sand or gravel mulch and basin borders)		63	77	85	88
Urban districts:					
Commercial and business					
Industrial	85				
Residential districts by average lot size:	72	89	92	94	95
1/8 acre or less (town houses)		81	88	91	93

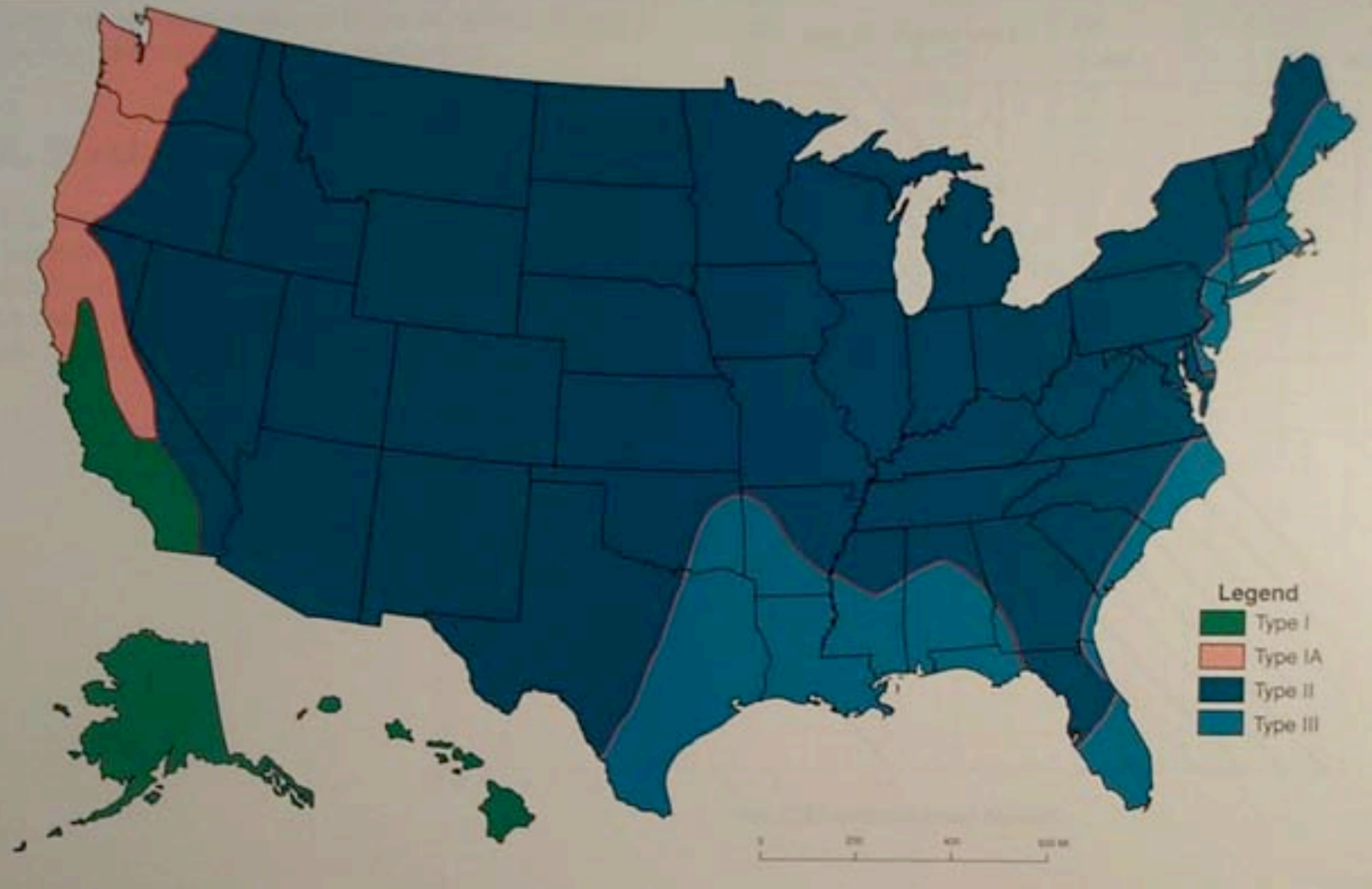
Estimating Storm Runoff

Cover type	Cover description		Curve numbers for hydrologic soil group			
	Treatment ²	Hydrologic condition ³	A	B	C	D
Fallow	Bare soil	—	77	86	91	94
	Crop residue cover (CR)	Poor	76	85	90	93
		Good	74	83	88	90
Row crops	Straight row (SR)	Poor	72	81	88	91
		Good	67	78	85	89
	SR + CR	Poor	71	80	87	90
		Good	64	75	82	85
	Contoured (C)	Poor	70	79	84	88
		Good	65	75	82	86
	C + CR	Poor	69	78	83	87
		Good	64	74	81	85
	Contoured & terraced (C&T)	Poor	66	74	80	82
		Good	62	71	78	81
	C&T + CR	Poor	65	73	79	81
		Good	61	70	77	80
Small grain	SR	Poor	65	76	84	88
		Good	63	75	83	87
	SR + CR	Poor	64	75	83	86
		Good	60	72	80	84
	C	Poor	63	74	82	85
		Good	61	73	81	84
	C + CR	Poor	62	73	81	84
		Good	60	72	80	83
	C&T	Poor	61	72	79	82
		Good	59	70	78	81
	C&T + CR	Poor	60	71	78	81
		Good	58	69	77	80

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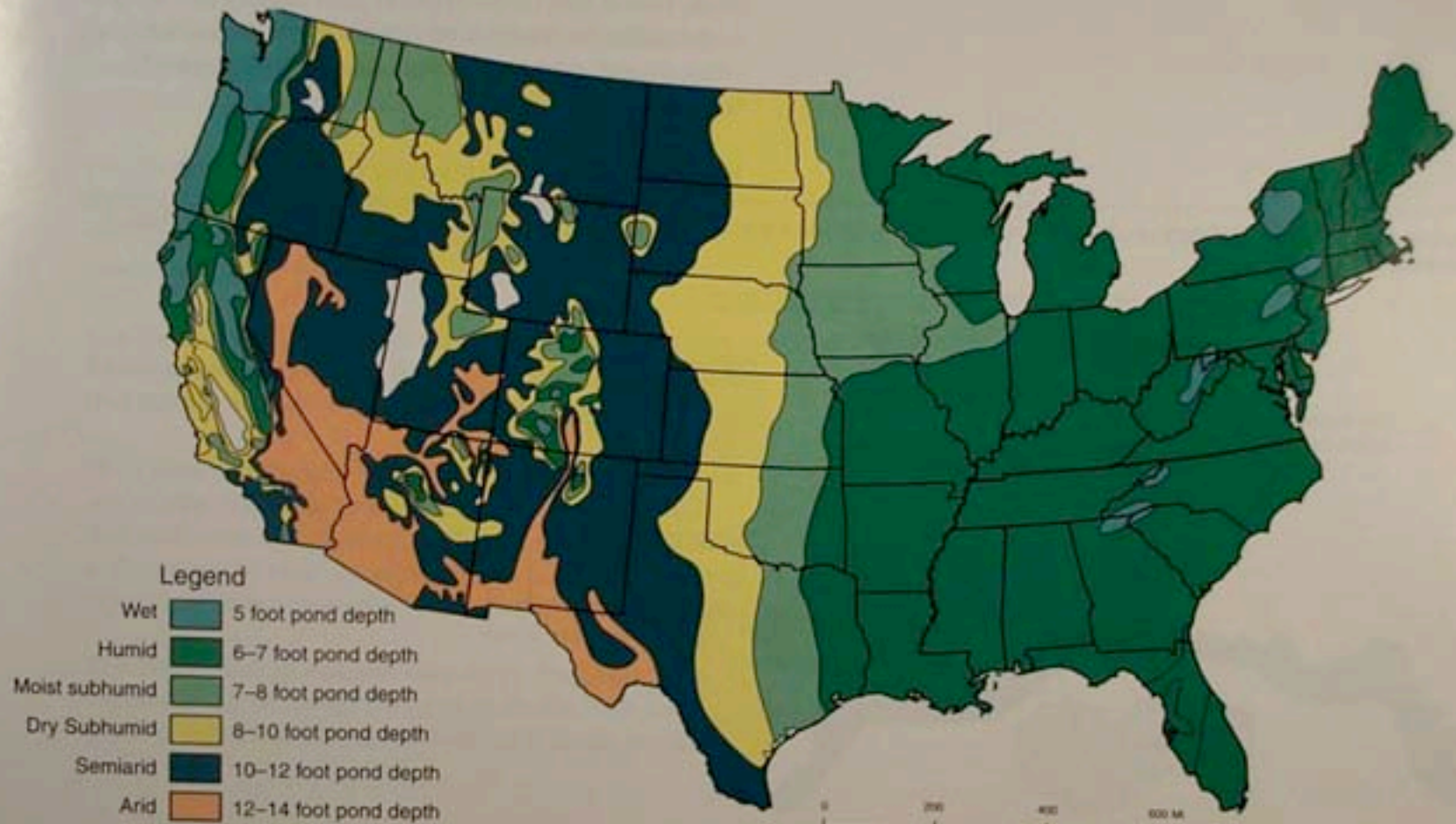
Rainfall Volume

Figure 15 Approximate geographic boundaries for NRCS rainfall distributions



Sizing a Pond

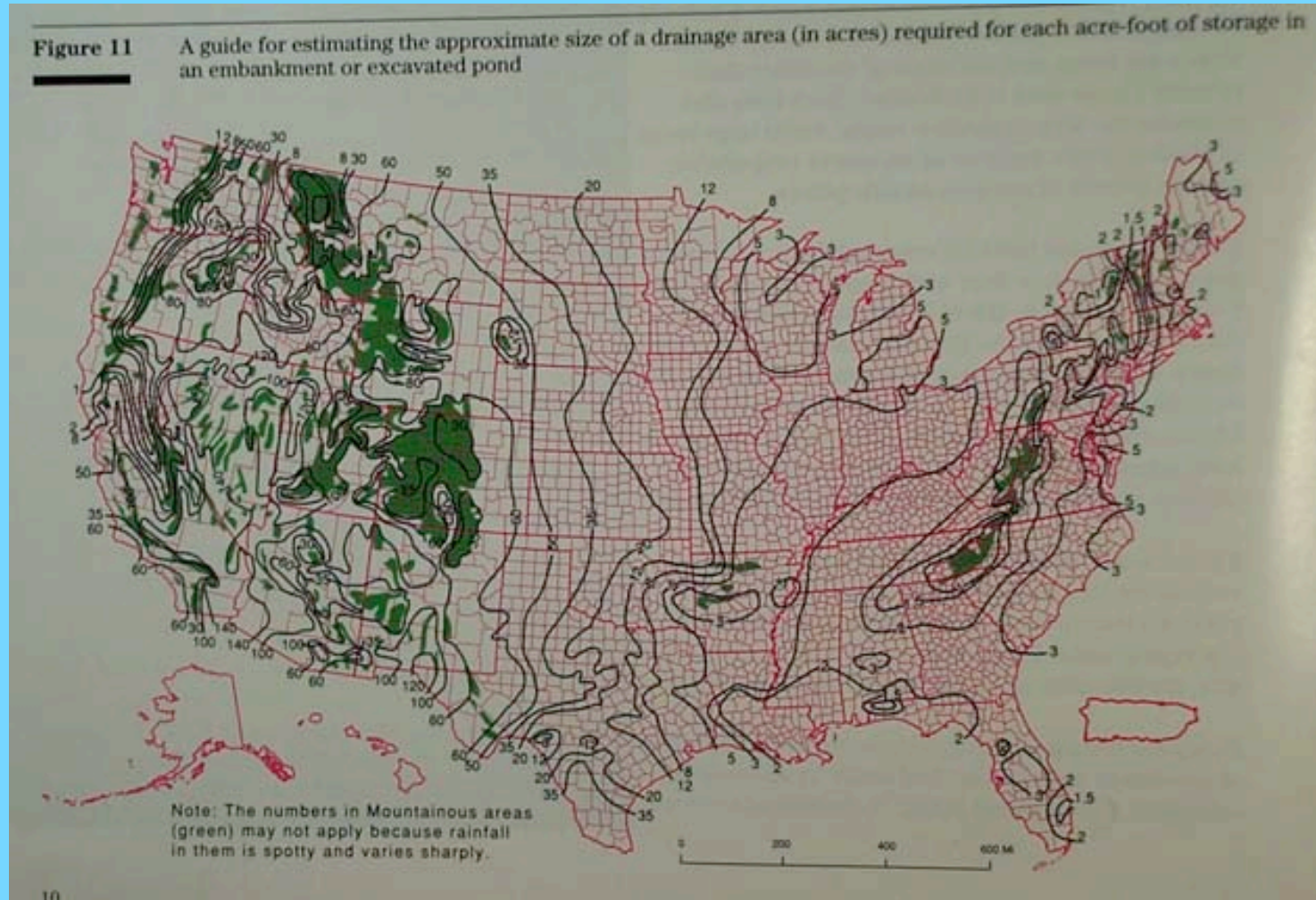
Figure 12 Recommended minimum depth of water for ponds in the United States



Sizing a Pond



Rainfall frequency and Distribution



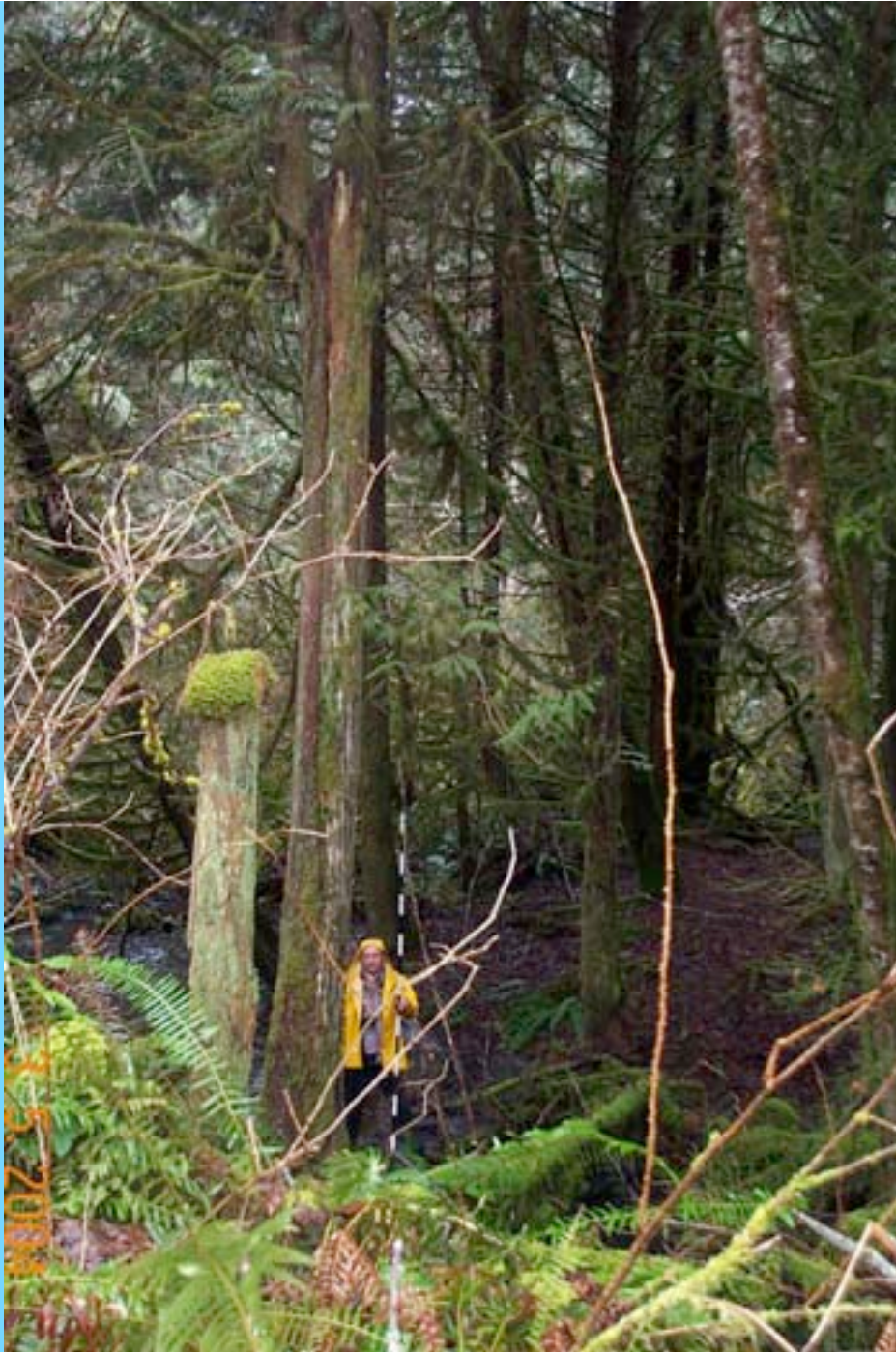
Rainfall frequency and Distribution

3 Major Types

I & IA – Pacific Maritime (wet/dry)

II – Interior of Country

III - Gulf and Atlantic Coastal – (Heavy)



Dam Size

Need for
engineering

Calculations

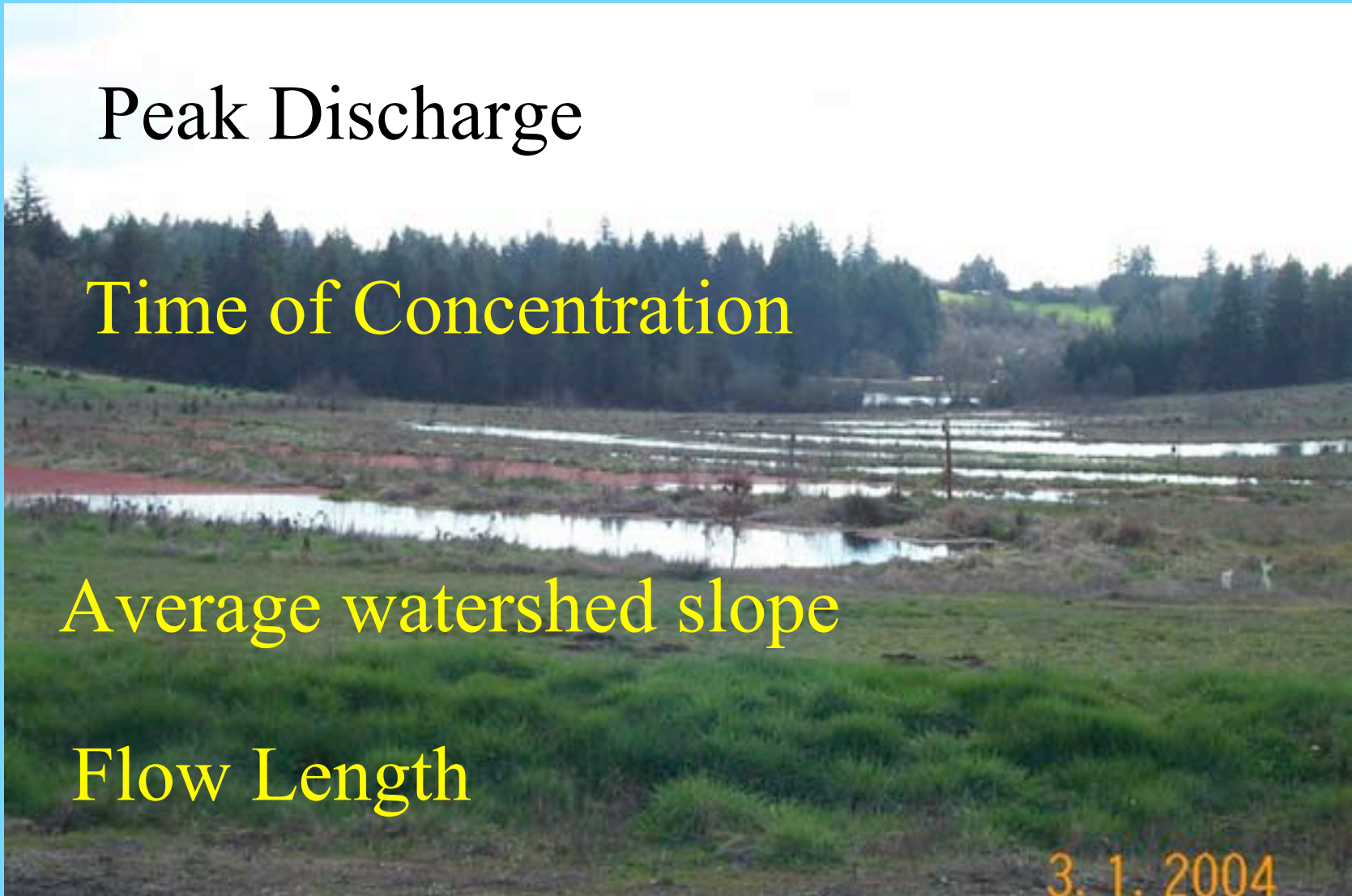
Peak Discharge

Time of Concentration

Average watershed slope

Flow Length

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Calculations



Ia/P Ratio – Average run-off condition

Estimating Peak Discharge ratio

Calculations

Table 5 Runoff depth, in inches

Rainfall (inches)	Curve number						
	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
1.0	0	0	0	0.03	0.08	0.17	0.32
1.2	0	0	0.03	0.07	0.15	0.28	0.46
1.4	0	0.02	0.06	0.13	0.24	0.39	0.61
1.6	0.01	0.05	0.11	0.20	0.34	0.52	0.76
1.8	0.03	0.09	0.17	0.29	0.44	0.65	0.93
2.0	0.06	0.14	0.24	0.38	0.56	0.80	1.09
2.5	0.17	0.30	0.46	0.65	0.89	1.18	1.53
3.0	0.33	0.51	0.72	0.96	1.25	1.59	1.98
4.0	0.76	1.03	1.33	1.67	2.04	2.46	2.92
5.0	1.30	1.65	2.04	2.45	2.89	3.37	3.88
6.0	1.92	2.35	2.87	3.28	3.78	4.31	4.85
7.0	2.60	3.10	3.62	4.15	4.69	5.26	5.82
8.0	3.33	3.90	4.47	5.04	5.62	6.22	6.81
9.0	4.10	4.72	5.34	5.95	6.57	7.19	7.79
10.0	4.90	5.57	6.23	6.88	7.52	8.16	8.78
11.0	5.72	6.44	7.13	7.82	8.48	9.14	9.77
12.0	6.56	7.32	8.05	8.76	9.45	10.14	10.77

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Calculations

Ia/P Ratio -
Average run-off
condition

Table 6 I_a values for runoff curve numbers

Curve number	I_a (in)	Curve number	I_a (in)
40	3.000	70	0.857
41	2.878	71	0.817
42	2.762	72	0.778
43	2.651	73	0.740
44	2.545	74	0.703
45	2.444	75	0.667
46	2.348	76	0.632
47	2.255	77	0.597
48	2.167	78	0.564
49	2.082	79	0.532
50	2.000	80	0.500
51	1.922	81	0.469
52	1.846	82	0.439
53	1.774	83	0.410
54	1.704	84	0.381
55	1.636	85	0.353
56	1.571	86	0.326
57	1.509	87	0.299
58	1.448	88	0.273
59	1.390	89	0.247

Figure 17a Unit peak discharge (q_u) for Type I storm distribution

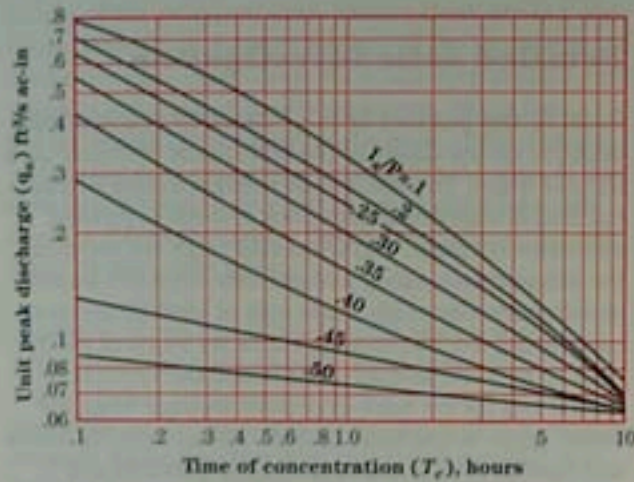
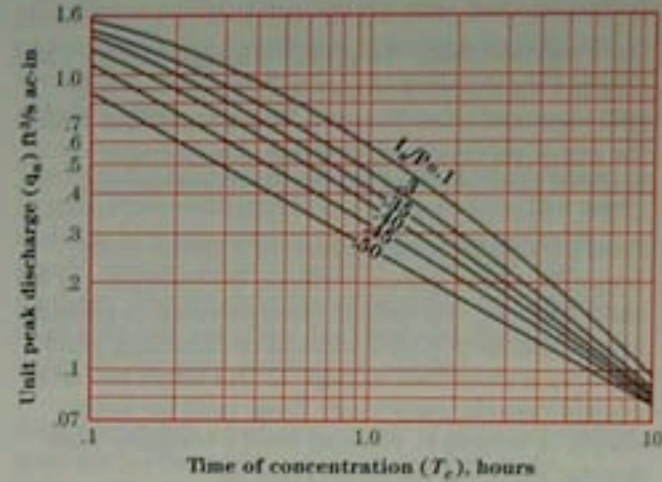


Figure 17c Unit peak discharge (q_u) for Type II storm distribution



Peak Discharge

Figure 17b Unit peak discharge (q_u) for Type IA storm distribution

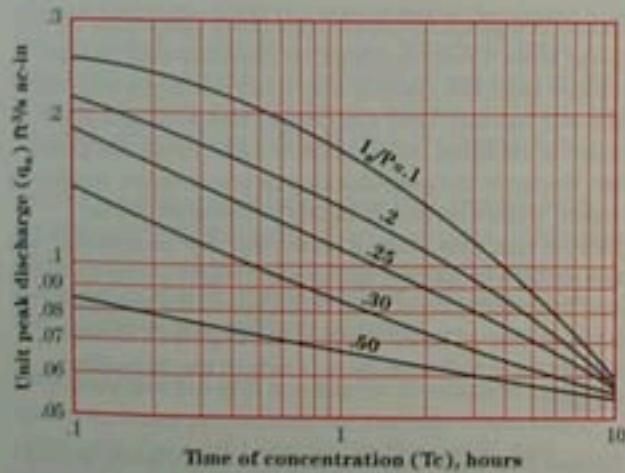


Figure 17d Unit peak discharge (q_u) for Type III storm distribution

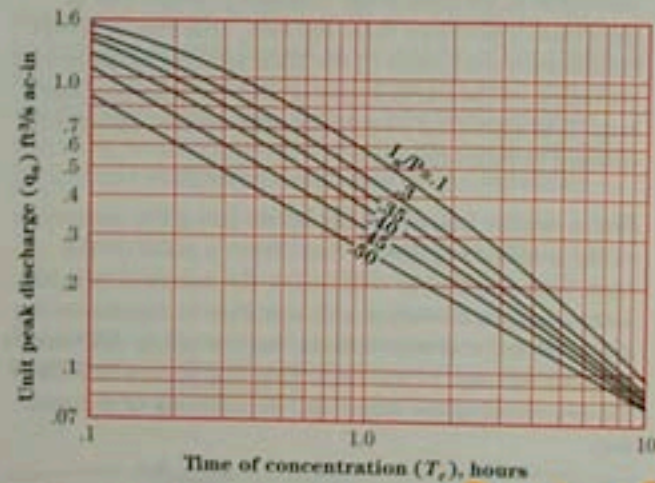
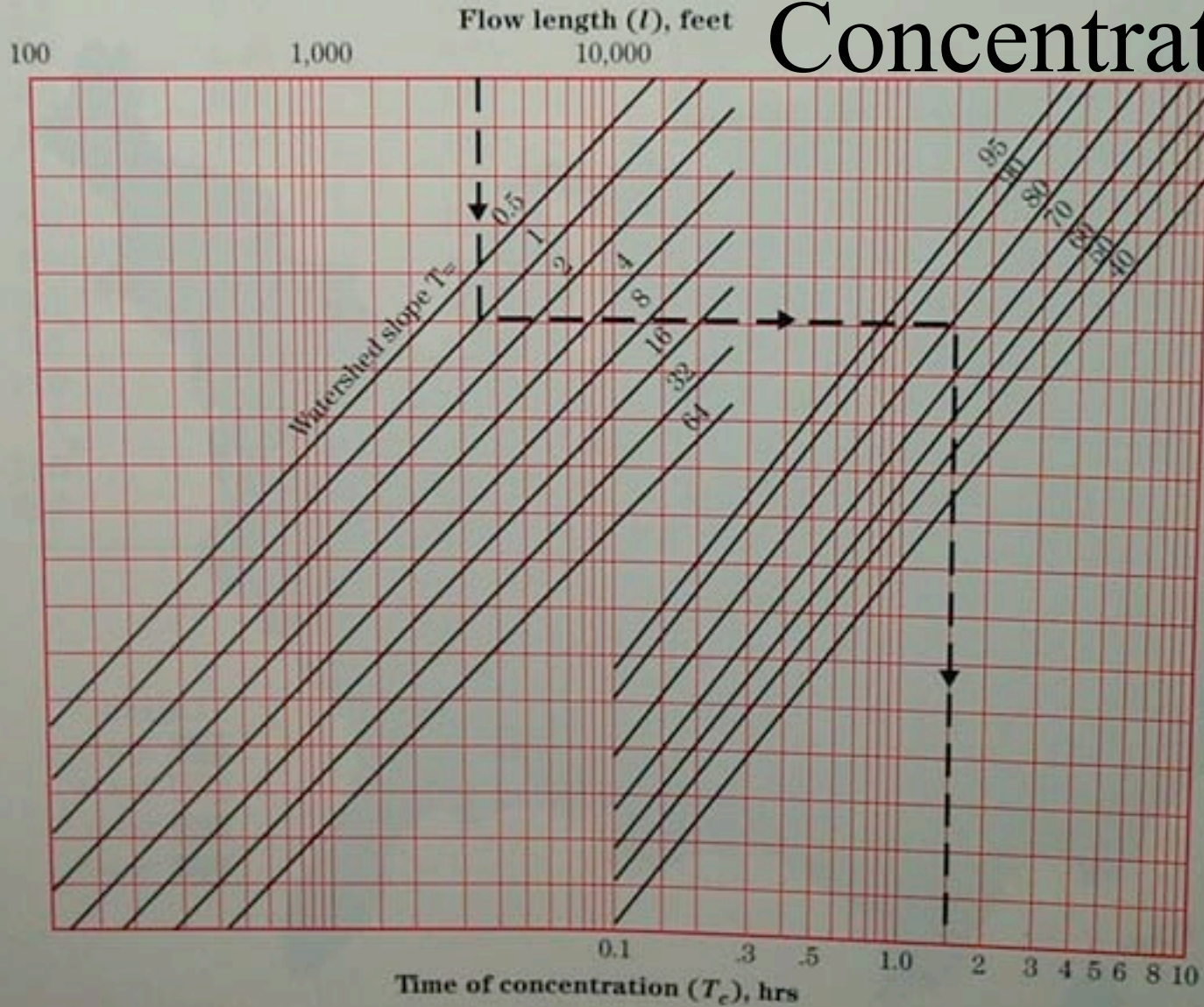


Figure 16 Time of concentration (T_c) nomograph

Time of Concentration



Site Surveys

Detailed Soil Investigation

Foundation Conditions

Fill Material

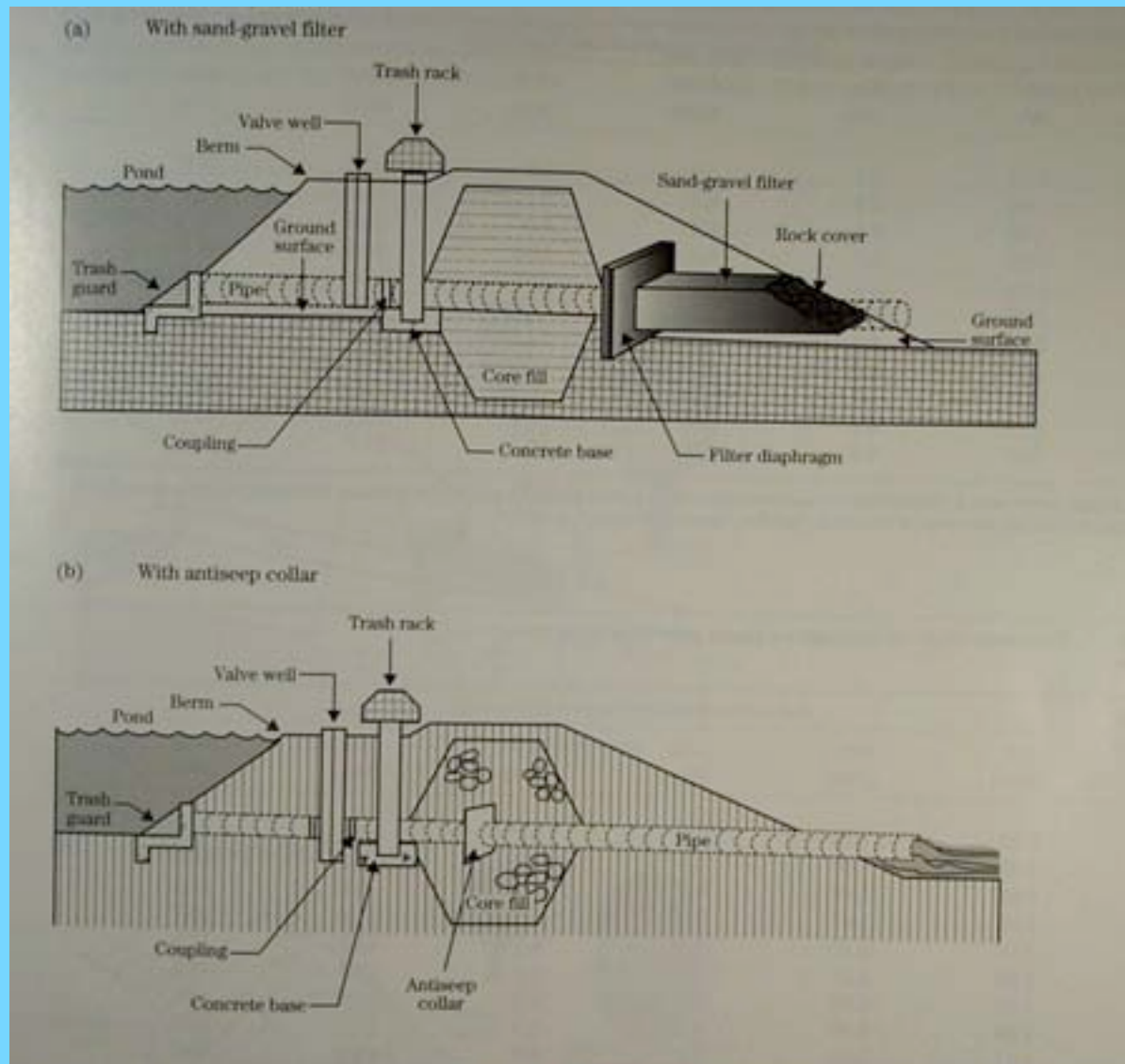
Spillway requirements

Spillway erosion protection

Water Level Control

Pipes through
the dam

Pipe
inlet protection



Earthen Dam

Foundation

Cutoffs

Top width and alignment

Side slopes

Earthen Dam

Freeboard

Settlement

Volume of earthfill and quality

Dam Construction

Staking

Cleaning and grubbing

Prep on foundation

Pipe spillway installation

Excavating the earth spillway

Dam Construction

Pipe spillway installation

Time to use those calculations

Concrete vs rock (size)

Energy dissipation - baffles

Excavated Ponds

Planning

Soils

Spillway

Selective Dimensions

Estimating Volume

Excavated Ponds

Waste material = spoils

Sealing

Compaction

Clay Blankets

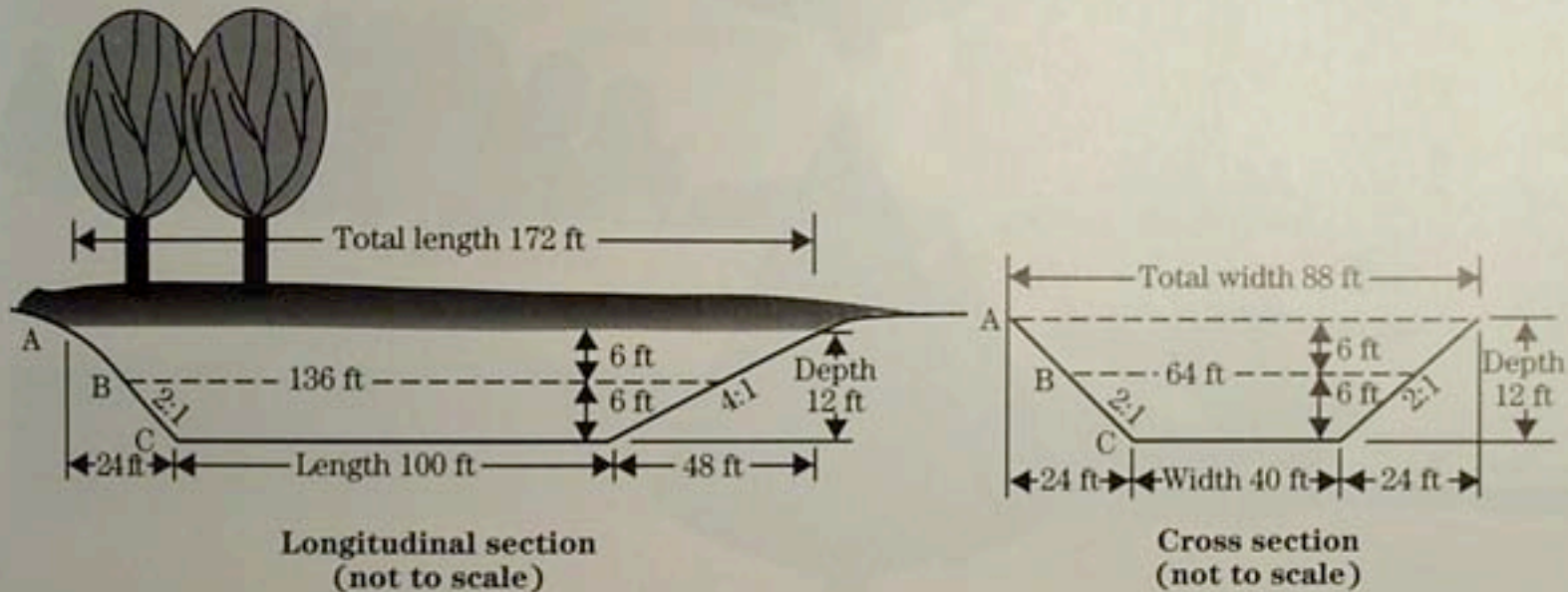
Bentonite

Chemical Additives

Liners

Excavated Ponds

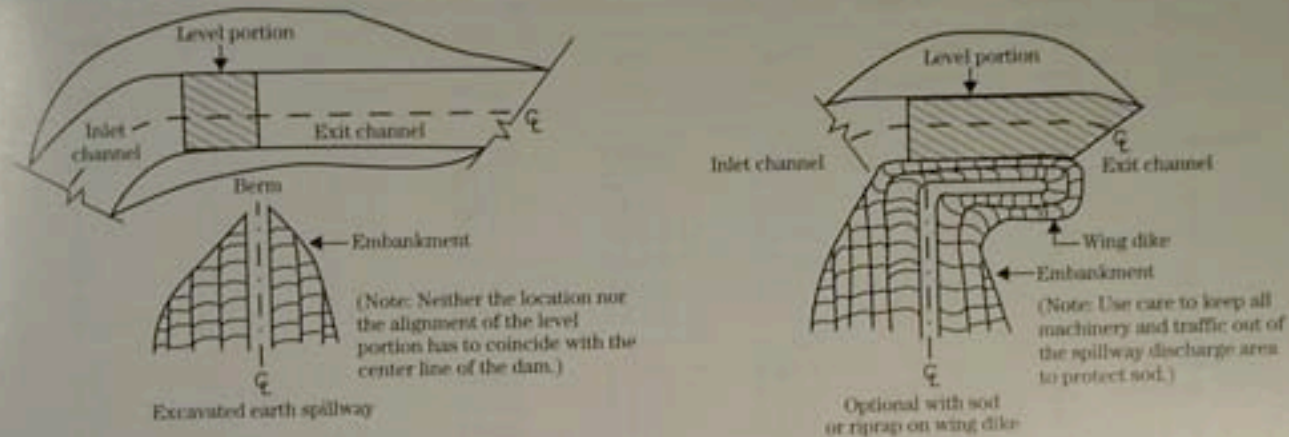
Figure 35 Typical sections of an excavated pond



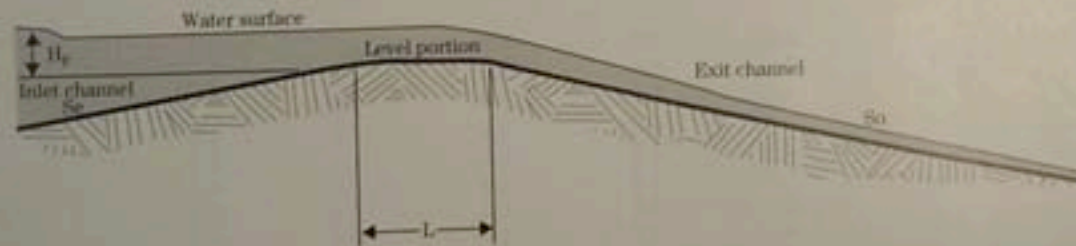
Beware of slope for children, pets and wildlife.

Excavated Ponds

Figure 21 Excavated earth spillway



Plan view of earth spillways



Profile along centerline

Definition of terms:

- H_p = depth of water in reservoir above crest
- L = length of level portion min. 25 ft
- h = bottom width of spillway
- S_o = slope for exit channel
- S_e = slope of inlet channel

Finishing



Vegetation

Wave action

Multiple use – Swimming

– Livestock

– Agr. Chemicals

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Safety

Rules of the pond



Boats, poles, life rings

West Nile Virus

Transmittal

Mosquitoes

Birds



West Nile Virus

Bt- israeliensis

Gambusia

Stagnant
water

Maintenance

Dam – Piping

Nutria,
tree roots,
improper drains,
pipe installation



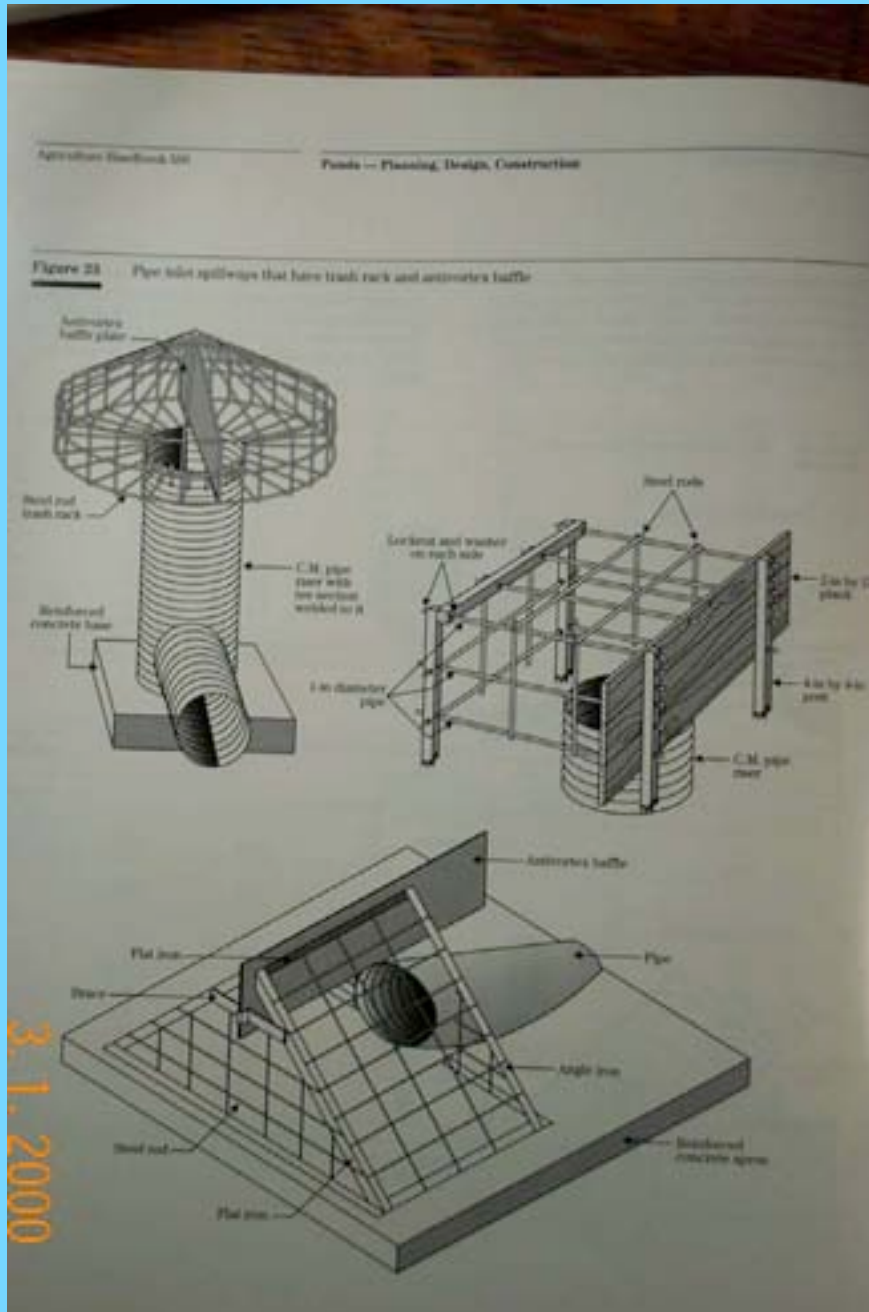
Maintenance



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Spillway protection

Valves



Maintenance

Spillway and drain pipe problems



Maintenance



Sediment

More on Ponds

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