Wetland Scrapes (Ponds)
General Permit / Cost Share Information

DNR- Permit Requirements:
A general permit or individual permit is required to construct, dredge or enlarge any part of a pond or artificial water body that is either:
Connected to a navigable waterway; or
located within 500 feet of a navigable waterway

General Permits - Available for 3 types of ponds: Landscape, Stormwater, and Wildlife pond.
Costs for the General permit are approximately $50.00.

Individual Permits -- Needed if your pond does not meet the criteria for a general permit.
Costs for the Individual permit are approximately $300.00.

To review the permit conditions, visit the DNR website at: www.dnr.state.wi.us.
Click the link: License, Permits, & Regulations
Click the link: Waterways & Wetlands Permits
Click the link: Ponds
This will bring you to the permit conditions portion of the application process. Follow the step-by-step instructions to determine which permit you may be required to complete.

For further information, contact the local DNR Water Regulation Specialist at:
920-787-4686 Ext. 3016

*Additional Federal permits may be required from the Army Corps of Engineers. Contact the Stevens Point office at: 715-345-7911.

Cost Sharing:
Cost sharing may be available through the Land Conservation Department (LCD). Rates can be as much as 70% of the total project cost.

Recent DNR performance standards now in effect will require the LCD staff to complete a full farm resource assessment called a Status Review, prior to determining your eligibility for cost sharing. This “Status Review” can determine your compliance with the new state performance standard NR 151.

For further information contact the Land Conservation Department at: 920-787-0443