

It is important the the Planning commission be reminded that the Developer of South Pond Villages has a history of going well beyond the permits issued in developing this property.

Assurances were made on Sept 3 and Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 in emails that

“There is a current permit application in for a very small dredge proposal “minor project” where they are needing access for equipment to enter the South Pond to mechanically harvest the vegetation by cutting it. No violation appears to be present at this time.” ( Luke Golden MDEQ )

And that:

“A Grading Permit from the City of Ann Arbor is required for proposed work on site. The developer’s representative has been informed that no work can commence until this permit is applied for and issued.” (Jennifer Lawson Water Quality Manager City of Ann Arbor)

*Despite these assurances,*  
sometime between Aug 2014 and Dec 2014 the extent of clearing of the land of the South Pond Village Site occurred as shown in the previous two pages.

This clearing was investigated by the City of Ann Arbor on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and they concluded that:

“All past activity noted on the site today is permitted under the approved permit, including removing brush and clearing paths”.

This shows you what can happen,| when even minor permits are issued, we worry what will happen if a wetland permit is issued



↑ Before Sept 2014

After Sept 2014 ↓



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