

# Pond Construction



In many areas on Deltic's Ola Region, water can be a limiting factor for wildlife populations in the summer and early fall. Although this region contains numerous small mountain creeks, the amount of water that can be held year round (especially at the higher elevations) is highly dependent on rainfall. Yes, the area also contains some small seeps and springs that flow from the sides of the mountains. But in the "dog days" of summer, the lack of adequate and persistent water supplies is a concern.

Deltic Timber Corporation recognizes this is a problem that can affect the carrying capacity of certain wildlife populations. Therefore, we have initiated a multiyear project specifically on our Ola Mountain property to enhance our wildlife habitat through the construction of small wildlife ponds.

Through time, as more ponds continually get added to the landscape, the value of these lands to a significant number of species will improve. Although these ponds are not significantly large in size, as long as they receive adequate rainfall in the spring



*After completion, ponds will be between 4-5' deep and have a holding capacity that will last throughout the summer. Many species of wildlife will benefit as a result of their construction.*

and early summer they should be deep enough to serve their intended purpose of catching and holding water for the remainder of the dry months.

Company logistics permitting, it is our intent after harvesting is complete in areas we deem in need of a pond to construct them as quickly as possible. Once a pond is completed, the club leasing the area will be contacted and informed that they now have a new permanent water source on their lease... at no cost to them!

The bare ground area around the new ponds also provides another small spot clubs can maintain in food plots if they desire to do so. Construction of these ponds provides landscape level benefits by increasing diversity and carrying capacity for many species. They also contribute to micro-level benefits by increasing available food plot acreage and providing additional quality hunting locations – especially to early season bowhunters. It's a win-win situation... clubs benefit from permanent water sources and additional acreage for food plots and wildlife species benefit by removing a limiting factor to their future population growth. 🍄