

Mill Creek Pond Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the purpose of the ponds?

The purpose of the ponds is for the stormwater management of the development. Kane County has an extensive Stormwater Management Ordinance that required specific detention and retention requirements for the development of Mill Creek. All of the developed land including the homes, roads and open space areas require the runoff to be detained prior to discharge to reduce flooding impacts on downstream landowners from the development process. The runoff during storm events is collected in the storm sewer system and conveyed to the detention ponds where the water is slowly released during and after the rain event.

When were the ponds created?

The ponds were created during the development of the subdivision from the early 1990's to the early 2000's. The ponds were constructed with each phase as the overall development was completed.

Who owns the ponds?

The ponds located on the north side of Mill Creek generally north of Fabyan Parkway and Hughes road are all located on private property owned by the golf courses. The land around and underlying the ponds is owned by the courses. The ponds located on the south side of Mill Creek are on property owned by the Kane County Forest Preserve and the County of Kane. The Mill Creek Water Reclamation District does not own the land around or underlying the ponds in Mill Creek.

What does the Mill Creek Water Reclamation District do in relation to the ponds?

The Mill Creek District is responsible for the storm water management components of the ponds which includes the inlet and the outlet structures or physical infrastructure of the storm sewer piping network. The Mill Creek Water Reclamation District has installed and maintains aeration equipment in most of the ponds. This includes the ongoing maintenance of the compressor and the electrical supply to the compressors. The Mill Creek Water Reclamation District also harvests algae from the ponds as needed to maintain proper operation of the storm water management systems including the outlet control structures.

What limits the involvement of the district in maintaining the ponds?

The Mill Creek Water Reclamation District is an Illinois Sanitary District and as such must abide by the statues set forth by the State with regards to its operation. In the view of the Board of Trustees, aesthetically maintaining the ponds with fountains or treating the ponds with widespread chemicals to kill algae is outside of the function and responsibility of the District. Similarly, the spraying for mosquitos is not a function of District's mandate to establish stormwater management.