

City of Griffin
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City of Griffin's Constructed Wetland Ponds

Griffin, Georgia moves in 2008-2009 to look at a entire city way of addressing water quality issues. After 10 years of engineering and modeling of its watershed basins, Griffin has retained the Paragon Consulting Group to take its 3 major basins and 39 sub-basins and engineer them for "Constructed Wetland Ponds". Those that qualify will be reviewed for mitigation of buildings and potentially regional basin wetland ponds/recreational areas planned.

This has two win-win components. First it eliminates numerous small detention ponds all over the basins, while providing pollutant systems addressing TMDL's. Second, it provides builders and developers the opportunity to receive highest and best use of their development. The building community would pay an up front fee to buy into the system and Griffin would eventually get paid back for the initial purchase and maintenance costs.

This program idea was generated by 8 years of sampling, monitoring and evaluating the best and most economical way to treat Stormwater runoff. Griffin's 3rd Edition of their Design Manual allows for proprietary BMP's and traditional BMP's in those areas which are not feasible for regional Detention. At this time Griffin has constructed 4 of these Regional Constructed Wetland Ponds.