Recreational Use of the Gateway Services CDD

Stormwater System Ponds

Only residential property owners, tenants and property owner house guests may use Gateway Services CDD (GSCDD) lakes/ponds for the below described recreational uses from the owner's property.

GSCDD property owners, tenants or house guest may use GSCDD property adjacent to GSCDD ponds for the allowed recreational purposes. This policy does not provide any authorization to access GSCDD ponds over private, commercial or property owned by the Gateway Golf and Country Club.

Recreational use of GSCDD ponds and or adjoining GSCDD property is defined as, but not limited to fishing, sunbathing, picnicking and bird watching. Private watercraft of any type is prohibited in the GSCDD stormwater ponds.

Where allowed, fishing will take place from the grass area of the pond bank.

No recreational use is allowed on any GSCDD pond from sunset to sunrise, times may be more stringent and or defined by a Home Owners Association within an individual community.

Individual property owners, not GSCDD, will be responsible to monitor and contact law enforcement authorities as necessary to report any violations.

A "lake maintenance easement" exists around all GSCDD stormwater ponds. This easement provides GSCDD access to the ponds for maintenance, repair and reconstruction when needed. The lake maintenance easements do not give anyone permission to access the GSCDD ponds or to use the area covered by the lake maintenance easement for any purpose except as described above.

The Gateway Services CDD and the South Florida Water Management District oversee and manage these surface water bodies. The purpose of the stormwater detention ponds are to prevent flooding and provide drainage to the community. However, they can also provide anglers with fishable areas and other limited recreational opportunities.

The guidelines below shall also apply, and be maintained as part of this policy.

Fishing Guidelines

•All "fishermen" are required to comply with federal, state and local laws, statutes and ordinances while fishing within the GSCDD. Please check www.myfwc.com for license requirements.

•Fishing is only allowed in any GSCDD pond where the pond can be accessed without crossing over or trespassing upon any privately owned property or golf courses.

•Crossing through or access from any jurisdictional wetland or upland preserve is prohibited.

•All "fishermen" must practice catch and release in all GSCDD ponds, defines as, after capture the fish is unhooked and returned to the water prior to experiencing any serious exhaustion or injury.