



### **Pond condition following mowing**

Sod grass and weed clippings directed towards ponds is detrimental to water balance and as it accumulates over time takes away valuable storage capacity the pond was designed for. Along with other debris entering from land surfaces and pavements this can create unforeseen problems over the years if not addressed and maintained. Modifying mowing procedures, weed/debris removal and maintaining both storm sewer piping and catch basin inlets, can keep systems and expenditures at a reasonable operational condition with minimal cost.



### **Intrusive and Invasive Growth**

Ponds are subject to intrusive debris, vegetation and whatever runoff from inclusive watershed areas flow into it. Here pond area and volume, can be diminished in time reducing required water capacity. This condition can also be more supportive to insects. These conditions should be maintained with a proactive scheduled plan at intervals where removal and treatment is economical and on time to keep significant accumulation and cost from accruing. This can easily be budgeted for. Note the tall grass in the photo is "Torpedo" grass a highly invasive species showing up in ponds and lawn areas around the property. It is very difficult

to treat and eradicate but must be controlled sooner or later.



### **Danger Signs**

These "Danger" signs are posted at all ponds.



### **Mowed Shoreline Areas**

As common grounds around ponds are mowed shoreline areas are weed whacked. With the clippings being left on the slope they certainly end up being washed into the ponds as more debris.