


**PRACTICAL WATER LAW  
CONSIDERATIONS:**  
AMENITY LAKES, SWCD RESERVOIRS  
AND DOWNSTREAM FLOOD PROTECTION

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**INTRODUCTION: OWNERSHIP  
AND CONTROL OF SURFACE WATER**

- Subdivision Amenity Lakes
- Soil & Water Conservation District “Floodwater Retarding Structures”
- Detention Ponds and Water Code 11.086 (Flood Liability)

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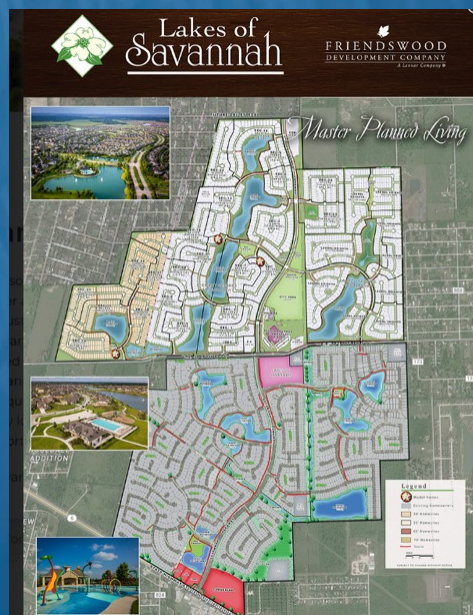
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### AMENITY LAKES - BACKGROUND

- Surface Water: Owned by the State of Texas
- Exempt Uses Include (Less than 200 AF Storage)
  - Domestic & Livestock Ponds
  - Wildlife Exempt
- Example: Rural “Stock Ponds”

*Water Code 11.142*

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