WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR DECISION-MAKING?

Objective: Identify and recommend a WFCA Pond Improvement Project that will:

- mitigate flooding of area residential property,
- address erosion issues
- prove to be financially feasible
- avoid the creation of unsightly and/or unhealthy situations (invasive vegetation, standing shallow water, muddy areas during dry periods.)
- and suggest funding solutions that are sensitive to overall community concerns

The authors of this proposal emphasize our sensitivity to the fiscal issues associated with raising dues, especially for those residents of Winslow Farm Community Association who may not feel the direct impact of the benefits of the ponds.

For those who have little experience with the ponds, it should be noted that not only do the residents in the direct vicinity enjoy the ponds, but a surprising number of residents from a wide area enjoy walking around the ponds. It is especially heartwarming to witness those who bring their children/grandchildren to enjoy the water and waterfowl. Even the local Y uses the area next to the ponds for a running class. Many people know Winslow Farms as the community "with the ponds."

We want to be clear that our proposal is based upon what we believe are to be overwhelming data. We remain open to information that may be counter to what we present. We can support alternatives, such as the stream channel, if data can provide evidence that it is cost-effective, will not create more problems and can be fiscally supported with reasonable dues increases. However, we submit our proposal after careful consideration of a collection of information. We can provide references upon request.

Regardless of what design plan is implemented, the overriding concerns must assess:

- What are the costs?
- How can it be financed?

Any homeowner understands this dilemma. When faced with personal major expense, we research costs, review our budget, and select options based upon the most cost-effective plans that our budget will support. The *Practical Proposal* is submitted consistent with such an approach.