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One of the first things you have to do or have, if you are going to have good pond fishing, is have a good pond. Well, that obviously goes without saying, but a properly sited, designed and constructed pond is critical to excellent and sustainable sport fishing. This is because these aspects and the construction characteristics directly affect the ability of the owner to effectively manage his pond. You can't grow an excellent fish population if the pond, for some reason, can't be successfully managed. You would be amazed how many times my colleagues and I find private ponds and lakes which are in terrible condition due to an inadequacy in one or more of the above aspects. So, it seems a good idea to write an article about the entire process of building a pond from the ground up



A finished, well designed pond. How do we get there?

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