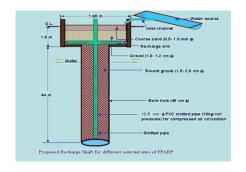
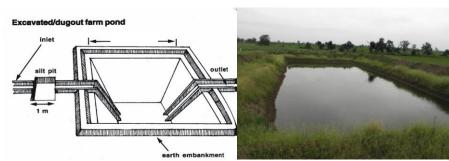


Plan on Artificial Recharge to Groundwater and Water Conservation in Uthappanaickkanur Firka, UsilampattiT aluk, Madurai District, Tamil Nadu





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Revival, repair of pond, tanks with recharge	Revival, repair of pond, tanks with recharge	
shaft – 17	shaft –	17
Improving Water Efficiency /Saving 0.35 MCM	Improving Water Efficiency /Saving	0.35 MCM
(Micro irrigation system for 50 ha)	(Micro irrigation system for 50 ha)	
Excepted groundwater recharge 1.3838MCM	Excepted groundwater recharge	1.3838MCM
Excepted total groundwater 1.7338 MCM	Excepted total groundwater	1.7338 MCM
recharge/saving	recharge/saving	
Tentative total cost of the project Rs.4.37 Cr	Tentative total cost of the project	Rs.4.37 Cr
Expected raise in water level by 1.15 m	•	1.15 m
recharging/saving	recharging/saving	

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1. Introduction

India is the largest user of groundwater in the world. Food grain security of the country is largely dependent on water resources and groundwater resources play major role in irrigation sector. Imprints of Over-Exploitation on groundwater resources are being observed as steep deepening of water levels, drying of shallow groundwater abstraction structures, ingress of salinity in fresh aquifers etc. which signal towards taking necessity of emergent action for artificial recharge and rainwater harvesting by utilizing surplus runoff and maintaining groundwater resources at sustainable stage.

In Tamil Nadu dependency on groundwater has increased many folds during the recent years and the groundwater extraction for irrigation, domestic and industries have resulted in lowering of water levels, long-term water level declining trend and even drying up of wells. In order to regulate the groundwater development, Central Ground Water Board in association with State Ground Water Departments has computed Dynamic Groundwater Resources and categorized blocks as Over Exploited, Critical, Semi Critical and Safe.

Out of 1129 firkas (assessment units) in Tamil Nadu the groundwater situation in 374 firkas over exploited, 48 firkas critical, 235firkassemi-critical, 437 firkas safe and 35 firkas are saline. Various measures such as rainwater harvesting, artificial recharge and water use efficiency are successfully practiced by some NGOs, Central and State Govts., which need replication at larger scale in close coordination with State govt. agencies and stakeholders so that capacity building of state implementing agencies and awareness of stakeholders towards artificial recharge and rainwater harvesting can be made.

2. Objectives of the scheme

Objectives of the proposed scheme are

- ➤ To upscale recharge activities, supplement additional groundwater resources by harvesting surplus runoff, sustainability of groundwater resources at shallow depths
- ➤ Recovery of over-exploited groundwater areas by implementing artificial recharge measures in groundwater stress areas.
- Conservation, development and sustainable management of natural resources including their use.

3. Study area details

3.1 Location

The total area of Uthappanaickanur firka is 93.25 sq.km and thisfirka lies between North latitudes 09° 57′ 38"to10° 01′30" and east longitudes 77° 40′ 23″to 77° 51′ 36″. Location map of Uthappanaickanur firka is given in Figure 1.

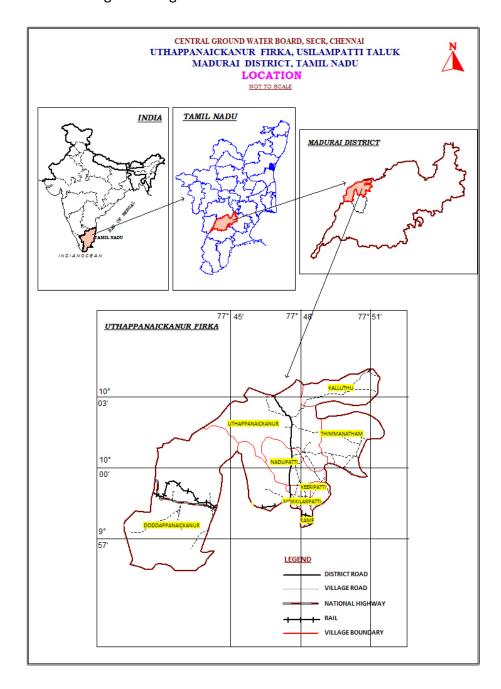


Figure 1. Location map of Uthappanaickanur firka

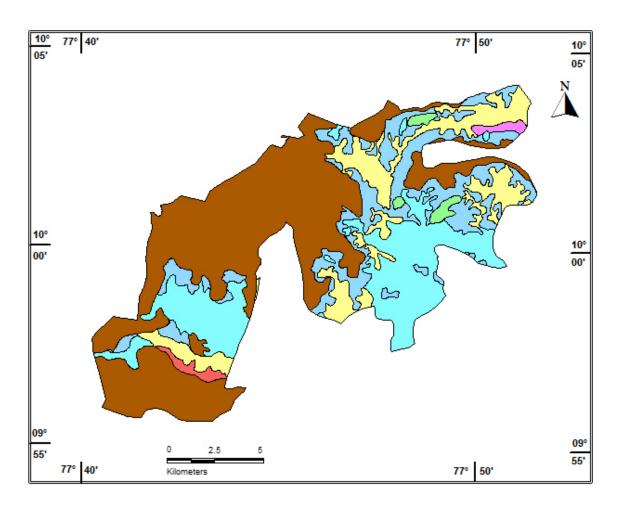
3.2 Geomorphological Set up

Geomorphologically, the area consists of Structural hills and pediplain landforms dominate the firka with 46% and 20% respectively. Dissected/Undissected area covers about 17%. Moderate weathered pediplain covers an area of 13%. These landforms are influencing the ground water recharge. A linear ridge and Residual hill landforms are act as runoff zone. (Source: IRS, Anna University, Chennai Tamil Nadu). Geomorphological map prepared using IRS-1D data on 1: 50,000 scale and units are as per NNRMS standards. The hill ranges covered by reserved forests. The various geomorphological units with its % of coverage area are given in Table 1 and shown in figure 2.

Table 1. Various geomorphological units with its % of coverage area in Uthappanaickanur firka

LANDFORMS	% Area
Linear Ridge	0.64
Bajada	0.86
Denudational Hills / Residual Hills	1.11
Moderate	13.72
Dissected/Undissected	17.26
Pediplain (Weathered) Shallow	20.23
Structural Hills	46.18

GEOMORPHOLOGY MAP



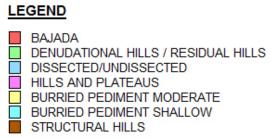


Figure 2. Geomorphology of Uthappanaickanur Firka

3.3 Land use and soil

The land use pattern of the Uthappanaickanur firka is given in figure 3. Predominantly the most of the area is characterised by the Other Forest fallowed by wet crop and plantation. The Wet Crop, Plantation and dry crop accounts to 58.43 Sq. Km only(i.e., agricultural field)and accounts for 38 % of the total area of the firka(Source: IRS, Anna University, Chennai Tamil Nadu). This area is highly suitable for water conservation and recharge. The entire Firkas is occupied by other forest to an extent of 25%. The firka is having hills with forest, rocky outcrops with red soil and small patch of clay loamy soil.

LAND USE	%
Town And Cities	0.057398
Reservoir / Lake / Tank	0.508465
Land Without Scrub	0.52703
Barren Rocky / Stony Waste	0.741341
Rural Settlements Villages	1.365317
Dry Crop	4.639872
Deciduous	4.984658
Land With Scrub	5.414806
Fallow	5.628169
Scrub Forest	8.267256
Forest Plantations	8.812963
Plantation	14.13521
Wet Crop	19.51519
Other Forest	25.40233

LANDUSE MAP

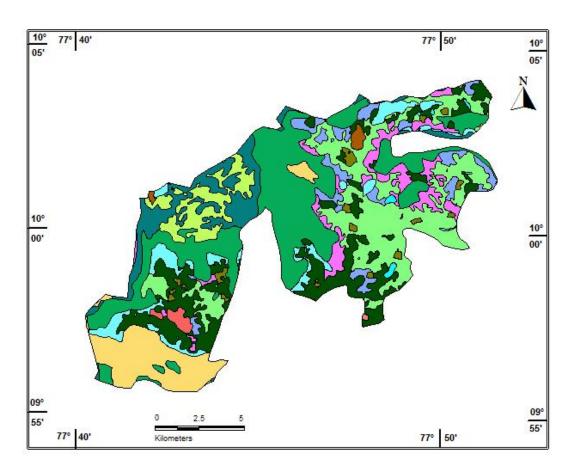




Figure 3. Land use map of Uthappanaickanur firka

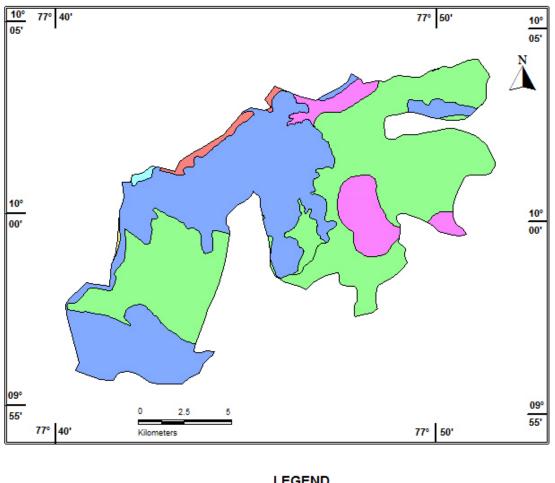
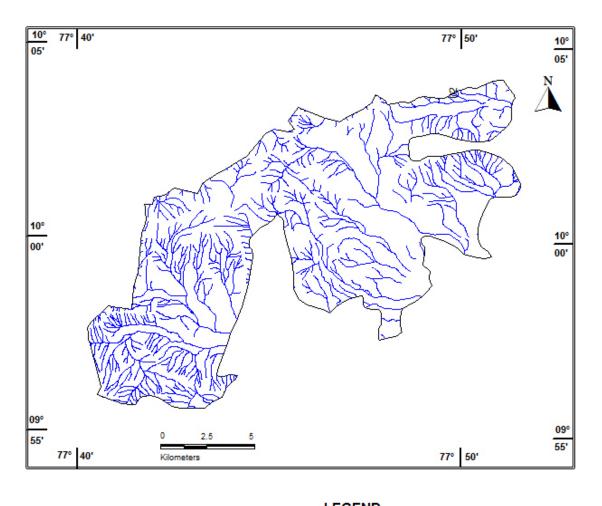




Figure 3 a. Soil distribution in Uthappanaickanur firka

3.4 Drainage

The entire Firka area is within the Vaigai river basin and number of small streams originate from the hills located in the Uthappanaickanur firka. Only seasonal floods inundate lower parts of the basins. Basin sub soil water is used to irrigate the lands. Tanks and surface water bodies are spread over the entire firka. The drainage pattern is the dendritic and sub- dendritic. Most of the streams are flowing NW to SE. The drainage map of Uthappanaickanur firka is given in Figure 4.



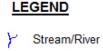


Figure 4. Drainage map of Uthappanaickanur firka

3.5 Rainfall

Uthappanaickanur area falls under tropical climate with temperature in the summer months of March to May. The average temperature varies from 26 to 41° C. The humidity is also high in the order of 80%. The wind speed is high during the months of July and August. The wind speed ranges from 7.4 to 12.6 km/hr, which increases from 100 to 120 km/hr during cyclone period. Uthappanaickanur firka receives rainfall from southwest monsoon (June – September), northeast monsoon (October – December) and non-monsoon periods (January – May). The area receives the major rainfall from northeast monsoon. Rainfall is generally heavy during low-pressure depressions and cyclones during the northeast monsoon period. The normal annual rainfall is 1067 mm.

Taluk	Name of Firka	Area (Sq. Km.)	Monsoon rainfall (Jun to Dec) (m)	Non monsoon rainfall (Jan – May) (m)	Total Rainfall (m)
Usilampatti	Uthapanaickanur	93.25	0.843	0.224	1.067

3.6 Hydrogeology

The entire firka is underlain by charnockite and gneiss. Ground water is occurring in pheratic conditions in weathered and fractured gneiss rock formation. The weathering is highly erratic and the depth of abstraction structures is controlled by the intensity of weathering and fracturing. Large diameter dug well is more common ground water abstraction structures in the area. The diameter of the dug well is in the range of 7 to 10 m and depth of dug wells range from 15 to 18 m bgl. The dug wells yield up to 1 lps in summer months and few wells remains dry. The yield is adequate for irrigation for one or two crops in monsoon period.

The depth of wells varies from 6.64 to 17 m bgl. The hydrogeological map of Uthappanaickanur firka is given in Figure 5. Decadal mean water level ofpre-monsoon and post monsoon are given in fig 6a & b. The decadal maps reveal that, mean water level during pre-monsoon in majority area is <5 to 10 m bgl likewise during post monsoon majority part is under > 5 m below ground water level.. The present water level in the firka is in the range of 5 to 8 mbgl (May).

HYDROGEOLOGY MAP

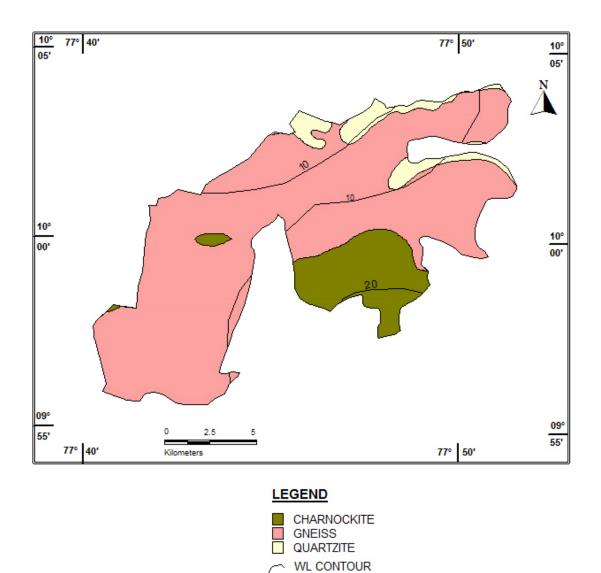


Figure 5Hydrogeological Map of Uthappanaickanur firka

DEPTH TO WATER LEVEL MAP (PRE MONSOON)

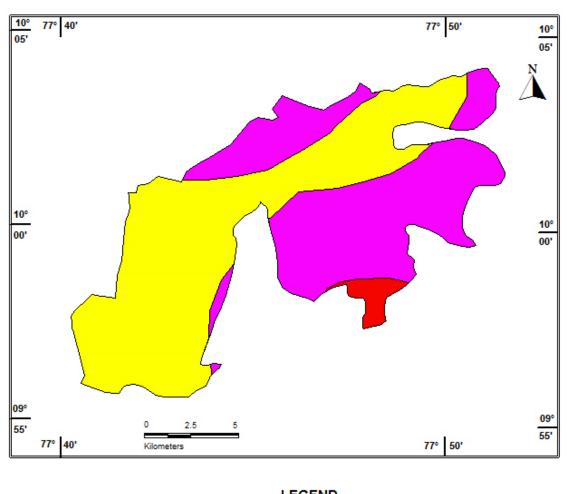




Figure 6a. Decadal Pre -monsoon water level in Uthappanaickanur firka

DEPTH TO WATER LEVEL MAP (POST MONSOON)

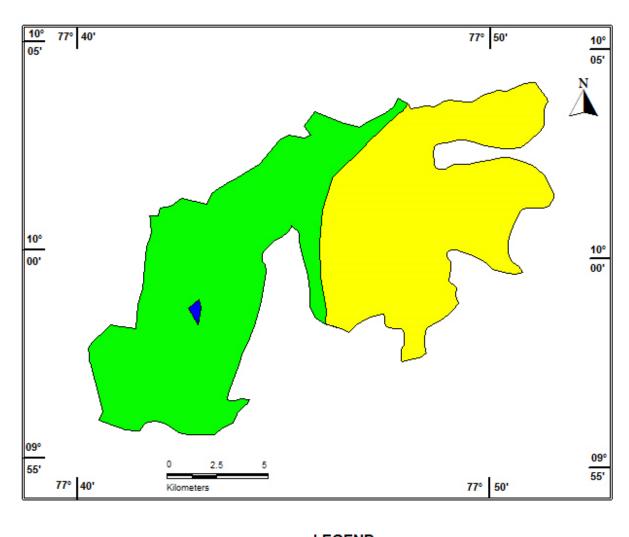




Figure 6 b. Decadal Post-monsoon water level in Uthappanaickanur firka

3.7 Dynamic Ground water Resources

The ground water resources have been computed jointly by Central Ground Water Board and State Ground Water Resources Data Centre (PWD, WRO, Govt. of Tamil Nadu) as on 31st March 2011. The computation has been done using GEC1997 methodology. The salient features of the computations are furnished in Table 2.

Table 2. Dynamic Ground water resources estimation of Uthappanaikanur firka

Firka	GW WORTHY AREA	REPLENISH ABLE GROUND WATER RESOURCES	NET GROUND WATER AVAILABLE	GROUND WATER DRAFT FOR IRRIGATION	GROUNDWAT ER DRAFT FOR DOMESTIC & INDUSTRIAL WATER SUPPLY	TOTAL GROUN D WATER DRAFT	STAGE OF GROUND WATER DEVELOP MENT (%)	CATEGORY
	(Sq. Km)			(MCM)			(%)	
Uthappa naikanu r	93.25	9.562	8.605	11.027	0.301	11.328	131.64	OVER EXPLOITED

4. Spatial Data Integration

The potential area for groundwater recharge is highly influenced by Geology, Geomorphology, Land use /land cover, Drainage, Surface Water Body, Weathered Thickness and first fractured Depth in the area. In order to ascertain the suitable area for groundwater recharge in firka, spatial data integration of have been attempted using index overlay model in GIS environ. In this model, above seven layers have been integrated by assigning weightage for the theme having scale of 1-100 and sub-classes of the theme between 1 to 10 scales. The resultant map has been reclassified into four classes(High-low integrated values) indicating the suitable area for artificial recharge and given in Figure-7 and described below.

ZONE	% OF AREA COVERAGE	SIGNIFICANCE*
Very high	0.15	Suitable for all major recharge
		structures like Percolation pond
		and stop dam, check dam etc.,
High	3.34	Suitable for all major recharge
		structures like stop dam, check
		dam etc.,
Moderate	28.00	Suitable for all major recharge
		structures like earthen check
		dam, Boulder check dam and
		Nala bund etc.,
Poor	68.50	Hilly/Forest /Catchment area

^{*}However, the filed verification is required to confirm above potential area for groundwater recharge.

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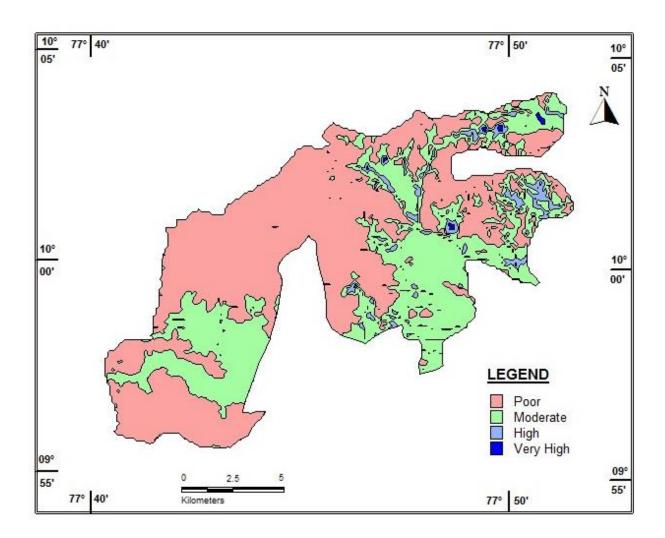


Figure 7. Recharge worthy area Uthappanaickanur firka

5. Planning for groundwater recharge /conservation

5.1 Justification of the artificial recharge & conservation measures

- ❖ The Uthapanaickanur Firka is with high stage of groundwater development i.e, 131.64 % and with sufficient amount of uncommitted surface runoff/flow of 11.791 MCM.
- ❖ The total weathered zone available beneath the ground in the firka is 11.19MCM. Out of these total volume available for recharge considering 3 m depth) is 4.19625 MCM.
- ❖ The Uthapanaickanur Firka consists of 17 surface water bodies /lakes which are well connected by the drainage. Revival and Recharge of these ponds will enhance the sustainability of the ground water abstraction structures.

- ❖ However, most of the ground water developments for agricultural purposes are met through dug-cum bore well and bore wells only. Hence, there is sufficient scope of recharge.
- ❖ Model generated in the Uthappanaickanur areas reveals that only 31 % of areas are suitable for recharge.
- ❖ In Uthappanaickanur firka 38 % area is characterised by the agricultural activities, there is sufficient scope for the water conservation measures for enhance the crop production and better ground water development.

5.2 Availability of surplus surface water for artificial recharge or conservation

The uncommitted surface flow for Uthappanaickanur Firka is estimated as per the norms followed by State Ground & Surface Water Resources data centre, PWD, Taramani, Chennai (Aug 2015). The available of surplus surface water for Uthappanaickanur Firka is 11.791 MCM.

5.3 Proposed interventions including tentative location of artificial recharge /conservation measures

On basis of above description the following three type of approach have been made to propose artificial recharge or conservation structures.

- a. Artificial recharge
- b. Water conservation measure
- c. Water Efficiency

5.3.1 Artificial recharge

The details of artificial recharge structure proposed along with justification are given below.

5.3.1.1 Check dam/Nala bund

Uthappanaickanur firka area is covered by the seasonal nallahs /drains which carry heavy discharge during monsoon period. This is debauched into the water bodies within a short duration. It is proposed that such seasonal nallah will be identified and the rain water will be harnessed through construction of series of check dams, nallah bund and gabion structures so as to harness this water thereby increasing the resident period of the water in these channels and to increase the soil moisture content. As per the integrated model prediction around 30 % of the firka areas are suitable for these structures. It is proposed to construct 5 Check dam and 17Nallah bunds. The tentative location of these 22 ARs are given below and shown in Plate 1. The size and location of these structures are tentative and details field survey is essential to ascertain the exact size and location.

Tentative location of proposed 5 Check dam in Uthappanaickanur firka

S. No.	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	TYPE OF ARS
1	77.7157	9.9745	Check Dam
2	77.7740	9.9876	Check Dam
3	77.8476	10.0293	Check Dam
4	77.7157	9.9745	Check Dam
5	77.7157	9.9745	Check Dam

Tentative location of proposed 17Nalla bund in Uthapanaickanurfirka

S. No.	LONGITUDE(DD)	LATITUDE (DD)	TYPE OF ARS
1	77.7806	10.0147	Nala Bund
2	77.7922	10.0405	Nala Bund
3	77.7743	10.0391	Nala Bund
4	77.8024	10.0512	Nala Bund
5	77.8129	10.0523	Nala Bund
6	77.8326	10.0501	Nala Bund
7	77.8439	10.0329	Nala Bund
8	77.8342	10.0278	Nala Bund
9	77.8548	10.0247	Nala Bund
10	77.7084	9.9872	Nala Bund
11	77.7329	9.9827	Nala Bund
12	77.6775	9.9551	Nala Bund
13	77.6775	9.9551	Nala Bund
14	77.6775	9.9551	Nala Bund
15	77.6775	9.9551	Nala Bund
16	77.6775	9.9551	Nala Bund
17	77.6775	9.9551	Nala Bund

5.3.1.2 Recharge shaft

About 17 Ponds/Tanks/Reservoirs has been selected for Revival, repair along with a construction of Recharge Shaft, a schematic diagram with dimension is given below.

5.3.1.3. Revival, repair of water bodies

The existing ponds and tanks in loose their storage capacity as well as the natural ground water recharge through these water bodies has also become negligible due to siltation and encroachment by farmers for agriculture purposes. There are several such villages where ponds/tanks are in dilapidated condition. These existing village tanks which are normally silted and damaged can be modified to serve as recharge structure in case these are suitably located to serve as percolation tanks. Through de-silting, coupled with providing proper surplus weir, the village tanks can be converted into recharge structure. Seventeen such tanks are available in the firka which can be modified for enhancing ground water recharge. Studies, however, are needed to ascertain whether the village tanks are suitably located to serve as recharge structures. The locations of about 17 existing ponds/tanks have been identified with latitude and longitude given below and marked on Plate 1.The above 17 tanks/ponds could be taken up for the renovation with recharge shaft.

Tentative location of proposed de-siltation of pond/tanks with recharge shaft in Uthappanaickanur firka

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S. No.	Longitude	Latitude	Structure	Action
1	77.8241	10.0476	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
2	77.7846	10.0418	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
3	77.7774	10.0390	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
4	77.7922	10.0365	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
5	77.8371	10.0292	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
6	77.8486	10.0197	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
7	77.8414	10.0136	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
8	77.8166	10.0080	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
9	77.8151	9.9927	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
10	77.7974	9.9887	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
11	77.7328	9.9751	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
12	77.6959	9.9616	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
13	77.7152	9.9518	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
14	77.7844	10.0421	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
15	77.7322	9.9752	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft
16	77.6963	9.9619	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft

17	77.8168	10.0075	Tank / Reservoir	De-siltation And Recharge Shaft

5.3.2 Water conservation measure

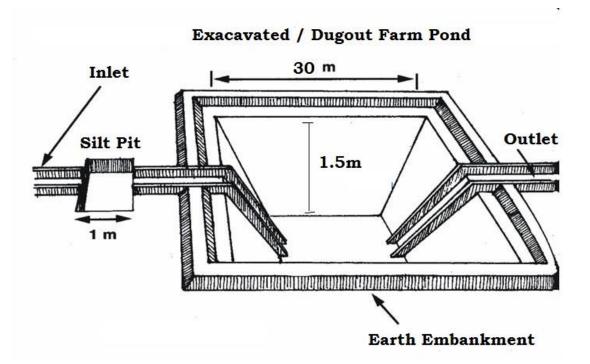
5.3.2.1 Farm Pond

A farm pond is a large dug out in the earth, usually square or rectangular in shape, which harvests rainwater and stores it for future use. It has an inlet to regulate inflow and an outlet to discharge excess water. The pond is surrounded by a small bund, which prevents erosion on the banks of the pond. The size and depth depend on the amount of land available, the type of soil, the farmer's water requirements, the cost of excavation, and the possible uses of the excavated earth. Water from the farm pond is conveyed to the fields manually, by pumping, or by both methods.

Advantages of Farm Ponds

- They provide water to start growing crops, without waiting for rain to fall.
- They provide irrigation water during dry spells between rainfalls. This increases the yield, the number of crops in one year, and the diversity of crops that can be grown.
- Bunds can be used to raise vegetables and fruit trees, thus supplying the farm household with an additional source of income and of nutritious food.
- Farmers are able to apply adequate farm inputs and perform farming operations at the appropriate time, thus increasing their productivity and their confidence in farming.
- They check soil erosion and minimize siltation of waterways and reservoirs.
- They supplies water for domestic purposes and livestock
- They promote fish rearing.
- They recharge the ground water.
- They improve drainage.
- The excavated earth has a very high value and can be used to enrich soil in the fields, levelling land, and constructing farm roads

As per the Landuse classification of the firka, about 58.43 Sq.km of the area is covered by the agricultural field. Hence it is proposed to construct 50 farm ponds as per the specification of AED, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.



5.3.2.2. Micro Irrigation System (Sprinkler/ drip/ HDPE pipes)

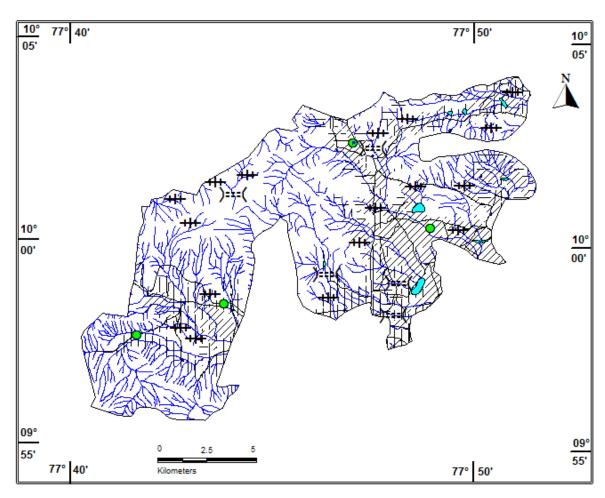
Micro irrigation is defined as the frequent application of small quantities of water directly above and below the soil surface; usually as discrete drops, continuous drops or tiny streams through emitters placed along a water delivery line

In flood/furrow irrigation method more than 50% of applied water is wasted through seepage to deeper level, localized inundation causes loss through evaporation and it leaches out the nutrients from the plant. While through drip & sprinkler irrigation wastage of irrigational water could be minimized. The studies on different crops, has revealed that irrigation water is saved drastically. The conveyance losses (mainly seepage & evaporation) can be saved up to 25 to 40% through utilization of HDPE pipes. Initially the scheme is proposed to be implemented in worst affected areas showing deepest water levels and significant declining trends.

It is proposed to take up micro irrigation system in 50 ha. The cost estimation for this component has been taken from SOR of Agricultural Engineering Department (AED), Govt. of Tamil Nadu. Tentative locations of proposed micro irrigation are shown in Plate 1.

PROPOSED ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE STRUCTURES

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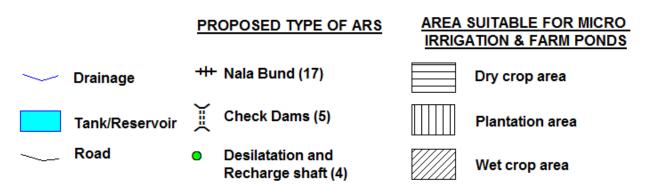


Plate 1. Location map showing the proposed AR Structures in Uthappanaickanur firka

6. Tentative Cost Estimation

A tentative number of feasible structures, its cost and expected annual groundwater recharge / water saving is given in the Table 7. The unit rates are as followed by the PWD, Govt. of Tamil Nadu (Sources: Schedule of rates, Govt. of Tamil Nadu 2015).

Table 7. Showing the Cost Estimation of proposed Artificial Recharge Structures

Feasible Artificial Recharge & Water Conservation structures/ activities	Tentative Design	Quantity (in nos. or area in sq. m)	Total volume (cu.m)	Tentative unit cost (in Rs lakh)	Total tentative cost (in Rs lakh)	Expected Annual GW recharge / Saving (cu.m)		
	Recharge Structures/ Activities							
Masonry Check dams (5 Fillings)	Crest- 10 -15 m; Height- 1 – 1.5 m	5	85000	9	45	68000		
Nala bunds/ Gabion (4 Fillings)	Width: 10 m	17	51000	2.0	34	40800		
Revival, repair of water bodies (3 Fillings)	(100mx100mx2.5m)	17		12.0	204			
Recharge shaft with the pond /tanks	Recharge shaft of 1.5 m dia. With 2m depth with filter media in lower 1 m Bore dia 10" Casing 6" Depth 30 m	17	1275000	2.0	34	1020000		
	V	Vater Conserv	vation Activities					
Farm Pond (in ha) (5 Fillings)	(30 m x 30m x 1.5 m)	50Units	60000	1	50	255000		
Sprinkler/ drip/ HDPE pipes for 300 ha select area	For 1 ha with 5 m interval HDPE pipe	50 ha 500000 0.6 /ha						
Subtotal - I					397	1733800		
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Subtotal - II								
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TENTATIVE TOTAL O	COST OF THE PROJECT				437.36			
Note:								

Note:

- > The type, number and cost of structure may vary according to site, after the ground truth verification
- ➤ CD, PC the storage of Check Dams and Percolation Ponds is also proposed for irrigating surrounding areas for enhancing groundwater recharge as well as effective utilization of the artificial recharge structures.

7. Implication modalities

The implementation of the scheme will be done by the line department of the state selected by the respective State authority. Further, it is to add that more than 50 % MGNREGA works related to water conservation/sustainable management, accordingly a convergence guideline has been made between National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) (Ministry of Rural Development) & Programmes of Water Resources (MoWR, RD & GR).

a.) Time schedule

Steps	1 st Quarter	2th Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	5 th Quarter	6 th Quarter	7 th Quarter	8 th Quarter
❖ Identification of line department /implementing								
agency and preparation of DPR								
Approval of scheme and release of sanction of funds								
Implementation of ARS								

Phase = one quarter or 3 months or equivalent to financial quarter

b.) Operation and maintenance

In all projects Impact assessment has to be carried out to ensure that projects is economically viable, socially equitable and environmentally sustainable by inter-related socio-economic, cultural and human-health impacts, both beneficial and adverse. Accordingly it is proposed to have impact assessment at rate of 5 % of the total cost of the project for 5 years from the completion of artificial recharge.