

VIRGINIA POND MANAGEMENT RESOURCES



[Virginia Private Pond Management Guide \(DWR\)](#)

- Site selection and construction tips
- Aquatic plant management advice
- Fish stocking recommendations
- Legal considerations for pond owners
- Information on private consultants

[Piedmont Environmental Council Pond Management](#)

- Resources for controlling aquatic vegetation
- Tips for managing recreational fishing
- Guidance on restoring and maintaining riparian buffers

[Planning, Designing, and Constructing a Pond \(NRCS\)](#)

- Step-by-step planning and design instructions
- Site assessment and selection details
- Best practices for long-term pond success

[Fish Pond Management Guide \(NRCS\)](#)

- Purpose and benefits of managing a fish pond
- Licenses and permits required
- Cost considerations
- Installation and leasing options

[List of Private Pond Management Consultants \(DWR\)](#)

- Services such as fish population assessments, water quality analysis, and restoration
- Contact info and service descriptions for consultants in Virginia

[Find Your Local Cooperative Extension](#)

- Contact numbers for local extension offices
- Direct access to conservation specialists
- Opportunities for site visits and personalized advice

[Plantings for the Piedmont](#)

- Applications for material, labor and financial assistance in planting a riparian buffer
- Connect with cost-share programs
- Read other landowners' success stories!

[James River Buffer Program](#)

- Guidance on native riparian plant species suitable for a pond buffer
- Management options for non-native invasive plant species
- Resources for riparian buffer design and maintenance

[Virginia Native Plant Guides](#)

- Regional native plant guides, including information for Central Rappahannock, Northern Virginia, Shenandoah, and more

[Throwing Shade Virginia Program](#)

- Provides a list of participating Virginia nurseries that offer discounts to buyers purchasing eligible native trees and shrubs

[Planting to Attract Songbirds and Hummingbirds](#)

- Recommendations on native plants that may attract birds to your pond

Still Have Questions? If you need personalized guidance or have specific concerns, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office. Their conservation specialists offer free support, on-site visits, and can walk you through planning, permitting, and financial assistance options.