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To request assistance from Shoreline Evaluation Program volunteers, call (804) 462-5780 or email: ShorelineNNMG@gmail.com

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What can I do for my shoreline?

- Leave an un-mowed strip along the shore. (Who knew it could be that easy!)
- Purchase and properly install a rain barrel.
- Plant deep-rooted native plants along your shoreline.
- Clean up debris accumulating along your shoreline and in marsh grasses.
- Get a soil test and limit your fertilizer applications.
- Call a certified arborist to evaluate suspect trees.

Check Your Shore Score:

- Has your shoreline noticeably changed in recent years?
- If you have marsh along your shoreline, is it disappearing?
- □ Has part of your bank collapsed?
- Are trees on your bank or along your shoreline leaning or falling into the water?
- Have your neighbors recently installed a bulkhead or rip-rap?
- Does your bank have areas of exposed soil?

If you checked one or more of these boxes, call us at (804) 462-5780 or email <u>ShorelineNNMG@gmail.com</u>.





What is a Shoreline Evaluation Program Assessment?

Our Volunteers will:

- Conduct an on-site evaluation of upland and shoreline property.
- Analyze site specific situation and provide a comprehensive written report with recommendations.
- Provide the property owner with a copy of the *Homeowner's Guide to Shoreline Management*.
- Collect a soil sample and provide a Nutrient Management Plan from the Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District.

Volunteers use tools developed by the College of William and Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and the Center for Coastal Resources Management (CCRM).