



# Northern Neck Master Gardeners Shoreline Evaluation Program Registration



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Shoreline Evaluation Program  
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Reduction of sediment pollution from residential properties is one of the major challenges facing the restoration of Chesapeake Bay. The Shoreline Evaluation Program (SEP) was established to help address this challenge. The program is designed to help waterfront homeowners improve the protection of their property in ways that also reduce sediment runoff into their nearshore waters. Using science-based guidance from the Virginia Institute for Marine Science and the Virginia Cooperative Extension, SEP volunteers provide an on-site evaluation of property protection from both seawater and stormwater. Following the site visit, SEP prepares an emailed, written report with specific integrated shoreline protection recommendations. Included with the report is a password for online access to the SEP *Homeowners Guide to Shoreline Management* that contains extensive shoreline protection and landscape information.

To request an evaluation, please complete this form and the questionnaire and mail both to the Northern Neck Master Gardeners (NNMG) at the address in the header above, together with a check for **\$75 made payable to NNMG. Only applications for properties within the NNMG service area (Westmoreland, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, and Essex Counties) can be accepted.** The fee covers the costs of the evaluation site visit and materials. Any excess is used in the SEP educational and communications programs.

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Your contact information and preferred mailing address:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call to schedule an evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you agree to a follow-up visit during the 12-24 months after the evaluation so that we may obtain your feedback and determine whether the report and the recommendations were of value to you.

Please check if you want to receive emails about other Extension Master Gardener programs and activities.

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### Office Use Only:

Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Master Gardeners SEP Team: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations provided: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)



# Northern Neck Master Gardeners Shoreline Evaluation Program Questionnaire



Please complete this questionnaire **as best as you can** and return it to the Northern Neck Master Gardeners with the Registration form and your payment. Do not worry if you do not have all the information. Please try to give us as much accurate information about your property as possible.

**If possible, please attach photographs that illustrate your concerns.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property to be evaluated:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County (check one):  Westmoreland  Lancaster  Northumberland  Richmond  Essex

Body of water: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a part time home? No  Yes

Length of property ownership? \_\_\_\_\_ years. Size of property? \_\_\_\_\_ acres

How far is your house from the mean high-tide line? \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Briefly describe your shoreline concerns:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Shoreline Questions:

Has your shoreline noticeably receded during the past two years? No  Yes

Is your shoreline vulnerable to storms? No  Yes

Do you have frequent, seasonal boat traffic? No  Yes

What is your shoreline measurement in feet? \_\_\_\_\_

Which direction does your shoreline face (check all that apply): N  S  E  W

Please list the type of vegetation present on your shoreline.

- |  |  |                                 |
|--|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> mature canopy trees     | <input type="checkbox"/> mid-story trees | <input type="checkbox"/> shrubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ground covers           | <input type="checkbox"/> marsh grass     | <input type="checkbox"/> turf   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other (please describe) |  |                                 |

Have you or previous owners implemented remedies for problems on your shoreline? (Check all that apply and indicate whether or not they are still serviceable.)

Description	Still Serviceable Y/N
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Bulkhead: (a sea wall designed to prevent overtopping, flooding, or sliding of the land)	_____
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Riprap	_____
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Groins/jetties	_____
D. <input type="checkbox"/> Marsh toe or sill/stabilization	_____

Do your neighbors have any of the above? (please check all that apply)

Neighbor to the right when facing the water. A  B  C  D

Neighbor to the left when facing the water. A  B  C  D

**Bank Conditions:**

Is the height of your bank uniform? No  Yes  If yes: Height \_\_\_\_\_ feet

If not uniform, what is the highest measurement \_\_\_\_\_, the lowest \_\_\_\_\_

**Upland Conditions:**

Does your land slope down to the bank/shoreline? No  Yes

Do you have gullies or channels that run down to the shoreline? No  Yes

Are there gutters on your house or on other structures? No  Yes

If yes, do they empty into or onto:

splash blocks                       rain barrels

dry well/s                               none of the above

What percentage of your property is lawn (make a guess)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the ultimate goal for your shoreline? (check all that apply)

A. Shoreline protection                       B. Shoreline restoration

C. Storm water management                       D. Habitat development or enhancement

E. Improved water quality                       F. Other \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this program? \_\_\_\_\_

What outcomes are you expecting from a visit from the Master Gardeners? \_\_\_\_\_

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