



Important Information About Your Property

Your property has a Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area (RPA)!

Resource Protection Areas (RPAs) are legally protected natural buffers next to waterways



What an RPA Does

- Keeps streams and lakes healthy
- Keeps shorelines stable
- Filters stormwater runoff
- Provides a place for flooding to occur
- Provides noise reduction
- Improves air quality
- Provides a habitat for many birds and animals

How You Can Help

- Contact the Department of Public Utilities prior to performing any type of clearing, tree removal, construction or general woodlot management.
- Do not dump leaves, grass or other yard waste into natural areas.
- Do not apply pesticides or fertilizers.
- Use native plants to support a healthy ecosystem.
- Convert lawn areas into native woodlands and forests.
- Use rain barrels, rain gardens and dry channels to reduce runoff.
- Pick up after your pet. Pet waste is not fertilizer.
- For more information or to report a violation, please call 804-646-7586.

Fun Facts

- Richmond's small streams feed into the James River and then the Chesapeake Bay.
- Our water impacts the health of millions of fish, birds, mammals and the plants they eat.
- Keeping natural vegetated buffers around our streams helps filter runoff, provides space for flooding and protects natural resources.
- Any type of clearing within the RPA buffer requires approval from the City, including limbing of trees, tree removal, docks, steps, pathways and structures.



Check the RPA Boundary on Your Property

- Use this website: go.rva.gov/cbpa OR
- Scan the QR Code to find the limit of the RPA on your property.

