Important information for —

OWNERS of TIDAL SHORELINE PROPERTY

You have a vital responsibility to protect one of the county's greatest resources.

Waterfront property owners are uniquely positioned to have a positive influence on protection of the Potomac River, its tidal tributaries and its wetlands.

Many activities that homeowners typically undertake on their shoreline property affect the integrity of our water resources and water quality; for that reason, there are laws that govern land management activities.

The following are examples of land disturbing activities and construction projects near the water that require permits:

- Shoreline stabilization to protect property from erosion, see photo ❸ on the reverse;
- Removal of protected wetlands plants in areas which experience the daily ebb and flow of the tides, see photo ❺ on the reverse;
- Landscaping, filling and lot maintenance activities at the water's edge in areas which experience the daily ebb and flow of the tides, see photos ❺ & ❻ on the reverse;
- Building bridges or other structures and filling in low lying areas with soil, see photo ❻ on the reverse.

Failure to obtain necessary permits may result in fines and restoration orders.

For more information about preferred stabilization approaches on your shoreline and to determine what permits may be required for your project, call us at 703-324-1380, TTY 711 or view these two websites . . .

Fairfax County's Website for Waterfront Property Owners: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/environment/wetlands/

Virginia Institute of Marine Science Website: http://ccrm.vims.edu/ccrmp/fairfax/

To request this information in an alternate format, call the Fairfax County Department of Planning & Zoning, (703) 324-1380, TTY 711.

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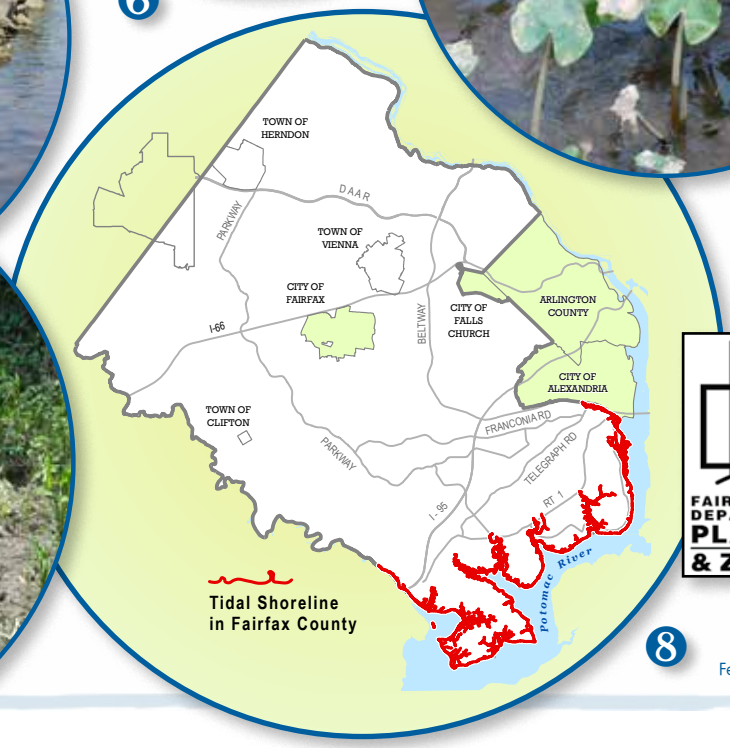
Features of

Fairfax County's Tidal Shoreline

1) View south on the Potomac River toward Mason Neck; pier requires a building permit.
2) View of Dyke Marsh at low tide; protected tidal wetland.
3) Riprap revetment, Potomac River, permits required.
4) Tidal wetland plant community, protected by county ordinance.
5) Unpermitted tidal wetland plant removal; violation.
6) Unpermitted landscape features in tidal wetland; violation.
7) Pickerelweed, tidal mud flats, protected by county ordinance.
8) Location of Fairfax County's tidal shoreline.



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