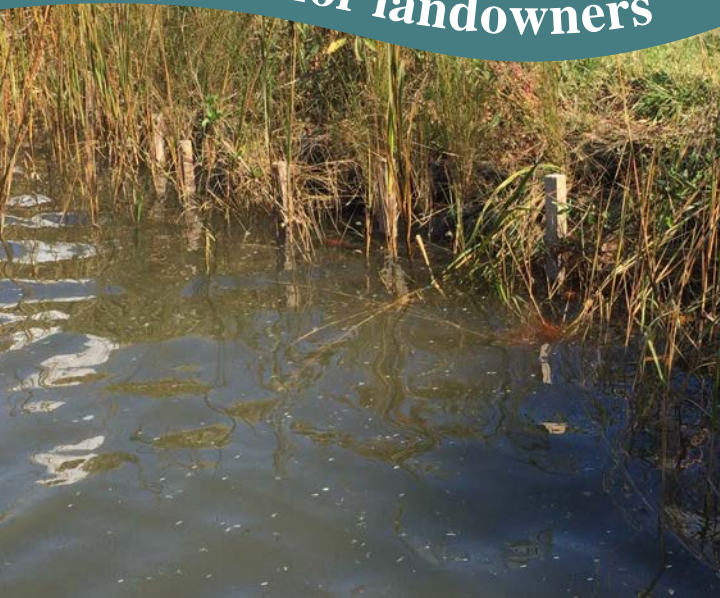


Living Shoreline Group 1 General Permit

a guide for landowners



Shoreline erosion issues are a growing concern for landowners due to increased storm surges, sea level rise and recreational uses. Living shorelines are an effective best management practice for managing erosion issues and protecting and restoring shorelines. They also create high value habitat for fish, oysters, crabs and other aquatic life. Some living shorelines are now eligible for a free, expedited Group 1 General Permit for landowners and contractors.

Group 1 General Permit Requirements:

Non-constructed living shoreline

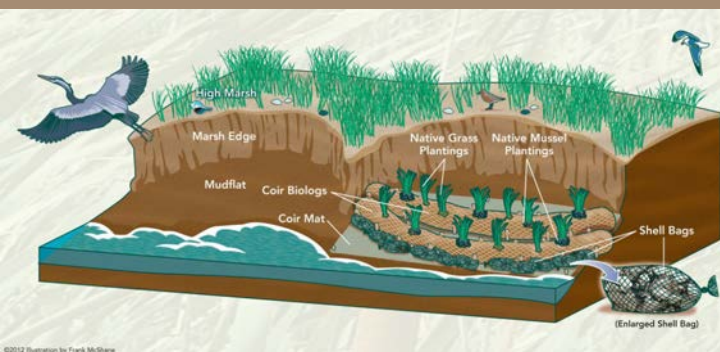
• Permitted structures include:

- Beach nourishment
- Fiber logs
- Fiber mats
- Oyster shell bags
- Temporary grazing protection
- Oysters or ribbed mussels

Building landward of mean low water

Permit Process

- Complete the Joint Permit Application or special abbreviated application and return to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) and local Wetlands Board
 - Include any supplemental information necessary and/or specific to the project for VMRC or local Wetlands Board
- VMRC and the Local Wetlands Board will review the application concurrently* and must agree that the application is:
 - Sufficiently complete
 - Satisfies general permit criteria
 - General permit process is applicable to the project
- If the application is not approved:
 - Provide additional information
 - Review under another wetlands zoning ordinance



For the Application and Additional Information:

Northern Neck Planning District Commission

northernneck.us

Friends of the Rappahannock

riverfriends.org/livingshorelines

Virginia Marine Resources Commission

mrc.virginia.gov

Local Wetlands Boards

riverfriends.org/wetlandboards



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* If the local Wetlands Board does not meet within 21 days of the application filing VMRC can issue the permit alone.