

This is the first in a series of publications that have been developed as a cooperative educational program to assist you and your neighbors in keeping our lake, the Rivanna River and the Chesapeake Bay healthy, both now and for years to come.

Our thanks to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Chesapeake Bay Program and the US Environmental Protection Agency for their support through the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program.

Thanks also to you, the members of the Lake Monticello Owners' Association. The Lake Health Program is an example of your dues at work for our community.



To learn more about improving and maintaining lake health, contact:

Chesapeake Bay Program – www.chesapeakebay.net

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation – www.nfwf.org

Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, Fluvanna Office -- (434) 591-1950; www.ext.vt.edu

Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation -- www.dcr.state.va

Your Yard and Water Quality: Simple Things Gardeners Can Do to Prevent Water Contamination -- <http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu.CEPublications>

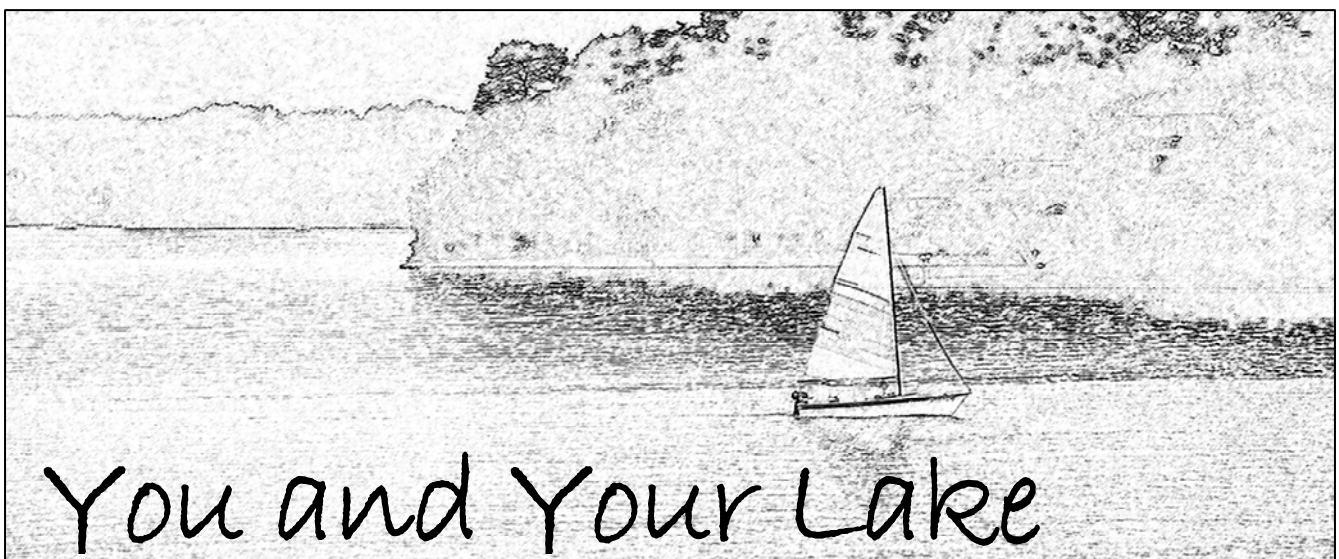
Lake Monticello lake-related reports online -- www.lmoa.org/library.htm

For information about this educational program and how you can help, contact the

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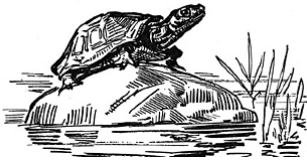
**Your lake is the community's biggest asset.
It will pay valuable dividends if we take care of it.**

What you do on your Lake Monticello property affects:

- ▶ Your lake
- ▶ The streams that feed the lake
- ▶ The Rivanna and James Rivers
- ▶ The Chesapeake Bay



Your lake offers so much:



- ▶ Lake Monticello's identity
- ▶ Enhanced property values for every home
- ▶ A healthy environment for family fun
- ▶ Recreation, such as fishing and boating
- ▶ Swimming and relaxing at five beaches
- ▶ A natural habitat for wildlife
- ▶ The community's scenic beauty

It's your lake – please take it personally!

- ▶ Avoid using excess fertilizer, which causes algae growth in the lake.
- ▶ Keep leaves and other organic matter out of ditches, streams and the lake. They become sediment, which chokes the lake.
- ▶ Use non-toxic household products and safe pest control methods. Many chemicals threaten the health of the lake and its wildlife.
- ▶ Use water wisely to limit runoff when tending your yard.
- ▶ Control erosion by maintaining stream beds and creating buffer zones of grasses, shrubs and other live barriers along streams, ditches, ponds and lake.

Watch for future educational programs and publications on how you can help protect your lake.