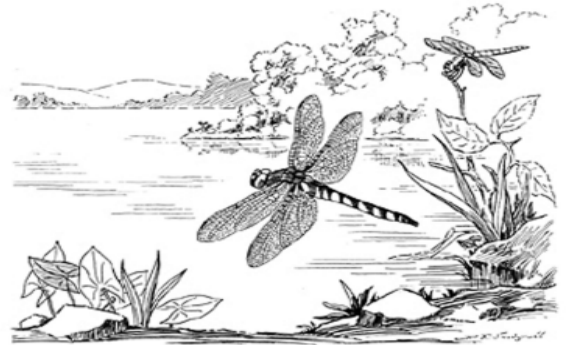


This is the first in a series of publications that have been developed as a cooperative educational program to assist you and your neighbors in keeping our lake, the Rivanna River and the Chesapeake Bay healthy, now and for years to come.

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To learn more about improving and maintaining lake health, please see the following websites:

Chesapeake Bay Program – [www.chesapeakebay.net](http://www.chesapeakebay.net)

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation – [www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)

Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, Fluvanna Office — (434) 591-1950; [www.ext.vt.edu](http://www.ext.vt.edu)

Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation — [www.dcr.state.va](http://www.dcr.state.va)

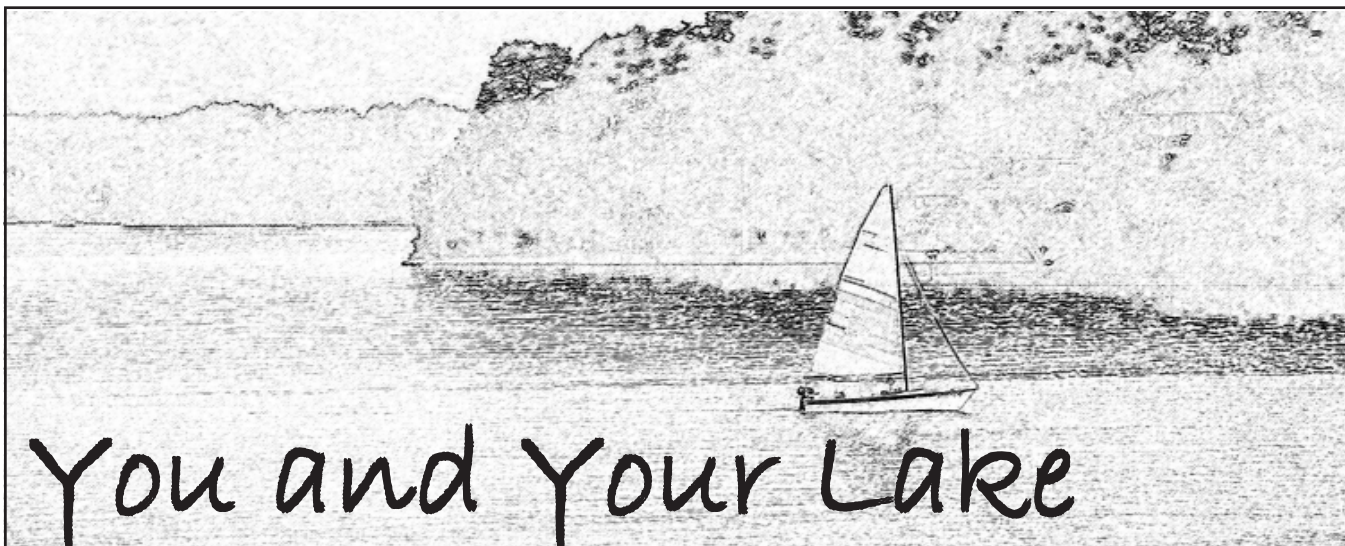
Lake Monticello lake-related reports online — [www.lmoa.org](http://www.lmoa.org) under Library

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

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Lake Health Publication #1

**Your lake is the community's greatest asset.  
It will pay valuable dividends if you 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:**

- Your community'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.

*Also see Lake Health Education publications #2 through #6 to help you protect your lake.*