

Want to be a PEARL HOME?

Every person and every home can make a difference

Free to all Virginia Beach residents

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Phone Number _____

Neighborhood/Community Association _____

School Affiliation _____

Please submit your application by dropping it off or mailing it to our office (Brock Environmental Center, 3663 Marlin Bay Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23455), or emailing Office@LRNow.org.

Staff Only:

Flag/Magnet _____ Date/Event _____



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LYNNHAVEN RIVER NOW PEARL HOME condominiums, apartments & townhomes

So much of the progress we have made in restoring our waterways is a result of the great work our residents are doing to change their practices and adopt more sustainable behaviors. These PEARL HOMES are all over Virginia Beach. PEARL HOMES are places where people care about our community and our environment and want to do what they can to live responsibly and help protect our resources.

Our daily habits and decisions make a difference. Whether you have installed a rain garden or rain barrel, made a pledge to "scoop the poop" or switched to a reusable water bottle and reusable grocery bags, you are helping to bring our waterways back to life, and we would like to recognize your efforts.

It takes a community to restore and protect our waterways. We know how fortunate we are to live in this beautiful place. Water is a large part of our daily enjoyment, our recreation, our local food and our livelihoods. We all want to do our part to restore the health of all of our waterways and protect them for future generations to enjoy.

Virginia Beach residents, please fill out this application to become a PEARL HOME and help us show the community the great work you are doing.



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CHECK OFF THE THINGS YOU ARE DOING THAT ARE
MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

If you are a Virginia Beach resident and can check off 10 of these actions, then you qualify as a PEARL HOME. To thank you we would like to present you with a Pearl flag or decorative magnet to proudly display.

- Became a member of Lynnhaven River NOW and help support our work
- Pledge to "Scoop the Poop"
- Volunteer with LRNow (river cleanups, Fall Festival, office help etc.)
- Installed Lynnhaven River storm drain markers
- Display an LRNow Clean Boating sticker on my boat
- Serve on one of LRNow's committees
- Attended an LRNow presentation at my Civic League, Garden Club, Rotary or other civic organization
- Participated in an LRNow workshop or program
- Does not feed ducks and geese
- When outdoors pick up litter and dispose of properly
- Pump out the holding tank on my boat
- Switched to marine approved cleaning products for my boat
- Properly dispose of cigarette butts
- Encouraged HOA to remove invasive plants and plant natives instead
- Do not release balloons into the environment, dispose of properly
- Switched from bottled water to a reusable bottle that I refill
- Buy locally made, organic food and products
- Join a Community Supported Agriculture Program
- Consistently use reusable grocery bags
- Drove fewer miles, consciously eliminating unnecessary trips, use public transportation or a bicycle
- Drive a more fuel efficient vehicle
- Consistently recycle or reuse
- Installed a programmable thermostat
- Purchased Energy Star appliances
- Installed low-flow faucets and/or toilets
- Installed energy efficient windows
- Increased insulation inside home
- Installed a new heating/air conditioning system
- Dispose of hazardous waste properly (batteries, paint, etc.)
- Recycle used electronic devices
- Communicated with one of my elected officials about an environmental issue
- Keep a grease can in my kitchen, rather than down the disposal
- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use
- Compost kitchen waste
- Open the blinds to help with heating in the winter, close blinds in the summer to keep cool
- Use non-toxic, environmentally safe, biodegradable cleaning products
- Grow house plants to improve indoor air quality
- Turn off the water in the bathroom sink when brushing your teeth
- Take short showers to conserve water
- Installed a low flow shower head
- Replaced bathroom tissues with 100% recyclable rolls
- Only run full loads in the dishwasher and the laundry machine
- Unplug electronics when not in use
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent and/or LED bulbs