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## Highlights of 2021

6,020 active Pearl Homes, 18 Pearl Faith Communities, 28 Pearl Businesses, and 103 Pearl Schools

Sustainable Yard Program did 357 site visits and installed 217 best management practices on homeowner properties in the past four years.

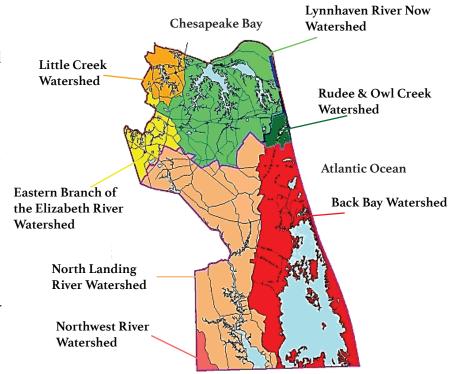
47 shoreline consultations 354 linear feet of living shoreline restored.

Over \$1 M in grant funding for three phases of oyster restoration in the Lynnhaven River.

750 trees planted in the Ocean Lakes neighborhood.

A net gain of 6,000 square feet of wetlands at one Wetlands Board hearing. Way to go!

Balloon Release Ban passed by General Assembly.



Over 6 tons, 12,000 pounds, of marine debris removed.

Over 1,000 communications to our supporters.

New webinars on native plants, dunes, tree restoration, plastics and more.

#### Dear Members and Friends,

In 2002, with the degradation of the Lynnhaven River apparent and documented in a feature edition of the Virginian Pilot, three friends, Andrew Fine, Harry Lester, and Bob Stanton, made the decision to try to do something to restore the river and bring back the Lynnhaven Oyster. It was their commitment and vision that was the beginning of Lynnhaven River 2007. They brought together concerned citizens, city leaders, and experts in many fields to build a program to restore the river.

The initial goal was to reduce bacteria levels and open some part of the river to safe oyster harvest again by 2007. That goal was reached and at our Oyster Roast in April 2007, we ate oysters from the Lynnhaven River for the first time in decades. Today, almost half of the Lynnhaven meets the rigorous water quality standard for oyster harvest and is still the only urban waterway in the state open to shellfish farming.

By 2007, it was clear that our work was just beginning. Our name was changed to Lynnhaven River NOW and we broadened our goals and programs. Our first Pearl programs started in 2007 and now form the core of our education and outreach efforts. Today, over a hundred schools participate in our Pearl School program and over 6,000 families are Pearl Homes.

It also soon became evident that what worked in the Lynnhaven could benefit all of our waterways and our work expanded to encompass the entire city with our many and varied waterways and natural areas. Today, we work with citizens and neighborhoods throughout the city to restore native plants and trees, to protect natural areas, to reduce marine debris and improve water quality, and to prepare for the challenges of sea level rise and increased flooding.

No one would say that the past two years have been easy, but we have adapted and continued to expand our work and grow our programs. Our staff and volunteers have been flexible and shown tremendous commitment to our goals, to our city, and to our shared vision.

This year, we celebrate our 20th Anniversary! And there is so much to celebrate. We have come a long way in the past twenty years from three people's vision to a vibrant organization working every day to make our city a better place for us and for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for everything that you do to support this important and successful work.

Karen W. Forget

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## **Pearl Neighborhoods**

Congratulations to the following neighborhoods who have achieved this status:

Pine Ridge
Atlantic Shores Retirement Community
Lynnhaven Dunes Condominiums
Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay
Baylake Assisted Living

If 30% of the homes in a neighborhood become Pearl Homes, and the neighborhood takes on a neighborhood wide project and a neighborhood education program, they qualify as a Pearl Neighborhood.



#### **Pearl Homes**

Our first families joined this program in 2011 and in ten years, we have surpassed 6,020 amazing families dedicated to continuing to learn more all the time about what they can do to reduce their energy consumption, reduce their waste and use of plastics, as well as reducing their stormwater runoff and protecting our natural resources. Pearl Home families are planting trees, building rain gardens, and installing rain barrels.

Covid reduced the number of outreach opportunities, but we adapted, and you responded. Through social media, civic league newsletters, zoom meetings, and popup neighborhood events, in 2020 and 2021, we added almost 1,000 new families to the Pearl Home program.





#### **Pearl Businesses**

One of our Pearl Businesses wanted to stop using styrofoam carry out containers, but cardboard and compostable items were more expensive. He added a small charge for carry out containers to cover the extra cost and received nothing but praise from his customers. They were happy to pay a few cents and avoid styrofoam containers. This is just one example of the great ways that businesses are discovering how to make their practices more environmentally friendly.

Our Pearl Businesses are all finding that improvements to landscaping that add native plants and reduce storm water runoff or adding rain barrels or installing new energy saving technology are helping their businesses be more profitable while also helping reduce waste, control flooding, and protect our natural resources.

And their customers are noticing!







#### **Congratulations to Our Pearl Businesses**

1701 Virginia Beach Coworking

Runnymede Corporation

ABC Contracting Cavalier Golf & Yacht Club

State Farm - Pierre Granger

Port & Starboard

Croc's 19th Street Bistro

**Doc Taylors** 

Dough Boys

Eco Maniac

EquiKids and Equivets

Fathom Coffee

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The Nature Bus

The Pearl at Marina Shores

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Westminster Canterbury at Chesapeake Bay

Wetlands Studies and Solutions

Chesapeake Bay Distillery

WPL Site Design

Matt Abbott State Farm Insurance

First Landing Financial

VA Beach Surf and Rescue Museum

The Pink Dinghy

Pender and Coward

## **SOS** Restaurants

The restaurants below collected over 5,000 bushels of shells in 2021 for our SOS program. All of the shell is reused to build oyster reefs in Virginia Beach. It takes about 9,000 bushels of shell to build an acre of reef. We built the Mary Louise Crutsinger Gayle reef in 2021 with SOS shell and are planning a project in Linkhorn Bay in 2023.

Please thank these restaurants for their extraordinary efforts:

I608 Crafthouse
Abbey Road Restaurant
Captain George's Seafood Restaurant
CP Shuckers (Oceanfront)
CP Shuckers (Bayside)
Virginia Beach Dockside Seafood & Fishing Center
Lucky Oyster
Ocean Eddie's Seafood Restaurant
Rockafeller's Restaurant
Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel
Steinhilber's Restaurant
Tautog's
The Atlantic on Pacific
Simple Eats Restaurant

You can help out too, by dropping your shells off at one of these locations when you enjoy oysters at home or organize an event.

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center
(East Parking Lot)
Brock Environmental Center (By the Street)
Welton's Seafood Market on Laskin Road

Please make arrangements with us ahead of a community event and we are happy to provide containers for the shells and pick them up after your event.

## **Oyster Restoration**

Oyster restoration has been a part of our work at LRNow since 2002 and continued to be a focus over the past two years.

Oysters are a keystone species in our marine ecosystems and critically important in a variety of ways. They clean the water, removing sediments that affect clarity and underwater vegetation, and they build reefs that provide habitat for many other species. Fishermen love oyster reefs because that is where the fish hang out.

We have a goal of 152 acres of sanctuary oyster reef in the Lynnhaven River. That has been determined to be the threshold needed to sustain our native oyster population. We are on our way to reaching that goal. In 2021 and into 2022, we will be building 25 more acres of sanctuary oyster reef in the Lynnhaven River.

All of the projects pictured here were completed in 2021.



Enthusiastic and hard working volunteers repairing the Laila Reef on Broad Bay Island



Dedicating the Mary Louise Crutsinger Gayle shell reef in the Eastern Branch of the Lynnhaven



We collected almost 9,000 bushels of shells in 2020 and 2021! Enough to build an acre of reef.



The Laramee Oyster Castle Shoreline Reef



Building the Mary Louise Crutsinger Gayle reef

## **Advocacy**

Working with our elected officials and our community leaders on good environmental policy has been a priority for LRNow from the beginning and remains a priority today.

Everything we work on in public policy is tied to our other work. For example, we have dedicated volunteers who hold cleanups every month. Last year, we removed over six tons, 12,000 pounds of debris, from our waterways and wetlands in one year. But we would be doing only part of the work if we were not working to prevent this trash from getting into our waterways.

Through our advocacy, we have eliminated balloon releases, supported a ban on polystyrene food containers, and worked to get authority to charge a fee for plastic bags. You will be hearing more about that in 2022. And we continue to work to reduce single use plastics through our Pearl Programs and our trash free events.

To help protect our area against sea level rise, we not only advocate for tree protection legislation, but we also have planted 750 trees in low lying areas of Virginia Beach and have produced tree care and education webinars.

At the federal level, we continue to work to secure permanent protections against offshore drilling.

And we are working at the state level to protect the programs and the funding sources that help us to prepare our homes, businesses, and neighborhoods for sea level rise and increased flooding risks. Every fall we give you an opportunity to ask our candidates your questions related to our important environmental issues. Watch for our City Council candidate forums in fall 2022.











#### Our Pearl Schools Won Three Awards

Our Pearl School programs are being recognized far and wide for their excellence.

International Green Apple Day of Service Award In March of 2020, The Garbage to Glam project with First Colonial School received the International Green Apple Day of Service Award (in the Creative Approach category) from the US Green Building Council. This award recognizes outstanding K-I2 sustainability service projects and leaders from around the world.

#### Model Partnership Award

In March 2021, LRNow was awarded one of eight Model Partnerships. This award, given by the VB-CPS Family and Community Engagement Office, applauds LRNow's dedication to excellence in their partnership with First Colonial High School, both the Green Club and the Theater department.

#### National Green Difference Award

In April 2021, LRNow received the Project Green Schools National Green Difference Award for the Growing Wetlands in the Classroom Program.



#### **Pearl Schools**

Pearl Schools are vibrant learning environments where students and teachers are immersed in good environmental education and outdoor learning experiences. During the 2020-2021 school year, 103 schools in Virginia Beach received the Pearl School Award.

The past two years have been challenging for our students, families, and teachers. We have adjusted our programs during this time to assist teachers and families with things that would be easy to implement. Our preschool programs were turned into take home kits and we offered virtual lessons for classes.

During this time, we also explored new partnerships with Faith Communities and Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation to bring outdoor programs to children and families.







## Cleanups and Citizen Science

So much good work is being accomplished by our incredible volunteers as Spat Catchers, Water Quality Monitors and our intrepid cleanup volunteers.



#### Cleanups

Even with covid restrictions, in 2021, our volunteers did 68 cleanups and removed over 12, 000 lbs, 6 tons, of debris. In all weather, they are working hard to keep our waterways and wetlands free of trash.

#### **Spat Catchers**

Spat Catchers support our oyster restoration work in two ways. First, they collect baby oysters on the substrate in their cages that can be placed on sanctuary reefs. And second, they help us test various types of substrate to determine which are most effective. We hope to double this program in 2022.



#### Water Quality Monitoring

Our water quality monitors are out every month collecting samples that provide us with valuable data on a wide range of pollutants. In 2021, they collected 222 samples. We look forward to expanding this program in 2022.

### **Pearl Faith Communities**

Despite the challenges of covid, these faith communities continued to move forward with land-scaping, solar, and rain barrel projects last year. We applaud you!

All Saints' Episcopal Church Baylake United Methodist Church Bayside Christian Church Chalice Christian Church Church of the Holy Family Community United Methodist Church Coastal Virginia Unitarian Universalists **Eastern Shore Chapel** First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Grace Bible Church Kings Grant Presbyterian Church Lynnhaven Colony Congregation Nimmo United Methodist Church Ohef Sholom Temple Old Donation Episcopal Church St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Thalia United Methodist Church



## Nature Notes by Mary Reid Barrow LRNow has plenty to celebrate in its 20th anniversary year!

I first met a Lynnhaven oyster when I was a little girl in Richmond and my grandfather led the men in the family in his traditional back-porch holiday-shucking-and- eating feast.

My grandfather, Richard Burroughs, moved from the area to Richmond as an adult but my Great Uncle Ben Burroughs still lived on the Lynnhaven River. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas, Uncle Ben and his wife would visit the family in Richmond. But I'm not sure grandpa would have let either of them in the house, had they not had their customary bushel of Lynnhaven oysters in hand.

While my grandmother, mother and aunts scurried around the kitchen tending to the turkey, the men were drinking whiskey neat and slurping raw oysters on the porch. All of us cousins would chase each other around outside and occasionally stop to check in on the oyster orgy.

Once, I saw my grandfather pop a live oyster crab in his mouth and I vowed I would never, ever, eat an oyster.

How things have change.

Moving to Virginia Beach as a grownup, I became aware early on of the Lynnhaven oyster's reputation and how kings, queens, Diamond Jim Brady and more fancied them as delicacies.

When I began working for the Virginian-Pilot, I often wrote about the city's history, its environment and its delicious produce and seafood. Oysterman, Capt. Irvin Evans, who passed away in the 1990s, represented the best of all three and I interviewed him many times. You could see his beautiful inter-tidal oyster beds on the Eastern Branch of the Lynnhaven when they were exposed at low tide.

He once told me that the difference between any oyster and a Lynnhaven oyster was like the difference between chalk and cheese. Sweet Lynnhavens also had a salty tang from the nearby ocean, he said.

Sadly, many of our conversations where about how Virginia Beach had grown and how the Lynnhaven was becoming too polluted for oysters and that many were dying off from disease. By the late 1980s, the river was closed to commercial shell fishing and Capt. Evans retired.

As a farewell gift of sorts before he retired, Capt. Evans shucked a quart of Lynnhavens for me and I shared them with Andy and Barbara Fine.



I like to think that night of fine eating and reminiscing might have been one of the sparks that spurred Andy on to become one of the founders of Lynnhaven River Now. I know that Capt. Evans would have liked that thought too.

In the decade that followed, the City of Virginia Beach, citizens, environmental agencies and organizations began to understand how badly the river had deteriorated and began efforts to restore it.

Capt. Evans' beautiful oyster beds became a sanctuary reef where the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation grew oysters to help clean the river and seed other reefs around Virginia. Andy and two good friends, Harry Lester and Bob Stanton, put their heads together and in 2002 created a group, bringing everyone together. They called it Lynnhaven River 2007 to focus on eating an oyster from the river in 2007. At that point only I percent of the river was safe for edible oysters.

I was lucky enough to be included in the planning along with an amazing group of interested individuals and representatives from the city, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and other environmental groups.

I remember breakfast meetings at Dockside to plan our strategy. We had a tiny office that Andy gave us at Runnymede. Barry Frankenfield with the city was our first part-time director followed by Laurie Sorabella and then Karen Forget who continues today as our fulltime director.

The city began working to get river residents off septic tanks and onto city sewer lines. We began education efforts. We learned that up to 30 percent of the bacteria in the river could be from dog waste which was washed by rain into storm drains and into the river from all over the northern part of the city We created a scoop the poop campaign to educate residents about cleaning up after their dogs. And we created our first Pearl program, Pearl Schools.

In 2007 we were able to establish the river as a No Discharge Zone for boats, the first tidal river in Virginia to have that designation! That same year at our oyster roast, amid cheers and toasts, Rob Brumbaugh from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation ate an oyster from the Lynnhaven!

Then there was no stopping us. We renamed ourselves Lynnhaven River NOW with "now" stressed in all capitals. The rest is more recent history. Program after program, from regular river cleanups to Pearl homes, and faith groups were established. Oyster reefs and buffer gardens were built. Oyster farms and business were established. And now we also are taking many of these programs to all the waterways in Virginia Beach.

This year, we are celebrating our 20th anniversary and about 50 percent of the river is open to shell fishing. And these days, I am the one taking a cooler full of oysters every Thanksgiving and Christmas to my family in Charlottesville.

#### **Communications**

We are sharing one of the recent Nature Notes blogs with you here and hope that you will enjoy it and go to our website and subscribe today so a new blog can come to your email each weekend.

During the past two years, we have sent out more than I,000 messages on our various platforms. And 5,000 of you are receiving our electronic newsletters. During the past two years, we have also created an LRNow You Tube Channel where you can find a variety of interesting videos.

One of the ways that we have adapted to the restrictions of covid is to find new and creative ways to communicate with you while we have been apart. During the past two years, we have improved our website and started our weekly Plant for the Future E-Blasts to keep you up to date on all that is happening. We have continued our monthly E-News with an advocacy focus; increased our regular posting on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Linked-In; and launched our weekly Nature Notes blog. All with you, our members and supporters, in mind.



## **Tree Planting and Notable Trees**

Trees provide so many benefits. They clean the air and provide food and shelter for many birds and animals. They store water and help control flooding. They cool our homes and protect us from wind. And they make our neighborhoods more beautiful.

In 2020 and 2021, with over 1,500 hours of volunteer help and the support of the Virginia Department of Forestry, the Malbon Family Foundation, and the Camp Younts Foundation as well as our own Kenneth Grief Tree Fund, we were able to plant 750 nice sized trees in the common areas of Ocean Lakes. These trees will provide all of the functions listed above and, over time, they will transform the neighborhood.

In the coming year, we have tree planting projects planned in Green Run, with Equi-Kids, and in partner-ship with Old Dominion University and Norfolk State University at their Virginia Beach campus. Watch for opportunities to contribute and to volunteer.

The senior mature trees in our city are our history. Some were youngsters before the Europeans came to Virginia. Through our Notable Tree program, we have identified 142 spectacular older trees and are helping to honor and protect them. If you know of a tree you think might qualify, please contact us and we will check it out.







## **Conservation Landscaping**

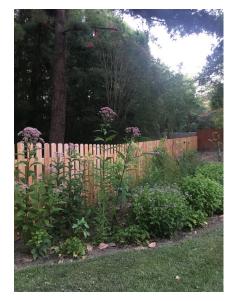
Conservation Landscaping is a key to good watershed management. We know that everything that happens on the land affects water quality.

Our Pearl Faith Communities, our Pearl Businesses, our Pearl Homes, and our Pearl Schools are all implementing conservation landscaping practices on their property. They are planting trees and native plants. They are controlling drainage and run off with rain gardens, rain barrels, and infiltration trenches. And they are learning how to create and manage living shorelines that provide critically important habitat and connect the land to the water in a natural way.

During the past year, even more people have stepped up to do these important projects. Many of these projects were made possible by volunteers, donated materials and tools, as well as property owner contributions.

Through our Sustainable Yard Program, in the last four years, we have done 357 site visits and completed 217 projects including rain gardens, infiltration trenches, rain barrels, and lawn plans. Thank you for all the great things you are doing!







#### **Donors**

Hats off to our donors! Without you our work would not be possible. Thank you for everything you do to support LRNow.

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While we have all adjusted and kept going during covid, we are so looking forward to being back together with you!

Oysters, Oysters — 25 acres of sanctuary oyster reef will be constructed in the Lynnhaven River system!

Trees and Native Plants — Gardening and tree planting throughout the Green Run neighborhood in the heart of Virginia Beach.

New Pearl Neighborhoods —We are working to double the number of Pearl Neighborhoods throughout the city.

Environmental Education Opportunities — Innovative opportunities for teachers in our southern watershed schools to learn about the Albemarle-Pamlico watershed.

**Citizen Science** — Doubling the size of our Spat Catcher program to involve more volunteers and families.

**Reducing Marine Debris** — Introducing a new plastic bag program to reduce waste and debris in our waterways.

**Pearl Faith Communities and Pearl Businesses** — Exciting landscaping, water management, and energy reduction projects.

Fun new experiences through our Discover Virginia Beach program.

And your learning, growing, and getting more involved — building the best future for our communities.

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