



Live on a Pond? Please Maintain Your LMZ to 3-foot Width.

By the Ponds & Preserves Committee

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If you are fortunate enough to enjoy the benefits of living near a pond, please help us keep the mandatory LMZ adjacent to your house maintained to Rivendell's policy of **three** feet wide from the pond edge. This applies to homeowners who have contracted lawn maintenance services as well as to those who do their own lawns.

Homeowners are responsible for mowing their property and community common-ground up to the 3-foot LMZ. West Bay is responsible for the trimming the **height** of the LMZs, while homeowners are asked to maintain the 3-foot **width**.

Keeping the LMZs looking nice and working well is a joint effort between our homeowners and West Bay, our community landscaper. On a regular schedule, West Bay trims the LMZ height to 8-12 inches to create a "neat, uniform, manicured" appearance, with a rounded upslope edge.

The carefully-trimmed three-foot width of LMZ is an aesthetically acceptable compromise that provides the erosion-control and nutrient-management benefits of a turf-based LMZ.



Help us keep our LMZs to 3-feet – a 3-foot LMZ and aquatic plants work together to control erosion and excess nutrient run-off. (Nancy Dobias)