

Stabilizing Shorelines - It doesn't have to be hard

Concerned about shoreline erosion and want to learn about alternatives for protecting waterfront land? Then please join us for a seminar at Shore Financial Corporation headquarters at 25020 Shore Parkway, Onley, Virginia.

Wednesday Sept 28

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

or

Thursday Sept 29

10 a.m. to noon

Call 787-2786 to register. Refreshments will be served.

Speakers will present the latest information from the Campbell Foundation, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), and other organizations involved in shoreline protection. While not every situation will allow use of "soft" techniques to prevent erosion, there are many waterfront properties where alternatives can work and preserve desirable features such as beach, marsh and aquatic vegetation. In addition to the environmental benefits, these designs can be less costly and easier to maintain than bulkheads.

Richard Ayers, the Virginia Eastern SHOREKEEPER® will give an overview of shoreline erosion and the types of projects landowners are installing on the Eastern Shore to protect their property. David Burke of the *Living Shorelines Stewardship Initiative* will describe how "soft" techniques work, where they can be effective, and how to evaluate the contractors who use these designs. Karen Duhring of VIMS' Center for Coastal Resources Management will present examples of living shoreline protection projects in Virginia and talk about shoreline features that need to be considered in project designs. Attendees will receive free publications to help evaluate shoreline protection options. More information on Living Shorelines can be found at: <http://ccrm.vims.edu> and <http://www.campbellfoundation.com>

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