

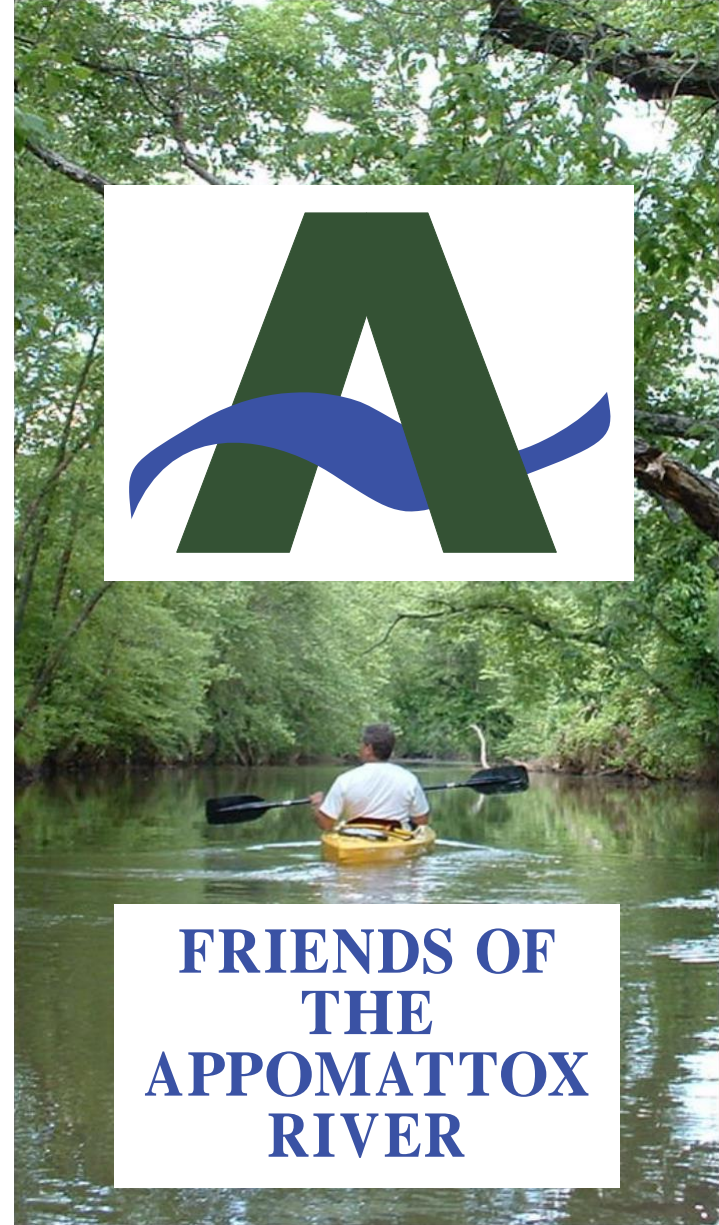
# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 1. Educate yourself and teach others** about the Appomattox River watershed. Encourage fellow citizens and local governments to protect the river and tributaries in your area.
- 2. Fertilize smartly:** Reduce fertilizer on lawns and crops to the minimum necessary. Match fertilizers to the needs of crops, lawns and soils.
- 3. Utilize environmentally sensitive landscaping:** Reduce the size of your lawn. Use native plants. Maintain buffers around streams to prevent nutrients from reaching the water.
- 4. Practice water conservation:** Turn off faucets when not using the water. Direct downspouts to rain barrels.
- 5. Volunteer:** Join FAR in watershed protection and restoration activities.
- 6. Explore:** Get on the water to acquaint yourself with the beauty and wonder of the Appomattox River.

# ABOUT US

The Friends of the Appomattox River is a volunteer organization established in 1997 by a small group of concerned citizens. We are a non-profit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations are tax deductible.

The Friends of the Appomattox River is composed of members from diverse backgrounds. Membership is open to the public. Meetings are held monthly, and sponsored activities are conducted regularly throughout the year.



**FRIENDS OF  
THE  
APPOMATTOX  
RIVER**

**Education  
Conservation  
Recreation**

Farmville, Virginia  
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# OUR MISSION

The mission of the Friends of the Appomattox River is to preserve the natural and cultural resources of the Appomattox River watershed by promoting stewardship, education, responsible recreation and improved river access. We fulfill this mission by:

- Maintaining our adopted section of the Appomattox River and the Farmville Blueway.
- Providing programs of interest to our membership and the community.
- Providing opportunities to explore the river and its tributaries.
- Connecting with other community organizations with similar goals and interests.
- Providing opportunities to socialize and celebrate special events.

## BE A FRIEND! JOIN US TODAY.

To join the Friends of the Appomattox River download a membership form at [FAR-VA.org](http://FAR-VA.org).

Contact us at:  
[information@far-va.org](mailto:information@far-va.org)



# OUR GOALS

FAR activities include identifying, assessing, and resolving river-related problems and enhancing opportunities for use. We have worked with citizen and government organizations to accomplish our goals by:

- Adopting and maintaining an 8-mile section of the Appomattox River between Rt. 15 and Rt. 45 via the Virginia Adopt-a-Stream Program.
- Teaming with Clean Virginia Waterways on river clean-up projects and water quality monitoring.
- Planting trees and shrubs to create riparian buffers along the Appomattox River and tributaries.
- Preserving a historic narrow gauge railroad abutment by stabilizing the adjacent riverbank.
- Spearheading development of a Blueway for recreational paddling within the Town of Farmville.
- Offering presentations to civic clubs and providing information and suggestions to community leaders.
- Providing educational opportunities for our members and the community with speakers and presentations.
- Providing recreational opportunities on the Appomattox River and other local waterways.