

DON'T FERTILIZE SPY POND

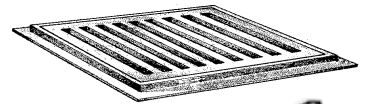
Weeds and Algae in Spy Pond are fed with Phosphorus from Stormwater Runoff!

Rain and snowmelt from the 840 acre watershed (which is 8 times the size of Spy Pond) carry fertilizers, pesticides, and other pollutants from lawns and streets into the pond

Phosphorus from your fertilizer



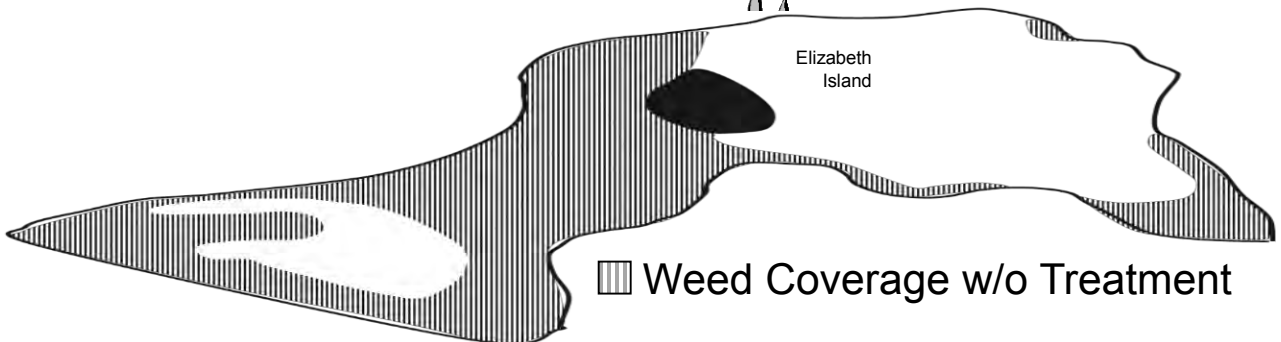
Runs off into catch basins



Through underground pipes

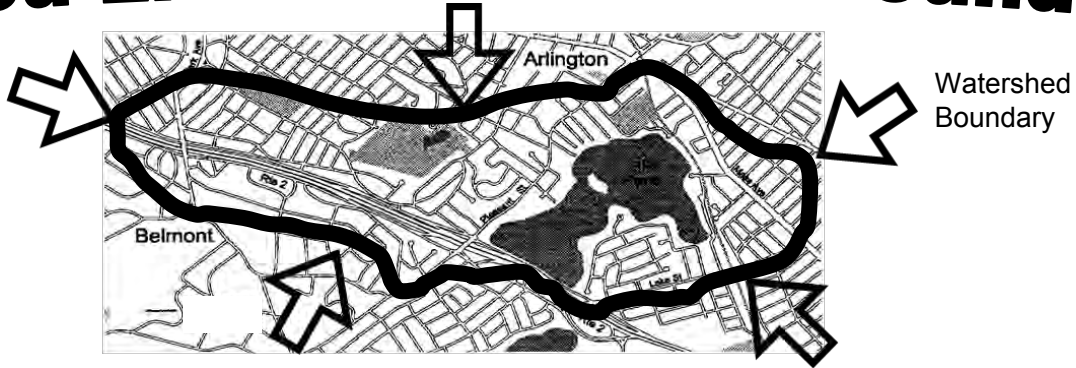


Into Spy Pond !




**FERTILIZER MAKES LAWNS GREEN BUT
RUNOFF TURNS THE POND GREEN**

If You Live Within This Boundary



Here's What YOU Can Do To Help Spy Pond

Check the box when complete

- Notify your lawn service** that you live in an environmentally sensitive watershed. Tell them to use low-Phosphorus, slow-release fertilizer on your lawn.
- Do you need fertilizer? If so, buy a NO or LOW-phosphorus, slow-release, fertilizer.** The Phosphorus content is the middle number of the formula so make sure it is low (i.e. Formula 15-0-3 or 28-4-8)
- Test your soil for acidity.** Adding lime balances the acidity of the soil and improves lawn growth so minimal fertilizer is required. Lime does not hurt Spy Pond!
- Keep pesticides and fertilizer away from hard surfaces** such as driveways, sidewalks and streets. The excess travels quickly to storm drains that empty into Spy Pond.
-  • **DO NOT FEED the geese, swans, or ducks and DO pick up after your dog.** Animal droppings add phosphorus and other harmful nutrients to the pond.
- **Do not dump hazardous waste such as oil, paint, or cleaning solutions in the storm drain.**

For more information call:

- Brad Barber, Spy Pond Committee (781-646-1744 / bradb@shore.net) or
- Charlotte Milan, Recycling Coordinator (781-316-3108).

Spy Pond Trails Day - May 13th

Come join Appalachian Mountain Club volunteers and a host of Arlingtonians helping to make the Spy Pond shoreline a better place!

You will learn how to control invasive plants – skills you can apply in your own yard.

Bring your gloves and a rake, shovel, pruning shears, etc. This is a community service project. Snacks will be provided. We'll meet along the Route 2 path, working from 9:00 to 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 13th.

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