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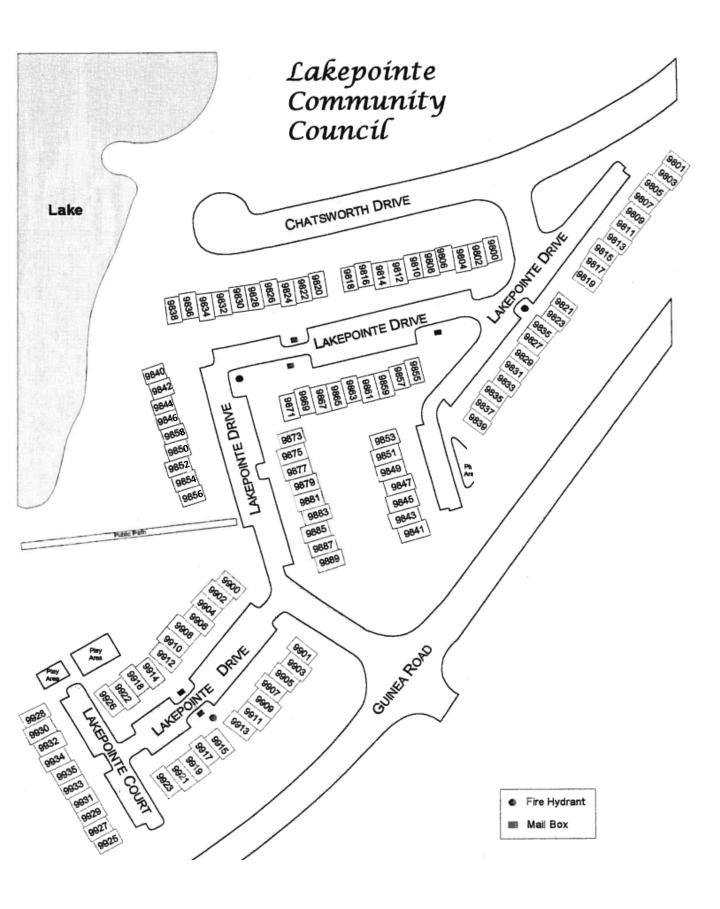
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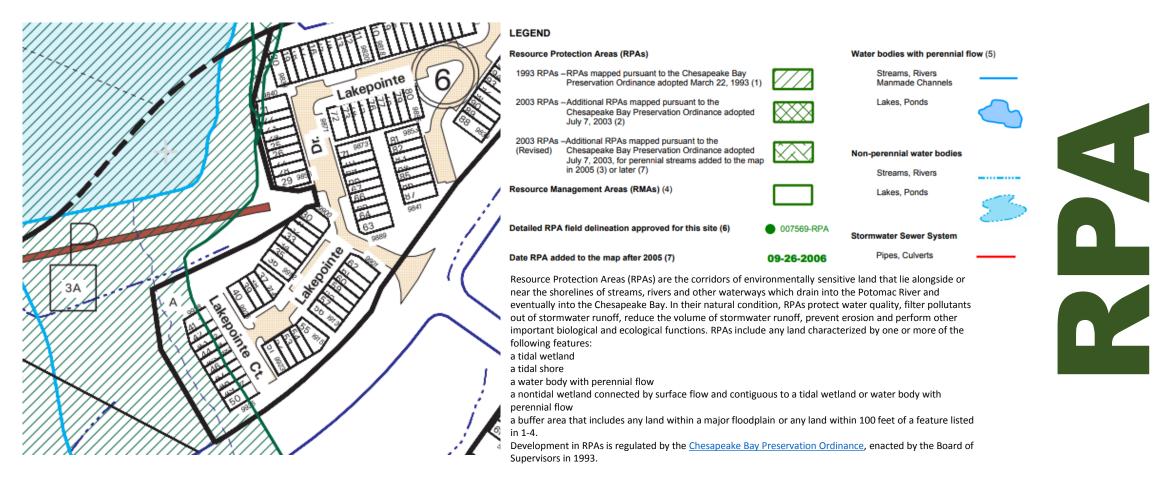


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**Fairfax County Parcel Map** 







Fences are permitted in an RPA without an exception or waiver subject to compliance with certain design requirements that collectively maintain the functional value of the buffer. Fences should be designed so that they do not inhibit or alter surface flow (i.e., water must be able to flow under and through the fence unimpeded), and vegetation may only be removed to provide for the actual placement of the fence. Where vegetation is removed, it must be replaced with other native vegetation that is equally effective in retarding runoff, preventing erosion and filtering nonpoint source pollution from runoff. Fences should be located to avoid the removal of trees. If the fence were to be placed in an area that was an existing maintained lawn, the revegetation requirement would not be applicable. For further information, please contact Land Development Services at **703-324-1720, TTY 711**.

The administrative waiver available for minor additions is not available for construction of detached accessory structures such as sheds. Accessory structures are specifically prohibited in the state regulations from consideration as minor additions. However, the construction of small sheds that do not require a building permit (the current limit under the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code is 256 square feet of building area) constructed over existing maintained grass lawns can be considered to be an inconsequential modification to an existing use and may be permitted. As a general rule, sheds should only be located in RPAs when there are no reasonable alternatives for locating the shed outside of the RPA. Sheds should be designed so that they do not inhibit or alter surface flow. Locating a shed in an undisturbed RPA area is more problematic because there would normally be at least some other place on the lot that the shed could be located without encroaching into the undisturbed area of the RPA and should be discussed with county staff. The construction of multiple small sheds in the RPA also is problematic and should be discussed with county staff

Decks are treated as minor additions under the <u>ordinance</u> and therefore are permitted subject to an administrative waiver process. The administrative waiver process is available only for minor additions to homes constructed prior to the original effective date of the ordinance, July 1, 1993, for existing and new RPAs and homes constructed prior to the effective date of the amendments for newly designated RPAs. For further information, please contact Land Development Services at **703-324-1720, TTY 711**.