



# POA Ponds Committee *'Pond Views'*

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## **New Erosion Control Document**

The erosive effects of moving water have never been so convincingly demonstrated as they were in September of 2018 with the arrival of hurricane Florence. Community and individual residential repair work took us well into 2019. The POA Ponds Committee received many inquiries from residents about sinkholes, washouts, and lost areas of their pond bank. As a result, the Ponds Committee began looking at both prevention and repair techniques available to residents. Our goal was to produce a document outlining some common techniques available today.



A sinkhole is formed when high volumes of water wash away subsurface soils creating voids and weakness above. Erosion can also occur from simple wave action undermining the lower part of the pond bank over time.

The document, titled “Erosion Control and Pond Bank Stabilization Methods” was created as a guideline for residents looking at ways to prevent and/or fix some types of erosion problems. The Ponds Committee is not a professional “expert” in the area of erosion control. What we present are different techniques available, such as firmly rooted pond bank plants, erosion control blankets and fiber logs. These methods are in use today within St. James. Keep in mind one size does not fit all. Slopes and soils vary. Your neighbor’s method on the pond across the street may not be best for you.

In addition to descriptions of the various methods, we offer a list of resources: erosion control supply vendors, erosion control product installers and plant suppliers. The POA does not endorse any vendor for individual residential work and our lists are not exhaustive of all

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document on the POA website – Ponds Committee homepage under the Health & Beauty Information heading. For a direct link to the document, [click here](#).

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