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Signs of Erosion on Your Pond Bank

If you have erosion on your pond bank, it can be a major problem. You are losing parts of your yard while adding silt and sand to your pond. This decreases the retention holding capacity of your pond over time. So, what are some of the symptoms along your pond edge that tell you erosion is happening? Fortunately, Jared Beard, client manager for Dragonfly Pond Works, gives us some examples from their most recent newsletter.

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The pictures above, clockwise from upper left, show common symptoms of erosion: sand washing into the pond, ruts in the soil above the bank that become worse with heavy rain, lack of vegetation causing loose soils to erode faster, and undercutting from wave action that collapses parts of the bank.

There are remedies to prevent these situations. The most obvious one is adding strong-rooted native plants to your pond bank. Wetland plants located at the shoreline edge help buffer erosive wave action. Native shrubs and perennials further up the bank hold soil together. Over time, waves from wind action will undercut the bank. The Ponds Committee is working on a document about erosion and ways to control it, and repair pond banks. A notice will be sent out once this is completed.

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for providing the pictures.

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