

St. James Turtle Platforms Program

There are currently 257 ponds within the town limits. Ownership are as follows:

POA	156
Troon	79
Developer	04
Private	08
Town	03
Condos	05
Sanitary Dist.	02
Total	257

Based on the huge success and acceptance of the nine floating platforms installed by the St. James Conservancy in 2024 and early 2025, we are setting up the following program through a partnership with St. James Ponds Committee.

Ordering Procedure:

St. James residents may now order turtle basking platforms direct from the manufacturing company and have them shipped directly to their home. Here are the steps that must be followed for placing a turtle basking platform in a pond.

1. If you wish to place a platform in a pond anywhere in St. James, you must first send an email to the St. James Ponds committee with the following information.
 - a. Your first and last name.
 - b. Your full address
 - c. Is this request from a group, organization or an individual?
 - d. Which turtle platform are you ordering?
 - e. List the exact location of the pond listing the closest street, the closest home address.
 - f. Send this information to the Chair of the Ponds Committee: Merry Klinefelter merryklinefelter@comcast.net There may be other details to work out through email conversations between the requester and the Ponds Committee.
2. Once approval has been made between the homeowner and the Ponds Committee, the homeowner may then order the turtle platform through the direct link provided by St. James Conservancy. Payment and shipping arrangements are the responsibility of the resident.
3. Once the resident has received the turtle platform at their home, they have two options for installation:
 - a. The resident may install the basking platform on their own accepting full responsibility for their safety and for the proper install of the basking platform.
 - b. The resident may choose to have St. James Conservancy install the platform using our tried-and-true installation and anchor system. There is a fee associated with having the Conservancy install. The \$40 fee covers the cost of proper installation supplies along with a small donation to the Conservancy for our time and expertise in taking this on. Payment is due at the time of installation and prior to the actual installation into the pond. To schedule this service, please email Duane Stewart, Board Member of St. James Conservancy at dstew1043@aol.com In this email, include the approval notification from the Ponds Committee, along with the exact location of the pond where it will be installed and the key contact person for the installation.
4. The resident/purchaser is not required to be on site for the actual installation though it is advised. Placement of the turtle platform is a one-time process. If the resident buyer is not on site, the Conservancy reserves the right to install the platform in what we consider the ideal location.

St. James Conservancy recommends the following options available on the resource ordering site:

Recommended Platforms and Costs:

Three platforms are recommended. The costs shown are the list price from the manufacturer. There will be no cost for shipping. Other platforms are listed on the manufacturer's order page.

Note: prices do not include installation.



Floating Log 001:
41" X 23" x 10"
Cost: \$135 each



Floating Log 004
24" X 24" X 7"
Cost: \$85 each

(Currently in the Regency Crossing Pond at Prince Regent Court)



Floating Log 003

80.5" X 26.5" X 7.5"

Cost \$225 each

(This platform is currently in the Blair Court pond)