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Current Problems is starting a new project called the Plant A Pond Program. We hope your neighborhood, business, or organization will want to join us in this exciting new endeavor!

In the last few years, much has been learned about the great value to water quality that stormwater ponds can offer when they are heavily vegetated with well chosen plants. These plants, which should be native to our area, also offer us biological diversity and habitat for our urban wildlife. Migrating birds benefit, too, when we provide more places for them to stop to rest and feed.

The health of our entire community benefits greatly from the improved water quality that is generated by these vegetated ponds – each, and every one of us is better off as a result.

Please consider adopting your favorite pond through our Plant A Pond Project. We would like to see all ponds vegetated someday, and you can help make that happen by your participation. Read on to see what the program entails.

**Current Problems Will:**

- Conduct a required workshop to help you better understand your pond and our program’s expectations.
- Help you get started with the tasks required, such as coming up with a plant list, a site plan, a maintenance plan, and so on.
- Provide you with a supply of starter plants for your pond.
- Keep records of your pond’s progress and supply you with reporting forms.
- Loan you tools to do your cleanup and planting work
- Provide a simple sign noting the benefits of planted ponds

**Your Group Will:**

- Attend our free workshop
- Assist with planning of your pond project
- Purchase plants that have been approved by our office
- Follow an agreed upon maintenance plan
- Forward reports to Restore A Shore as required
- Return items borrowed from Current Problems
- Agree to adopt the pond for a minimum of 2 years

Still interested? We hope so!! Please call us at 352-264-6827 or e-mail us at aar@currentproblems.org to learn more about getting started!