



# Andover Forest Greenspace News

*"Creating a Natural Greenspace Together  
...One Step at a Time"*

**Date:** March 2020  
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## Greenspace Activities – Spring into Action!

- **Andover Social & Watershed Education: Sun. March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2 pm.** (Eastside Library)  
Special Guest Speaker: Kelly Taylor (President Hickman Creek Watershed)  
Topic: Understanding our Watershed
- **April Easter Egg Hunt** (Date, time, location & details coming soon!)

## Fall/Winter 2019 Projects & Accomplishments

- **LFUCG Stormwater Grant Approved by LFUCG**  
The grant provides funding for repairs to a pond embankment & dam repair located on fairway #3 that has been impacted by stormwater runoff and erosion.
- **Dead Tree Removals**
- **LFUCG Sewer Repair Underway** – Fairway #8 (fairway & cart path repairs to follow)
- **Pond Stormwater Inlet Repair Completed** on Fairway #7.
- **Trees Lexington** – over 50 tree seedlings donated and planted in Fairway#4
- **Video: UK Landscape Architecture Design Week 2019 - Andover Greenspace**  
The website link below features the UK Professors & students coursework to create ideas for the Andover Greenspace naturalization.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wR1Qy7PhfK8>

## How Can YOU Help?

- **Avoid Feeding the Wildlife** – please do not leave food outside.
- **Clean-up Help:** Pick up trash, sticks, branches/ brush piles in the fairways near you.
- **Pets** - Keep dogs on leashes, pick up dog waste & dispose waste bags in your Herbie.
- **Remember Greenspace Rules** – no fishing in ponds, underage children should not use motorized carts & scooters (non-emergency Police may be called to report incidents)

## Important Reminders \*for Residents Around Pond Areas\*

- Pond bank edges will have new "No-mow Borders" this spring to enhance our pond health. This longer, naturalized grassy edge will help to prevent erosion & silting & improve the water quality. Help us stabilize our pond embankments...please do not "edge" or "weed-eat" these important areas.



**Date:** March 30, 2020  
**To:** Andover Forest Residents by Pond Areas  
**From:** Andover Forest HOA  
**Subject:** **Save our Ponds Project! No-Mow Zones (in all pond areas)**

City Environmental Quality & State Water Quality Specialists have conducted on-site surveys and provided important guidance for compliance with our grant award and the water quality inspections of our Andover ponds.

Here is a summary of the issues & solutions that will be implemented this spring.

**Pond Problems:**

- Pond banks are rapidly eroding.
- Eroding pond banks cause silting & are reducing the water depth & pond health.
- Shallow ponds reduce oxygen for fish & increase invasives/ algae growth.
- Our City Grant Award requires the installation of a vegetative buffer zone around ponds.

**Solutions to be Implemented:**

- Create No Mow (no “weed-eat” areas) around all ponds.
- Longer grass will slow stormwater & prevent further erosion.
- Install plants with deeper roots to stabilize pond banks.  
(Grass = 3-4” roots / Recommended buffer plants = 12-18” root structures)

We appreciate your support as important steps are taken to improve & save our ponds!

