

Yard Debris & Grass Clippings

Keep yard debris and grass clippings out of Fourpole Creek. The extra nutrients pollute the water.

Keep yard debris and grass out of streets. It can block storm drains and cause localized flooding. Public works department will collect up to four bags of grass clippings with each trash pick up.



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OUR
Water
LET'S KEEP IT CLEAN



YOU OWN
STREAMSIDE
PROPERTY



Fourpole Creek

Fourpole Creek is located in southeastern West Virginia. It winds its way through Huntington, most noticeably in Ritter Park.

Fourpole Creek feeds into the Ohio River which is a drinking water source for many people.

As the city grows in size, so do impervious surfaces, like parking lots, rooftops, and paved roads. With more impervious surfaces, stormwater moves faster and brings more polluted water into the creek.

Construction sites release sediment, which can pollute the creek. This can add nutrients and reduce the oxygen available for plants and animals that live in and around the water.



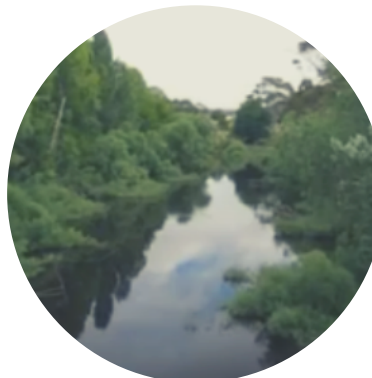
Enhance Your Backyard

You can add plants including grasses, shrubs, wildflowers, and trees around the stream edge, riparian area. They protect the soil from erosion and improve water quality.

Adding native plants invites pollinators such as butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees to enrich your property. Native plants tend to be well suited to our soils and weather. See examples on the right.



Poor Riparian
Buffer Area



Good Riparian
Buffer Area

Benefits of Streamside (Riparian) Area

- Increases Property Value
- Stabilizes creek banks
- Reduces flooding
- Reduces time mowing
- Attracts wildlife by providing food and shelter
- Filters out sediment and pollutants
- Reduces need for lawncare chemicals

West Virginia Native Plants

Trees: Birch, Willow, Sycamore, Silver Maple, Red Maple, Pin Oak, Black Gum, and Dogwood

Bushes: Chokeberry, Buttonbush, Serviceberry, Winterberry, and Spicebush

Small plants: Cardinal flower, milkweed, blue vervain, joe-pye weed, virginia bluebells, bee balm, and soft rush