



Maynard Pond News

Quarterly Update from the Board of Directors ~ SPRING 2025

Mission Statement: To maintain Maynard Pond through implementing attractive, sustainable, and sensible low-maintenance strategies, with emphasis on native habitat, pond water management, and environmental stewardship.

Hello Neighbors. Spring is in the air, albeit amidst surprising snowflakes and March winds. In addition to celebrating the **70th** year (Maynard Pond was created in 1955), we have more events and gatherings planned for you to meet your neighbors, take care of our pond, and build community.

MAY the Force (and Funding) Be With Us!

Annual membership fees are due by **May 1, 2025**. Our goal is for each household to make a \$200 contribution which qualifies you as a voting member of Maynard Pond Association.

THANK YOU to those that have already paid 2025 association dues. Your ongoing financial support provides the necessary funding to maintain and improve the centerpiece of our special neighborhood.

The work to maintain and preserve Maynard Pond and surrounding natural areas takes both volunteer support and funding. Increasing the number of homeowners paying annual dues and raising donations from all citizens who appreciate and enjoy visiting the pond is a top priority.

Your dues and donations provide:

- Funding for operating expenses including seasonal mowing, landscaping, tree planting and care, and general maintenance.
- Fees required for state-mandated engineering studies, dam repairs, and materials.
- Liability insurance and annual premiums.
- Increased home values throughout the neighborhood.

Dues can be mailed to our Treasurer or paid online.

Also, anyone can support pond projects by making a donation and becoming a Friend of Maynard Pond.

Annual Membership Dues



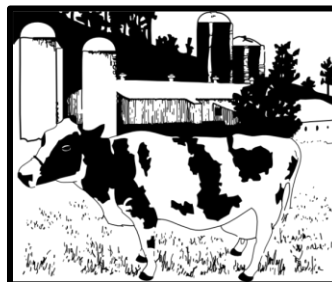
Friends do not have voting rights, but are welcome at all meetings (membership, board, and committees) and social gatherings. Checks should be made payable to **Maynard Pond Association**. Include your name, address, and email address. Mail checks to:



Treasurer, Maynard Pond Association
PO Box 4971,
Cary, NC 27519

Protecting “Maynard’s Pond”

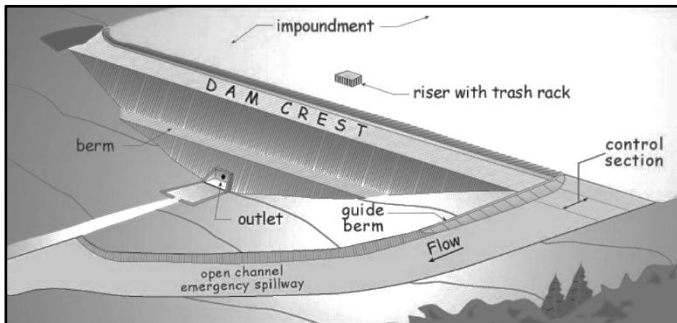
In 1955, a 5-acre spring-fed pond was dug by Luther Maynard to water dairy cows and irrigate crops. Known as “Maynard’s Pond,” it was built based on a design in use for watering cattle at a research farm at what was then called N.C. State College.



Once surrounded by forests and fields, Maynard’s Pond had a 6-foot standpipe with an outlet on the back side of the dam where a spillway was located for emergency use.

Throughout the decades, members of our homeowners association have worked with the **North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality** to regularly inspect the dam, evaluate its stability, and fund necessary repairs.

The **North Carolina Dam Safety Program** provides oversight to more than 3,000 dams statewide, working to provide for the certification and inspection of dams to: reduce the risk of dams failing, prevent property damage, personal injury, and loss of reservoir storage.

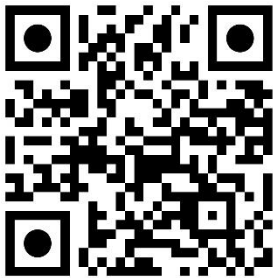


Today, the biggest concern is **continued erosion along the dam crest** and shrinking berm areas. Prohibiting access to the dam for fishing will minimize potential damage to these fragile areas. New signs will be going up soon. You can help by informing visitors and residents on the importance of **fishing in designated places** only.

Get a Native Tree for FREE

Trees for the Triangle (treesforhetriangle.org) has selected our neighborhood to receive 100 native

Branching Out Tree Request



trees! Planting happens on Sunday, April 13th. The deadline to [register](#) (for a yard assessment and tree recommendation) is **Wed, March 18th**.

Celebrating 70 YEARS!

Maynard Pond will be **70** years old this year. We are planning several gatherings to celebrate this historic milestone. Let us know if you are interested in helping out on this fun day.



Save the Dates: Spring 2025

Monday, Mar 17 – LUCKY to Live Here

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Ralph Drive Pondsides

Wear green! Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with lucky residents who live near Maynard Pond. Fun giveaways and snacks provided. BYOB.

Tuesday, March 18 – DEADLINE to register for FREE TREE from *Trees of the Triangle*

Saturday, April 5 – VOLUNTEER Work Day

9:00 am to 12:00 pm – Ralph Drive Pondsides

Wear your work gloves and bring your rakes, clippers, and shovels to help us clear debris, spread mulch, and more. All levels of help are welcome.

Sunday, April 13 – TREE PLANTING

1:00 to 3:00 pm in Coronado Village

Installation for approved applicants. Have your utility lines marked in advance.

Tuesday, April 15 - ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG

Open to the public. Info on current plans and projects. RSVP at info@maynardpond.org for meeting location and time.

Thursday, April 17 – SWEEP & SIP

7:00 pm – Coronado Way Pondsides

Join neighbors for an evening litter clean-up (all ages welcome) and libations afterwards.

Thursday, May 1 – ASSOCIATION DUES DUE!

Saturday, May 3 - ICE-CREAM SOCIAL

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Ralph Drive Pondsides

Celebrate Our 70th with treats, crafts, and fun activities for all ages!

It Takes a Village

In 1989, approximately 25 homeowners formed an association in response to the pond being put up for public auction. Pledging \$1000 per household, these residents were committed to purchasing and preserving the pond we enjoy today. Attractive to developers, the pond site drew several bidders during a series of public auctions. Ultimately, the association was successful in petitioning the Town of Cary to re-zone the pond to a **Resource and Conservation District** preventing any prospective owner from draining the pond and developing apartments or condominiums on the site.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." ~ Margaret Mead