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## ISLAND LIVING

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## DEAR ISLAND NEIGHBOR,

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Ponds, wetlands, and seasonal streams provide valuable habitat for diverse wildlife populations from amphibians and insects, to mammals and migratory and resident birds. These pockets of fresh water are valuable during our dry season, and their value increases dramatically if edges are left rough and natural. Retention of native vegetation around ponds and wetlands filters out sediments and pollutants, and also provides shelter or nesting areas for visiting wildlife. Mowing or clearing to the edge of a pond or stream bank, or removing natural vegetation from a shoreline greatly reduces these important functions, not to mention creating a great deal of work for a landowner.

Keeping your landscaping a “little rough around the edges” will make life easier for you, provide valuable habitat for wildlife, and retain valuable filtration functions.

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