



**Virginia Master Naturalist
Program, Riverine Chapter**

Master Naturalist Mission

The Virginia Master Naturalist program is a statewide corps of volunteers providing education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities.

VMN Program Sponsors

- [Virginia Cooperative Extension](#)
- [Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation](#)
- [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#)
- [Virginia Department of Forestry](#)
- [Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources](#)
- [Virginia Institute of Marine Science's Center for Coastal Resources Management](#)
- [Virginia Museum of Natural History](#)

First and foremost, we are a volunteer organization!

Certified members volunteer a minimum of 40
hours a year on chapter approved projects.



2020 Riverine Training Class

Members volunteer in a wide range of projects



- Education and outreach
- Citizen science
- Stewardship
- Chapter administration

Education & Outreach Projects

- Speaking to groups
- Programs for children
- Booths at community fairs



Citizen Science Projects

- Water monitoring
- Collecting data on vernal pools
- Bluebird trail monitoring
- Bird counts
- Butterfly surveys
- Wildlife mapping



Stewardship Activities

- Oyster shell recycling*
- Invasive plant management in state and local parks
- Stream clean ups
- Tree planting

*VMN State award for stewardship project



Administration of Chapter is Entirely by Volunteers

- Officers of Board
- Committee chairs and committee members
- Administration of training program for new members



Becoming a Member



1. Go to www.riverinemn.org and click on the “for more information and to apply” link
2. Read all the information and check out the “Tip Sheet for Online Applicants”
3. Click the “Fill in an Application” link on the upper right side of the page

Training Program Requirements

- Attend 14 weeks of training classes
 - Thursday evenings
 - January 6 - April 7, 2022
- Complete at least 10 hours of field training
- Complete training assessments.



Complete Certification as a VMN Volunteer

1. Complete all basic training requirements within one year.
2. Volunteer a minimum of 40 hours each year on Riverine approved projects.
3. Complete 8 hours of continuing education.



Some Considerations in Deciding Whether to Apply for the Program

- Do you have the time to attend all training classes?
- Can you attend field trips, which are often on the weekend?
- Do you have time to volunteer?
- Are you willing to keep track of your volunteer hours and record them on the online Better Impact site?

Thank you for your interest in the Virginia Master Naturalist Program!

- Virginia Master Naturalist State website: www.VirginiaMasterNaturalist.org
- Riverine Chapter website: www.RiverineMN.org
- For any questions about applications or training contact us at vicepresident@riverinemn.org

