

October 21, 2010

Louis Smith
2212 E. Admiral Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Dear Louis Smith,

On behalf of Lynnhaven River Now, we sincerely thank you for your donation of four oyster floats to our Oyster Gardener program. Donations are *integral* to our carrying out our mission.

This past year, member donations have given us the resources to improve water quality and educate watershed residents about water quality problems and solutions. And for the past three years, as the acreage of the river that meets the rigorous bacteria standards for shellfish harvest increased, the skeptics said it was only because of the drought. In 2009, we had high rainfall totals, and yet we held onto the gains we made. **Thirty-eight percent of the Lynnhaven River is open to oyster harvest.** Eight years ago when Lynnhaven River NOW was launched, it was only 1% open.

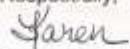
Through our Oyster Gardener Program, we have been able to put close to 3 million oysters on our conservation reefs. These oysters contribute to the spat population in the river and have made a significant contribution to our growing oyster population.

Our donors are acknowledged in our quarterly newsletters, and your donation will be acknowledged in our winter newsletter.

Watch our upcoming E-News and website (www.LRNow.org) for details on upcoming events such as our City Council Candidates Forum on October 25th and our Native Plant Sale on November 6th. Visit our website calendar for details, or call us at 757-962-5398.

We *greatly appreciate* your continued commitment to a clean Lynnhaven River.

Respectfully,


Karen Forget
Executive Director

Thank you!

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