

## Land Use in Virginia

The Commonwealth of Virginia offers a rich diversity of geographic character, scenic beauty, native wildlife and cultural heritage. These factors make our state a desirable place to live.

The Garden Club of Virginia strives for preservation and beautification of open spaces, historic areas, and environmentally sensitive habitats by promoting responsible, effective land use planning. The club considers these activities essential to the Commonwealth's long-term economic health. The club's position is to encourage its members to be informed advocates for proper land management practices, particularly those involving long-term protection of air, water and soil qualities and to encourage local organizations and governing bodies to support responsible residential and commercial development.