

**Shearwater Condominium Landscape Committee
Report for Annual Meeting
April 21, 2008**

I took over from Jim Nunneley following his move to Pennsylvania in December. At this time I would like to acknowledge his outstanding service to the community throughout his tenure as our "Landscaper."

Maintaining our landscaping has many challenges. For starters, we have a wonderfully high ratio of grounds to units. The flip side of that, of course, is that we 93 unit owners bear a much higher cost than most condo owners in Annapolis to maintain our grounds in first class condition. We have many specimen trees and other trees, which are beautiful to look at and provide good shade; they, however, must be maintained. And, as many of our unit owners will attest, we have trees growing between units and the water, inhibiting our water view. Unfortunately, the State's Critical Area laws as well as the City of Annapolis's laws and regulations prohibit us from doing what we all want to do with those particular trees! And, finally, we have an aging plant stock, most of which were planted when the condominium was built. Given the totality of our situation, our goal is to direct the funding in the annual budget toward those projects that will do the most good for the most unit owners.

The Landscape Committee's primary goal is to maintain existing trees and plants. Beyond that, we must embark on a planned process of replacing plant stocks that have outlived their useful lives. For example, look at many of our bushes and shrubs and you will see an inch or two of growth on the exterior and very hollow interiors.

I look forward to working with members of the condominium regarding our landscaping. My e-mail address is on the condominium's web site. Suffice it to say, folks have not been bashful about contacting me.