



## Vernal Pool Stewardship Award Program Landowner Agreement

The Vernal Pool Stewardship Award program is an Of Pools and People initiative that recognizes vernal pool-friendly properties, including forestland and suburban properties. The goal of the Vernal Pool Stewardship Program is to establish a new culture of land management that is proven to help protect vulnerable Vernal Pool dependent species such as the spotted salamander, blue spotted salamander, and wood frog. Landowners or organizations such as land trusts who commit to using land management practices and landscaping on their property that is advantageous to pool-dependent amphibians are eligible for the Vernal Pool Stewardship Award. Those landowners receive a Vernal Pool Stewardship Award sign to proudly display on their property.

Participating landowners or conservation organizations who agree to follow the vernal pool conservation guidelines described in the Vernal Pool Stewardship Award Manual will be eligible for the award as follows:

- ✓ If you own or manage a forest with one or more vernal pools, you agree to follow the Habitat Management Guidelines for vernal pools as outlined in the Manual.
- ✓ If you are a suburban landowner with any portion of a vernal pool on your property, you agree to follow the Best Development Practices for vernal pools outlined in the Manual.

Please check appropriate box:

- I am a suburban landowner  
 I am a forest landowner  
 I am both  
 I am a conservation organization

Location of vernal pool(s):

- State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot size (ac): \_\_\_\_\_  
 # vernal pools: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this document, I agree to follow the criteria outlined in the Vernal Pool Stewardship Award Manual that is applicable to my holdings.

I agree to have my pool(s) monitored for compliance once every three years by (local org)\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Landowner Signature

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 Date