



Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership

# **Board Member / Technical Advisory Member Application Package**

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Please return completed application to:  
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*The mission of the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership (LRWP) is to conserve, enhance, and restore "New Jersey Watershed Management Area 9" (the Lower Raritan Watershed). The LRWP acknowledges the natural, environmental, historical and cultural legacies of the Lower Raritan Watershed, and celebrates these legacies through stewardship, community based participatory science, and environmental and ecological education.*

## Board Member / Technical Advisory Member APPLICATION

On behalf of everyone at the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership (LRWP), thank you so much for your interest in service to our organization. We know that those with an interest in being a leadership volunteer have many choices. In our community, there are an array of remarkable organizations engaged in the important work of making our world a better place. We are humbled knowing that you are interested in us.

The following application offers us an opportunity to know more about you, your skills, attributes and what you would bring to our board. It also gives you a sense of what matters to us in any board candidate.

The goal of our process is to determine if we are a good fit for each other – your level of commitment and ability to deliver on our needs and expectations so that we are confident that you can help us to increase the scope and impact of our work. On the other side, we want to know what motivates you and how you think about our organization so that we can help to create an excellent board or technical advisory experience for you.

Thank you again for your interest in our work and for taking the time to complete this application with thought and care. We look forward to reviewing it with that same level of thought and care and to continuing our conversations.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Name
- Address
- Home Number
- Work Number
- Mobile Number
- Email Address
- Employer
- Employer Address
- Type of Business / Organization
- Preferred Method of Contact:   ( ) Work   ( ) Mobile   ( ) Home
- Are you applying for Membership on the LRWP Board or to serve on a Committee (or similar) as a Technical Advisor?

Board Member:

Technical Advisor (please note specific interest):

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

### Past and Present Membership:

Boards, committees, task forces in the public sector (business, civic, community, religious, political, professional, recreational or social)

Organization	Role/Title	Date of Service

### Other Volunteer Experience:

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**WHY?**

Those committed to volunteering in a leadership capacity have an abundance of organizations to choose from. We are most appreciative of your interest in ours and would like to hear more. Why our organization and not any other? Please share your motivation and what it is about our work that has led you to raise your hand to be a leading ambassador for the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership.

**OUR WORK**

What excites you about the work of our organization?

What do you see as 1-2 challenges and 1-2 opportunities for the LRWP in the next few years?

### SKILLS / EXPERTISE

Please mark the skills and expertise you will bring to us that will strengthen our board and enhance the ability of our organization to deliver on its mission.

	Environmental Sciences		Planning / Landscape Architecture		Public Policy / Advocacy
	Education (formal & informal)		Floodplain Management (CFPM)		Resilience / Emergency Management
	Event Planning/Fundraising		HR / Business Administration		Community Engagement
	Social Media/Marketing		Web Design		Legal Expertise
	Facilities Management/ Real Estate		Grant Writing		GIS / Information Technology / Data Mgmt
	Professional Nonprofit Experience		Recreational Access: leading walks, paddles or similar		Woodworking/ Boat Building
	Financial investment Management		Accounting / Bookkeeping and Budget Development		

**NOTE:** Please provide details for the above, or add additional skills/expertise that you can bring to the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership.

## **ATTRIBUTES**

The LRWP Board and Technical Advisory Committees are more than a collection of individuals. They are entities that govern, approve strategy, advise, and engage in robust discussion and debate on relevant issues. At the end of the day, the LRWP Board and Technical Advisors act as a single entity to enhance the work of the organization. As such, the personality traits you bring to the LRWP will help us to ensure that we have a diversity of personality styles and traits that, when added to our Board and Advisory members, will enhance our ability to work together as a governing body and as advisors.

- ☐ Collaborative
- ☐ Respectful of varying points of view
- ☐ Willing and able to lead a discussion
- ☐ Facilitative style
- ☐ Enthusiastic
- ☐ Comfortable speaking in front of groups
- ☐ Manages time well
- ☐ Optimistic
- ☐ Responsive
- ☐ Strong work ethic
- ☐ Good sense of humor
- ☐ Asks tough questions with respect

## **FUNDRAISING - BOARD MEMBER APPLICANTS ONLY**

Among other responsibilities, board members play a key role in raising funds for the LRWP. It is an expectation of board service that you will introduce people in your sphere of influence to our work and invite them know and do more – as prospective volunteers, board members, technical advisory members, staff and as donors. Our organization commits to providing you with the information and tools necessary for you to stand as a vocal and visible ambassador for our work.

Further, we expect every board member to make an annual financial commitment for each year of board service at a level you feel is a meaningful gift.

Please speak to your level of comfort with the LRWP's fundraising expectation?

## **TIME**

Board and Advisory Committee service is a true commitment of time and energy. We estimate that such service could be a commitment of 10-15 hours each month. In addition, we ask that all Board and Advisory Committee members attend special events, including our annual holiday potluck.

Do you have any concerns or potential conflicts that may serve as impediments to this time commitment? If so, how will you manage the demands on your time?

**OTHER**

Who recommended you for board or technical advisory service?

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Have you ever been convicted, plead guilty or plead no contest to a crime? (If yes, please explain)?

Please identify at least two references we can speak with.

Name	Relationship	Best Contact (Phone or Email)

Please attach your resume to this application, and share a brief professional bio below that we can use in our outreach materials.