# Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership

Board Member / Technical Advisory Member Application

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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.*

**Please return your completed application to:**
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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, 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.

*This form is fillable: type directly into the boxes, check the boxes that apply, and save the file before returning it.*

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| Name | |
| Address | |
| Home Number | |
| Work Number | |
| Mobile Number | |
| Email Address | |
| Employer | |
| Employer Address | |
| Type of Business / Organization | |

Preferred Method of Contact: ☐ Work ☐ Mobile ☐ Home ☐ Email

Are you applying for membership on the LRWP Board, to serve as a Committee Member, or to serve as a Technical Advisor? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Board Member ☐ Committee Member ☐ Technical Advisor

If Committee Member or Technical Advisor, please note your specific interest:

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Past and present membership: boards, committees, and task forces in the public sector (business, civic, community, religious, political, professional, recreational or social).

| Organization | Role / Title | Dates of Service |
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Other volunteer experience:

## 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
- ☐ Public Policy / Advocacy
- ☐ Floodplain Management (CFM)
- ☐ Resilience / Emergency Management
- ☐ HR / Business Administration
- ☐ Social Media / Marketing
- ☐ Legal Expertise
- ☐ Grant Writing
- ☐ Nonprofit Experience
- ☐ Woodworking / Boat Building
- ☐ Planning / Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Education (formal & informal)
- ☐ Accounting / Bookkeeping / Budgets
- ☐ Event Planning / Fundraising
- ☐ Community Engagement
- ☐ Web Design
- ☐ Facilities Management / Real Estate
- ☐ GIS / IT / Data Management
- ☐ Recreational Access (walks, paddles)
- ☐ Financial Investment Management

Please provide details for the skills checked above, or add other skills/expertise you can bring to the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership:

## FUNDRAISING – BOARD MEMBER APPLICANTS ONLY

Board members help raise funds for the LRWP. We ask each board member to:

- introduce people in their network to our work (as volunteers, advisors, future board members, or donors); and
- make an annual gift at a level that is meaningful to them.

We will provide the information and tools you need to be a confident ambassador for our work.

Please share your level of comfort with these expectations:

## TIME

Board and Advisory Committee service is a real commitment of time and energy. We estimate it at about 5–10 hours per month. The time rises and falls over the year, with busier stretches around our annual board retreat, major events, and project deadlines, and lighter months in between. We also 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 affect this time commitment? If so, how will you manage the demands on your time?

## OTHER

Who recommended you for board or technical advisory service?

Have you ever been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled no contest to a crime?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please explain:

**Please identify at least two references we can speak with.**

| Name | Relationship | Best Contact (Phone or Email) |
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**Please attach your resume to this application, and share a brief professional bio below that we can use in our outreach materials.**