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Mission:

To support all Delaware communities in taking the necessary actions to thrive in the face of a rapidly changing climate through collaboration, information sharing, and technical assistance.

Membership in the Delaware Resilient and Sustainable Communities League (RASCL)

The Delaware Resilient and Sustainable Communities League (RASCL) is a collaborative network of state agencies, nonprofits, and academic institutions that convenes partners, leverages limited resources, and coordinates efforts to build a more resilient and sustainable Delaware. RASCL's work is primarily organized around three core issues: climate resilience, sustainable land use and infrastructure, and hazard mitigation and emergency management.

RASCL serves as a forum for member practitioners to collaborate, share best practices, and partner on projects. Our members contribute their time and resources to support information sharing, technical assistance, and networking opportunities for state, local, and county governments, citizen groups, the private sector, and nonprofit organizations to advance resilience and sustainability across the state of Delaware. RASCL remains objective and neutral, does not engage in advocacy, and does not conduct lobbying activities.

RASCL Members Collaborate on Initiatives Including:

- Undertaking special projects, as directed by issue-driven subcommittees, such as developing resources and improving coordination across member organizations and between agencies and stakeholders.
- Providing technical assistance to communities using RASCL member resources and expertise.
- Hosting the annual RASCL Summit, which brings together community members, elected officials, resilience practitioners, nonprofit organizations, and state and federal officials to network, learn, and share best practices.
- Organizing RASCL Coffee Hours to explore best practices, emerging topics, new projects, funding opportunities, and more—encouraging dialogue between communities, resilience practitioners, nonprofit organizations, and government officials.

Benefits of becoming a RASCL Member

As a RASCL Member, you will join a dynamic and dedicated network of Delaware's leading resilience and sustainability practitioners. You will also:

- Network with a diverse group of members and stakeholders at RASCL's events, gaining valuable contact hours that can support your organization's performance measures or goals.
- Join focused subcommittees addressing pressing resilience and sustainability needs in Delaware.
- Enroll in a group email listserv that provides direct contact with all other members.
- Share your organization's events, resources, and successes with the RASCL network through newsletters, email communications, and the RASCL website.
- Provide input on RASCL's goals and actions through subcommittee meetings, biannual member workshops, and direct calls for action from the RASCL network.

Member Qualifications and Expectations

- Open to government agencies, nonprofits, and academic groups working directly on topics related to RASCL's core issues
- Representation on at least one RASCL subcommittee.
- Participation in biannual full membership meetings and the RASCL Summit.
- Must serve Delaware local governments and communities.
- Strive to provide in-kind services, supplies, and/or funding to support RASCL events and outreach.

To apply for RASCL Membership

Return completed application (next page) to Jana Savini, RASCL Coordinator, at jsavini@delawareestuary.org. The RASCL Steering Committee reserves the right to invite and decline members and will periodically review participation to ensure member requirements are met.



Application for RASCL Membership

Organization: _____

Non-Profit Status: _____

Mission Statement: _____

Participating members:

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

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**Which subcommittees would your participating members be interested in joining?
(Descriptions can be found at www.derascl.org)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Guidance Group/Community Planning Assistance | Name(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach & Events | Name(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science Research Liaison | Name(s): _____ |

Short description of why your membership in RASCL will benefit Delaware's communities and your organization (can use next page if needed):
