



## Mission:

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

## Membership in the Delaware Resilient and Sustainable Communities League

The Delaware Resilient and Sustainable Communities League (RASCL) is a collaborative network of state, nonprofit, and academic practitioners working to create more resilient and sustainable communities in Delaware. RASCL also serves as a forum for member practitioners to collaborate, share best practices, and partner on projects. Our members provide 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 non-profit organizations in order to advance the goals of resilience and sustainability in the State of Delaware.

RASCL Members work together on a variety of projects and initiatives, including but not limited to:

- Special projects such as the development of decision support tools and improving coordination across member agencies and between agencies and stakeholders
- Providing technical assistance to communities on vulnerability assessments, hazards, and climate change adaptation and mitigation, utilizing RASCL member resources and expertise
- Hosting an 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 quarterly RASCL Coffee Hours in each county to address hot topics and encourage dialogue between communities and resilience practitioners in an informal setting

## Benefits of becoming a RASCL Member

As a RASCL Member, you will belong to an energetic, dedicated, and dynamic group of the leading resiliency and sustainability practitioners in the state of Delaware. In addition, you will:

- Have the opportunity to network with a diverse group of members and stakeholders at RASCL's outreach and engagement events, thereby gaining valuable contact hours that can be applied to your own organization's performance measures or goals.
- Join focused subcommittees working to address pressing resilience and sustainability needs in Delaware.
- Share your organizations events and resources with the RASCL network through periodic newsletters, email communications, and on the RASCL website (800+ emails).

- Provide direct input on RASCL’s goals and actions at forums such as Member workshops, subcommittee meetings, the RASCL Annual Summit, as well as direct calls from the RASCL network for input and action.

## Member Qualifications and Guidance

- To become a member of RASCL, your organization must be a public entity (government, NGO, academic, etc.) with a mission that is aligned with RASCL’s mission statement.
- Member organizations must have a representative in attendance and actively participate at all member workshops (about two per year).
- Member organizations must provide some type of meaningful technical assistance or outreach service each year on behalf of RASCL. Examples of this include participation in Coffee Hours, staffing outreach events like UD’s Coast Day, speaking on behalf of RASCL at municipal or community events/meetings, or presenting at RASCL supported events like the annual Summit.
- Member organizations should strive to have at least one representative sit on a RASCL subcommittee e.g. the Outreach, Summit Planning, Funding Committee, etc.
- Member organizations should strive to have at least one representative respond to inquiries or requests for information from RASCL on an as needed basis.
- Member organizations should strive to provide in-kind services, supplies, and/or funding to support RASCL events and outreach.

## To apply for RASCL Membership

Please contact the RASCL Steering Committee at [rasclinfo@gmail.com](mailto:rasclinfo@gmail.com) and provide the Committee with an overview of your organization’s mission and goals, your non-profit status, contact information for participating representatives, and a short description of why your membership in RASCL will benefit Delaware’s communities and your organization. The RASCL Steering Committee reserves the right to invite and decline Members and will periodically review participation to ensure Member requirements are met.

## RASCL Core Values:

- Ground projects, programs, and community-based solutions in **sound science and best practices**
- **Recognize the interconnectedness** between ecological, social, and economic drivers, and works to promote solutions that have multiple benefits
- **Build professional excellence** through active cross-sector collaboration and information sharing among RASCL members
- **Value and integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion principles** into all resilience and sustainability initiatives
- **Empower communities by building local capacity** to act on information and integrate future conditions into local planning

## RASCL Subcommittees

1. Outreach & Events Committee
2. Planning Assistance Committee
3. Project Implementation Committee
4. Preparedness & Recovery Committee
5. Research & Data Committee