



Western Lake Erie Basin Partnership Member Agreement

The Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) Partnership is a tri-state partnership dedicated to enhancing multi-purpose projects that improve land and water resource management in the basin and promote a healthy productive watershed.

The signatories (Leadership Committee, Operations Committee and Coordination Team Members) agree to the intent of the Western Lake Erie Basin Partnership Mission Statement and agree to assist the Partners in their mission to follow the principles of the Partnership as found in the Charter:

- The Partnership is committed to collaboration and consensus building - sharing resources and knowledge to link land use to water quality, support ongoing efforts and identify new opportunities to enhance and improve the watershed.
- The Partnership will apply watershed-based solutions to local problems and apply local solutions to watershed problems - inclusively empowering and building the capacity of local watershed groups and supporting ongoing efforts.
- The Partnership is results oriented - it will define the baseline status of the basin, identify and prioritize science based solutions, responsibly support the implementation of innovative and cooperative projects, monitor and evaluate its actions and support an adaptive management approach.
- The Partnership will speak with one voice, promote transparency, encourage participation, be responsive, create awareness, educate and inform.
- The Partnership will provide the structure necessary to coordinate public and private resources across political boundaries to accelerate achievement of environmental goals and support for local conservation initiatives.

The following, by signing this Agreement, shall contribute their time, resources, knowledge, technical skills and efforts to the best of their ability, to forward the goals of the Partnership. This commitment includes participating in at least six committee or coordination team meetings per year, and actively participating in document and project development. If more than three consecutive meetings are missed without provision of a fully qualified substitute from the represented organization, that organization shall identify a permanent substitute or voluntarily relinquish their seat on the committee or coordination team. This agreement will automatically be renewed annually unless participant withdraws or agreement is terminated by Leadership Committee for non participation or other reasons. This Agreement is a public statement of intent designed to foster good faith and cooperation among the parties.

It is understood and agreed by the undersigned that this Agreement shall not legally bind anyone or any organization to this or any other agreement. This agreement does not limit or in any way restrict the statutory or contractual obligations of the signatories in carrying out their private and/or public responsibilities.

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

Committee or Coordination Team: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Organization: _____

E-mail: _____ Date: _____