

State Wetland Advisory Committee Membership:

The State Wetland Advisory Committee shall have a diverse membership that ensures input from stakeholders throughout the State. The Committee composition was constituted in accordance with the provisions in Senate Bill 78. As of September 15, 2013, Advisory Committee membership included the following organizations:

Delaware Farm Bureau
Delaware State Bar Association
Delaware Association of Realtors
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Home Builders Association of Delaware
Delaware League of Local Governments
Committee of 100
Delaware State House of Representatives
Delaware State Senate
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
Delaware Department of Transportation
Delaware Department of Agriculture
Delaware Forestry Association
New Castle County Government
Kent County Government
Sussex County Government
Delaware Chapter American Council of Engineering Companies
USDA Farm Service Agency
USDA Natural Resources Conservation District
Delaware Center for the Inland Bays
Delaware Nature Society
Delaware Open Space Council/Conservation Fund
Private Conservationist

Existing Advisory Committee members can be asked to withdraw by vote or consensus of existing members if they can no longer fulfill the responsibilities of membership.

Qualifications for membership

Advisory Committee members should be individuals who regularly participate in networking and decision-making within their organization. Advisory Committee members should have a broad knowledge of the interests and activities of the agency, organization or constituent group they represent, and be able to cast votes as an Advisory Committee member on behalf of that group. Advisory Committee members should obtain the assistance of other members of their organizations or constituent groups to assist them in carrying out their responsibilities as necessary.

Alternates

Each Advisory Committee member shall designate an official alternate representative. This alternate member may participate fully in meetings (including voting) if the primary Advisory Committee member is unable to attend. The primary Advisory Committee member shall ensure that his/her alternate is kept apprised of relevant issues.

Workgroups

Workgroups of the Advisory Committee will be established as needed. Workgroups will be comprised of both selected Advisory Committee members and subject matter experts not otherwise involved in the Advisory Committee. The primary role of the Workgroups will be to thoroughly research, discuss and provide recommendations for specific issues identified by the Advisory Committee.

Advisory Committee Member Responsibilities

Advisory Committee members (and their alternates) shall:

- Define the goals of the Delaware Wetlands Advisory Committee;
- Represent, to the best of their ability, the interests and opinions of the agency, organization or constituent group which they represent;
- Communicate and consult regularly with the organizations and constituent groups which they represent to ensure that the plan meets the diverse needs and interests of all those involved;
- Share information regarding initiatives and projects that may affect the State Wetlands Management Plan;
- Regularly attend and participate in Advisory Committee meetings and workshops;
- Review and vote upon recommendations for Wetlands Management Plan development.

DNREC Responsibilities

The DNREC Watershed Assessment and Management (WAM) Section will provide resources for the development and implementation of the Wetlands Management Plan. Specifically, the DNREC WAM Section will:

- Provide planning and facilitation for meetings of the Advisory Committee and workgroups;
- Provide technical and policy advisement for meetings and plan development;
- Ensure comments, concerns and recommendations of Advisory Committee members are represented in planning products;
- Provide adequate staff resources for drafting documents;
- Ensure adequate time to Advisory Committee members to review and comment on information, recommendations and documents;
- Provide outreach and education to stakeholder organizations and other interested parties.