

PENNSYLVANIA CAMPAIGN FOR CLEAN WATER

Operations and Structure

Purpose of the Campaign

The Campaign will unite organizations in a pro-active agenda to protect and restore Pennsylvania's water resources.

Membership

Non-profit conservation, environmental, sportsmen's, civic, and faith organizations may become a member of the Campaign by signing its statement of principles. Membership is subject to approval by the Steering Committee.

Decision-Making and Structure

- The Campaign will take positions on watershed, water quality and water quantity issues of statewide significance. It will take positions on local issues if the issue is an example of a problem or shortcoming of state policy, law, regulation or implementation.
- Members who choose to be active in the Campaign can participate in Issue Workgroups on topics such as wetlands, EV Waters, Sewage, Stormwater, enforcement and AML funding.
- Issue Workgroups will meet and recommend policy positions, actions and activities to be undertaken by the campaign.
- Each Issue Workgroup will designate a chair who will serve on the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will manage the overall Campaign based on the input of the Issue Committees. The Steering Committee will elect a chair.
- In both the Issue Workgroups and the Steering Committee, an effort will be made to arrive at decisions by consensus, however, in the event of disagreement over proposed policy positions or activities, decisions will be made by a vote and decided by a simple majority of those voting.
- All member organizations will have the opportunity to sign onto public position statements, letters, and press releases, thus having the ability to opt out of any specific activity. Member organization names will not be used without previous authorization.

Communication

- The Issue Workgroups and Steering Committee will maintain communication through regular use of phone calls and email, with in-person meetings held as needed.
- Members of the Issue Workgroups can request that the Campaign take an action or position by contacting the Committee chair who will take the request to the Steering Committee.
- Campaign members not active on an Issue Workgroups who wish to propose an action or position should contact the chair of the appropriate Issue Workgroup and ask that the proposed action or position be put on the Workgroup's agenda.
- Every effort will be made to give adequate time for member organizations to respond to requests to participate in actions or position statements.
- No person or group may state that the Campaign has taken a position on an issue unless the Steering Committee has approved a position. Member organizations may speak on any issue on their own but may not speak for the Campaign without authorization.
- Signing onto the Campaign authorizes the Campaign to use the member organization's name in general materials about the Campaign. All general material will contain the following disclaimer: *Views expressed on a particular issue are not necessarily shared by all participating organizations.* Member group names will not be used on a specific issue position without prior approval of the organization.
- The Campaign will hold an annual meeting of all members to brief members on current issues, develop strategies, and plans.