

Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership Charter

The Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership is dedicated to the mission of better understanding the nature of the water, sediments, flood plains and adjacent wetlands of Duck and Otter Creeks for the purpose of promoting the protection of human health and biological integrity through voluntary non-regulatory actions.

In striving to implement this mission, the partnership has developed this Charter which outlines the premise of the Partnership and indicates the commitment of all the involved Partners to achieve the stated purpose, within their respective constraints.

The Partnership is a voluntary non-profit organization whose members include citizens, local businesses, industries, government agencies, institutions, and public organizations, formed to address the mission and purpose stated above.

The signatories are a consensus-based partnership and have established the following objectives intended to fulfill the mission and purpose of the Partnership:

- * Define the issues to be addressed to achieve the stated mission of the Partnership. This will be done utilizing the existing data and any additional data that may be obtained in the future.
- * Develop a detailed (dynamic) plan of action to address the issues identified. To devise this plan, the Partnership will explore various potential options, which are environmentally sound and balanced with economic considerations.
- * Identify resource needs for the implementation of the action plan. An undertaking of this magnitude may be expansive and require significant resources.
- * Generate a sequence of activities for implementation of the action plan. This will provide a framework for the Partners to evaluate the effectiveness of the project.

The following by signing this Charter, agree to volunteer their available time, resources, knowledge, technical skills, and efforts, to advance the mission, purpose, and objectives of the Partnership. This commitment will include attending meetings, participating in document development, and planning for the implementation of the Partnership objectives. This Charter is a public statement of intent designed to foster good faith among the parties. It is understood and agreed by the undersigned that this Charter shall not legally bind any one 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 nor does it commit to any particular participation absent separate written agreement thereto.

Charter Organization: _____

Charter Member Signature: _____

Charter Member Name (please print): _____ *Date:* _____