

**Flint Creek / Spring Creek Watersheds Partnership
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE:

Section 1. The purpose of these bylaws is to formalize how Flint Creek / Spring Creek Watersheds Partnership (Partnership) conducts business and administers funds for grant purposes.

Section 2. The Partnership identifies opportunities for the Flint Creek / Spring Creek Watersheds communities to integrate multi-objective watershed management in land use planning and development activities. The FCSCWP also strives to improve degraded conditions in the watershed by combining water quality improvement, water quantity control, flood damage reduction and natural resource protection and enhancement objectives in watershed-based best management practice projects and programs.

Section 3. Six goals, were identified for the watersheds to address the issues and opportunities raised by stakeholders during the planning process:

- Prepare and publish IEPA approved Watershed Plans for Flint Creek and Spring Creek
- Improve water quality
- Reduce flood damage
- Protect and restore natural resources
- Improve participation and coordination of watershed jurisdictions in watershed improvement activities
- Develop a watershed-based public information and education program

Section 4. The watersheds are defined for the purposes of this Partnership to include the territories within the Flint Creek Watershed and Spring Creek Watershed, as defined in the respective Watershed Plans.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1.

A. Membership in the Partnership shall be classified as an Agency Member, an Associate Member, or an Individual Member.

B. Agency Member – Any public agency holding an NPDES permit for a discharge into the Flint Creek or the Spring Creek and its tributaries, either from a publicly owned treatment works or from a public separate storm sewer system, nevertheless, Citizens for Conservation (the fiscal agent for the Partnership), Barrington Area Council of Governments, and the Barrington Area Development Council (the founder of the Partnership) are considered Agency Members. Homeowner’s Associations interested in the mission and objectives of the Partnership are also considered Agency Members.

C. Associate Member – An agency, organization or company interested in the mission and objectives of the Partnership that is not eligible for membership as an Agency member.

D. Individual Member - An individual interested in the mission, goals, and objectives of the Partnership who is not eligible for membership as an Agency Member or Associate Member.

E. Admission to any membership category will be determined by the Management Committee. Upon receipt of a written request for admission, the Management Committee may approve said membership which will become effective upon payment of the appropriate dues and will remain in effect as long as the member remains in good standing with the Partnership.

F. Associate Members and Individual Members will have no voting rights but are highly encouraged to collaborate and participate in the Partnership.

ARTICLE III: REGULAR MEETINGS

Section 1. The Coordinator shall schedule regular meetings of the membership with programs pertaining to the goals and objectives of the Partnership. The schedule, time and location of meetings will be published on the Flint Creek / Spring Creek Watersheds Partnership website and/or provided through regular email and/or mail contact with members.

Section 2. Special meetings of the membership shall be held upon call of the Management Committee at such times and places they shall determine.

Section 3. The annual meeting of the membership shall be held at a time and a place set by the Management Committee, the details of which shall be sent by email and/or mail to all members.

Section 4. All meetings of the membership, Management Committee meetings and other public meetings shall be governed according to general rules of etiquette.

ARTICLE IV: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Management Committee may establish any committee (standing or special) necessary to advance the purposes and goals of the Partnership. All active committees shall make regular reports at regular FCSCWP meetings.

Section 2. A quorum of committee members shall be necessary for the transaction of business at any committee meeting. A quorum of the committee shall consist of a majority of the committee members.

ARTICLE V: DUES

Section 1. The Management Committee may determine from time to time the amount of annual dues and membership categories. Payment of dues or the provision of services in lieu thereof, may be established as a condition of membership.

ARTICLE VI: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Section 1. The Management Committee may include a representative of Agency Members, Associate Members, Individual Members, and community groups. Citizens for Conservation, the fiscal agent of the Partnership, is encouraged to always provide an Agency Member. The Management Committee shall determine the policies of the organization and shall be responsible for the execution thereof and the general conduct of the affairs of the organization, and shall proceed pursuant to the following:

- A quorum of the Management Committee shall consist of a majority of the Management Committee members.
- Each member of the Management Committee shall have one (1) vote. Except where otherwise specified, voting shall be by a majority of those present and voting.
- All expenditures of the funds of the Partnership not specifically budgeted must be approved by motion, passed by a quorum of the Management Committee.

Section 2. Members shall be appointed to the Management Committee following nomination by at least two (2) current Management Committee members and approval by a quorum of the Management Committee.

The number of Management Committee members shall be from five (5) to nine (9) members. The term of office shall be 4 years, and terms will be staggered so that a portion of the Management Committee membership is considered every other year. Members may be reappointed. The Member shall serve until they are reappointed or replaced or resign.

At any time, for any reason, the Management Committee can vote to remove a Member. The motion to remove any Member must be passed by a quorum of the Management Committee.

Section 3. The Management Committee shall meet as needed to set the agendas and to conduct business.

Section 4. Members of the Management Committee will remain in good standing by attending two-thirds of all FCSCWP meetings during their term of office.

Section 5. The authority of the Management Committee may be exercised without a meeting if written consent setting forth the action taken is signed by a majority of the

Management Committee. Written consent shall include communication on paper and/or via email.

ARTICLE VII: STAFF

Section 1. The Partnership shall employ such staff and/or hired consultants as deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the Partnership and as necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

Section 2. There shall be employed a Coordinator whose salary, duties and terms of employment shall be determined by the Management Committee. The Coordinator shall administer the activities and other duties delegated to that position by the Management Committee.

ARTICLE VIII: BYLAWS

Section 1. The Bylaws will be approved, or changed, by a vote of two-thirds of the Management Committee. At least five (5) days notice will be given of the meeting date, time, location, and business to be acted on.

Section 2. Changes to the Bylaws shall not take effect until approval has been obtained.

Adopted this 22nd day of Feb., 2024 by the Management Committee of the *Flint Creek / Spring Creek Watersheds Partnership*

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