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Waterkeeper® Alliance Member

Board Member Statement of Agreement

As a board member of Canoochee Riverkeeper, I understand the following statements are my duties and responsibilities:

- I am expected to attend all board and committee meetings and functions, including special events (participation via conference call is permitted in the by-laws).
- I am financially responsible, with the other board members, for this organization (i.e., knowing what our budget is, taking an active part in planning the budget, and implementing the fundraising to meet it).
- I am responsible to know and approve all policies and programs.
- I am ethically responsible for the welfare of the Canoochee Riverkeeper. As a member of the board, I have promised to carry out its mission.
- I will make a personal financial donation to the organization each year, in order to show my commitment to the Canoochee Riverkeeper and to set an example for the rest of the community.
- I will be actively involved in the decision-making process of the organization. This includes acquainting myself with the bylaws, attending board meetings, and keeping abreast of current events in the organization's field.
- I will come prepared for board meetings; I will have read all material prior to the meetings, and bring new ideas for each meeting. I understand that commitment to this board will involve a good deal of time and will entail, on average, 5 – 10, hours per month, including 5 board meetings per year, as well as checking and responding to email messages, phone calls, and other correspondence from staff and other board members at least once a week.
- If I find that I can not meet the requirements of the board, due to conflicts of interest, lack of time, or lack of commitment, I will resign from the board, as permitted in the bylaws, and suggest a replacement, keeping in mind the necessity for a diverse and talented board of committed individuals.

In return, the organization is responsible to me in a variety of ways:

- I will receive, without request, financial reports.
- I can call on the staff to discuss programs, policies, goals and objectives.
- Board members and staff will respond candidly and completely to any questions I have that are necessary to carry out my financial, legal, and ethical responsibilities to the organization.
- My commitment to this organization will be used to preserve the Canoochee River.

Signature

Date