

Join us at the 10th  
Watershed Conference in  
LaCrosse, Wisconsin,  
May 20-23, 2007



“Total Watershed Awareness - Extending the Legacy” is the theme for the conference and we promise excellent speakers, tours, and an opportunity for networking and discussion of a wide range of watershed issues.

Hear presentations on new watershed management tools, watershed information efforts, emergency action plans, sponsor liabilities, how projects can be planned to better address issues such as water quality and supply, recreation, and other public needs as well as the key watershed issues.

Bookmark our website to keep updated on conference plans and current watershed issues:  
[www.watershedcoalition.org](http://www.watershedcoalition.org)



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## National Watershed Coalition

### Call for 2007 Membership Renewal

*The NWC is the only national organization dedicated to supporting the issues and concerns of our nation's local watershed sponsors.*

### Dear Friend of the National Watershed Coalition

It is that time of year when we ask folks who are interested in the activities of the NWC to renew their support through membership dues.

If you are not currently a member we invite you to join our nonprofit coalition made up of national, regional, state, and local organizations and associations as well as individual citizens.

Your membership in the coalition strengthens our voice as well as yours. Through congressional testimony, continuing discussions with government officials at all levels, and the grass roots efforts of our individual members and affiliates we are keeping sound watershed and resource management on agendas at all levels.

The NWC provides information and training opportunities to our members; holds biennial national conferences; and holds speciality resource conferences and workshops.

Your membership also helps support our web site ([www.watershedcoalition.org](http://www.watershedcoalition.org)) and our watershed e-news.

We are facing major challenges in restoring adequate reasonable funding to a number of beneficial programs and in keeping the Natural Resources Conservation Service and others informed and educated of the needs of project sponsors.

So, I'm asking you to fill out the membership form attached and return it our office. Thanks for your support

Mike Sykes, NWC Chair

<b>National Watershed Coalition Membership Application</b> <b>Calendar Year 200__ (January 1 - December 31)</b>			
First Name _____	Last Name _____		
Association / Organization _____			
Mailing Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
E-Mail Address _____			
Membership _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual - \$25 (US) <input type="checkbox"/> Organization/Association - \$75 (US)		
Category _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Steering Committee - \$150 min. (US)		
Make checks for appropriate amount to the National Watershed Coalition and mail to: National Watershed Coalition    P. O. Box 556    Chandler, OK. 74834			
_____ Visa _____ M. Card _____ Discover _____	A. Express Name on Card _____		
_____ Card Number _____	Ex Date _____ Billing Address for Card _____		

## Why You Should Belong to the National Watershed Coalition

No matter what your level of involvement in watershed projects you will find the Coalition can be of assistance to you in a variety of ways. We have listed a few of our recent accomplishments and some of our goals, upcoming activities and events for the coming year.

We think you will find that the benefits of being a NWC member are well worth the very affordable membership fees.

For other information about the NWC and to keep current on watershed issues, visit our website: [www.watershedcoalition.org](http://www.watershedcoalition.org).

### The National Watershed Coalition 2006 Accomplishments Included:

- ◆ Direct assistance to project sponsors in their efforts to educate congressional leaders concerning the importance of the USDA Watershed Program to both urban and rural local communities.
- ◆ By invitation provided testimony at a congressional field hearing on the new Farm Bill and Watershed Program to the House Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research.
- ◆ The Coalition provided training and direct assistance to state watershed coalitions and organizations representing 28 states.
- ◆ By invitation provided testimony on the impact of watershed conservation activities on the oceans to the Subcommittee on Integrated Management of Ocean Resources (SIMOR).

- ◆ The Coalition maintained a website and provided Watershed E-News Action Alerts to keep members and others updated on key watershed issues.

- ◆ The Coalition developed new resource materials, fact sheets, and pamphlets on watershed issues for use by our members.

- ◆ The Coalition conducted a “Sponsor Responsibility and Operation and Maintenance” workshop in Nebraska City in August.

- ◆ The Coalition conducted an “Organizing for Action” workshop in Nebraska City in September.



The “Sponsor Responsibility and Operation and Maintenance” workshop included classroom training and demonstration and field training. The 11 states represented by participants have 81 percent of the nation’s 11,400 watershed dams.



The “Organizing for Action” workshop provided training on organizing coalitions, sponsor responsibilities, and publicizing and educating the public about the watershed program. The 10 states represented by participants have 76 percent of the 11,400 watershed dams in the nation.

## Plans for 2007

While 2006 was a productive year, 2007 offers many new opportunities. Topping the list will be the 10th National Watershed Conference in LaCrosse, WI., May 20-23, 2007.

Working to educate the new Congress on the Watershed Program, as well as the new Farm Bill represents a major initiative. We must carefully monitor the Farm Bill development process to make sure that the authority for rehabilitation of aging watershed dams is included in the new Farm Bill.

### We will also:

- ◆ Continue our assistance to watershed project sponsors in carrying out their responsibilities. The Coalition is focused on both the needs and responsibilities of watershed project sponsors.
- ◆ Continue to work with national leaders for approval of new projects, funding of existing projects and funding for rehabilitation of aging dams.
- ◆ Conduct workshops and training for state watershed coalitions and project sponsors.
- ◆ Continue to update resource materials and develop new materials on topics including “Protecting Easements of Watershed Dams” and “Operation and Maintenance”.
- ◆ Provide speakers for state, regional and national meetings.

*The Coalition is about ideas, opportunities and resources to advance watershed management and protection by local people in local watersheds. Your membership support can help us meet these objectives.*