

Rancocas Creek Association

Constitution and By-Laws as amended from original version of June 25, 1967, and amendment of June 5, 2016.

1. Name The name of the body shall be:

The Rancocas Creek Association, hereinafter the "RCA."

1(a). Address The mailing address for all purposes shall be, "RCA 249 Shreve Street Mt. Holly, N.J. 08060.

2. Object The object of the RCA shall be to organize its members as an unincorporated, non-profit, **environmental** and educational association. The RCA is organized **exclusively** for the purpose of maintaining the natural beauty, serenity, navigability and cleanliness of the Rancocas Creek, within the limits of the RCA jurisdiction. **The RCA will not be organized or operated for the benefit of any private interests or individuals.** This most recent amendment is intended to comply with the requirements of IRS section 501 c (3), **as environmental quality protection and beautification.**

2(a). Mission Statement

The RCA is a not-for-profit organization, comprised of residents of the Rancocas Creek, between the Smithville and Mount Holly dams in New Jersey (hereinafter, "in our area."). We are impassioned with, and dedicated to, the improvement, upkeep, and general health of the Rancocas Creek and its banks between Smithville and Mount Holly, ecologically and environmentally.

2(b). Vision Statement the RCA shall be an organization that meets regularly with the focus on the benefits to the Rancocas Creek in our area.

The RCA will:

Provide a neutral forum for membership to discuss matters pertaining to the Rancocas Creek in our area;

Ensure that activities sponsored by the RCA shall be environmentally and ecologically sound as they impact the Rancocas Creek in our area;

Encourage partnerships with agencies and organizations with like- minded missions to preserve and maintain the beauty **and quality of the** Rancocas Creek in our area;

Promote education regarding all aspects of flora and fauna on and about the Rancocas Creek in our area, and their protection and preservation, to any person or persons, residents or visitors;

Share and promote pride and care in the appearance, health and growth of the Rancocas Creek in our area;

Designate chair persons to oversee any and all short term projects to ensure all aspects of the goals of the RCA are met with environmentally safe methods.

2(c) Donations The RCA will solicit and receive funds from private individuals and grant-making organizations to further the mission of RCA to preserve the health, navigability, and beauty of the Rancocas Creek.

3. Membership Full Voting Membership shall be open to all owners, lessees and residents of houses on or adjacent to both banks of the Rancocas Creek, between the Mt. Holly dam and the Smithville dam in Eastampton, N.J. Associate non-voting membership shall be open to all persons provided their applications are approved by the majority of the full voting members. Non-voting members may attend regular meetings, provided there is space available.

4. Executive Committee There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the 5 duly elected officers listed below and the immediate two (2) past elected Presidents.

The Executive Committee shall, by majority vote, approve all one time expenditures which exceed 20% of the RCA budget.

If all seven (7) members of the RCA Governing Body cannot meet for a vote, a quorum of at least five (5) members shall suffice for a binding vote.

All other duties shall rest with the President, to be assisted by the other four (4) officers.

5. Officers--There shall be an election every two (2) years:

A President who shall represent the RCA at all times, preside over meetings of the Executive Committee and of General RCA meeting, approve such committees as may be required and execute policies and decisions.

A Vice President who shall substitute for the President in his or her absence, and perform such other duties as the President may designate.

A Secretary who shall keep the records of the RCA, record the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee and the general members and perform such other duties as the Executive Board and the President may designate.

A Treasurer who shall be the financial officer of the RCA; he or she shall keep the books, collect all dues and other monies due to the RCA, deposit same in a banking institution and draw checks thereon at the direction of the Executive Committee, or the President and keep proper books for all transactions.

A Parliamentarian who shall help the President to conduct meetings in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order to maintain order, stay on topic and start and end meetings on time.

6. Meetings The RCA shall hold no fewer than 6 monthly general meetings a year all members shall receive at least 10 days notice of the time and place of such general meetings.

The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President after due notice to all board members of at least 10 days.

7. Elections Every two years the President shall solicit recommendations for officer positions by secret ballots and by absentee ballots from members in good standing. The ballots shall be submitted and collected on or before the next to last meeting. Each member can recommend one candidate for each of the five (5) officer positions. The President shall then inquire of the nominees as to their willingness to serve. All members who are nominated and willing to serve shall stand for election at the final meeting of the summer. A slate of 5 officers shall be elected by secret ballot plus absentee ballots at the final summer meeting of the RCA. Any absentee ballots shall be submitted before the final meeting. The Officer positions shall be awarded based upon the highest number of votes. The Officers elected at such meeting shall be entitled to take office immediately, and if unable, as soon thereafter as practicable. Any holdover or interim officer shall have the same rights and obligations as a regular officer.

8. Dues The amount of the seasonal dues per household shall be set by the Executive Committee.

9. Dissolution

Upon dissolution, any remaining assets of the RCA shall be given equally to the governing bodies of Mount Holly Township, Eastampton Township and Burlington County for a public purpose related to the preservation and betterment of the Rancocas Creek

10. Amendment The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a general or special RCA meeting, provided that at least 10 days written notice of the proposal to amend shall have been given to each member.

John McNamara, President

Richard T. Astorino, Vice President

And RCA Counsel

This **25th** Day of June, 2017