



## **Call for Nominations for the Position of Alternate Citizen Representative to the Policy Committee of the Barnegat Bay Partnership**

**Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2020**

The Barnegat Bay Partnership (BBP) is one of 28 National Estuary Programs dedicated to improving the health of nationally significant estuaries. The BBP comprises more than 30 federal, state, county, local, academic, and private agencies and organizations working together to protect and restore the Barnegat Bay and its watershed.

To promote greater citizen involvement in the Barnegat Bay Partnership, the BBP's Communication and Education Committee is recruiting Alternate Citizen Representatives to assist the Citizen Representative with representing the interests of the public, and to serve as an alternate on the BBP Policy Committee. The Policy Committee's responsibilities include approving the BBP's annual budget and work plan, developing new action items or policy initiatives for the BBP, promoting BBP efforts, and assisting in securing long-term funding commitments.

It is expected that Alternate Citizen Representatives will work with the Citizen Representative to help the BBP gain public perspective on the issues of importance to the Barnegat Bay and its watershed, by actively being involved with advocacy, outreach, and fundraising. Alternates also serve in the place of the current Citizen Representative when he or she is absent.

### **Guidelines for Nomination:**

- Nominees should possess the following characteristics: a strong commitment to the environment, particularly the Barnegat Bay and its watershed; strong interpersonal and communication skills; integrity and ethical behavior; and a willingness to work with the community at large as a liaison to the Barnegat Bay Partnership.
- While not required, the following strategic skills would be highly desirable: previous service and working knowledge of organizational management, group collaboration, marketing, fundraising, and/or development.
- A candidate for the position of Alternate Citizen Representative cannot be an employee or board member of a BBP partner entity, nor be a member of a BBP standing committee.

**Procedure for Nomination:** Interested individuals may nominate themselves or others by submitting a Letter of Interest, which should include a brief biography of the nominee and a list of her or his experiences and activities pertinent to the call for nominations. The Letter of Interest should be submitted to the Barnegat Bay Partnership by the **deadline of April 15, 2020**.

Letters of Interest can be mailed to Barnegat Bay Partnership, Ocean County College, P.O. Box 2001, Toms River, NJ 08754 (Attention: Karen Walzer, Public Outreach Coordinator), or sent via e-mail to Karen Walzer at [kwalzer@ocean.edu](mailto:kwalzer@ocean.edu). If you have questions about the nomination procedure, call Karen at 732-244-0472 x 2. For more information about the Barnegat Bay Partnership and its committees, visit [www.barnegatbaypartnership.org](http://www.barnegatbaypartnership.org).

**The Alternate Citizen Representative will:**

- Be installed during a regular Policy Committee meeting;
- Fulfill the duties and the responsibilities of the Citizen Representative in his/her absence;
- Have a specified term of three years (at the expiration of the term, an Alternate Citizen Representative can be re-appointed to a new three-year term);
- Represent non-partner entities (*i.e.*, organizations not on existing BBP standing committees);
- Represent the public broadly on issues which impact, or are impacted by, the health and integrity of the bay and the condition of its resources;
- Actively participate with, and support, the BBP's Communication and Education Committee in education and outreach activities to diverse target audiences within the Barnegat Bay watershed;
- Focus on a collaborative approach when collecting feedback from the public;
- Not expect or request financial compensation individually or for organizations and/or groups they represent; and
- Abide by the ethics statement as provided by the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Roles and Responsibilities for the Barnegat Bay Partnership.

**Duties of the Alternate Citizen Representative will include:**

- Participating in Policy Committee meetings in the absence of the Citizen Representative;
- Participating in Communication and Education Committee meetings and activities whenever possible;
- Assisting the Citizen Representative with facilitating one or more meetings of "target audiences" each year; and
- Supporting implementation of the BBP's *Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the Barnegat Bay* and *Communication and Outreach Plan*. The plans are available on the BBP website.