

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out all four sections completely, sign the application and the Memo of Understanding, and return to the address listed at the end of the application.

Part I: Organization Information

Name of organization: _____

Street address: _____

City, state, zip: _____ County: _____ Tel _____

Web site: _____

Chief Executive Officer (name & title): _____

E-mail address: _____

Proposed organizational representative to FREC: _____

Representative's title, street address, telephone, fax and e-mail address if different than above: _____

Members are organizations whose mission includes environmental preservation, conservation, recreation, and education. Members must be located within the four rivers region as designated by the Executive Board.

Type of organization: Government agency Not-for-profit organization
 Business School Unincorporated organization¹

Primary purpose of organization:

Education Scientific Research Natural Resources management
 Sustainability Other (describe): _____

Annual operating budget of organization: _____ Number of full time staff: _____

Number of staff (approximate) with responsibilities related to biodiversity conservation or related fields including education, etc.: _____

Are you a membership-based organization? _____ If yes, how many members? _____

Does your organization engage volunteers in its work? _____ If yes, how many volunteers? _____

Mission/goal of organization (50 words or less): _____

¹ Unincorporated organizations are eligible for membership in FREC, but are subject to Executive Board approval. Please contact Jill Kennay at 815-964-666 or jkennay@aol.com for more information.

List current (major) activities in support of biodiversity conservation in the Four Rivers region:

Describe how your organization can contribute to the fulfillment of the objectives of Four Rivers Environmental Coalition (50 words or less):

Describe your organization’s reason for wishing to join Four Rivers Environmental Coalition (50 words or less):

Part II: Annual Membership Dues Pledge

The Four Rivers Environmental Coalition operating budget is supported in part by member organizations. To ensure the financial stability of FREC, the support from 100% of our members is essential. The membership dues structure is based on an organizations’ operating budget or, when only part of an organizations’ work relates to the FREC mission, the operating budget of that applicable department. Please choose the level that best reflects your organizations’ budget:

	Dues	Member Operating Budget
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50	< \$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100	\$100,000 to 300,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300	\$300,000 to 600,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500	\$600,000 to 1 million

The Four Rivers Environmental Coalition fiscal year is January 1, to December 31. In support of the work of Four Rivers Environmental Coalition, my organization pledges the following in annual membership dues:

\$_____ will be paid no later than March 1 Additional contribution \$_____

Make checks payable to Four Rivers Environmental Coalition

If you have any questions or challenges to your organization’s membership requirements, please contact Jill Kennay at 815-964-666 or jkennay@aol.com. If this is the case, you do not need to include a check with your application form. We will contact you to discuss your situation. The coalition is committed to ensuring that no organization is excluded from participating.

Part III: Membership Commitment

If accepted as a member of Four Rivers Environmental Coalition, I hereby certify that my organization has signed the Four Rivers Environmental Coalition Memorandum of Understanding and I will ensure that my organization pays membership dues. We agree to be supportive of efforts to fulfill the mission and achieve the objectives of Four Rivers Environmental Coalition and will work cooperatively with other members to reach those ends. I will encourage my staff or organization members to actively participate on Four Rivers Environmental Coalition teams, lead efforts and implement projects when possible, and attend the general meetings. Further, I will commit to sending a representative of my organization to those meetings as time permits.

Part IV: Commitment Signature

By signing below, I certify that I have the authorization, or have obtained the proper level of executive endorsement, to commit my organization to the responsibilities of the requested membership and to our contribution pledge.

Chief Executive Officer or Title (Print)

Date

Signed

Organization Name

Please return completed application and signed Memorandum of Understanding to:

Jill Kennay
Four Rivers Environmental Coalition
320 South Third St.
Rockford, IL 61104



Memorandum of Understanding Pledge

It is mutually agreed and understood by and among the parties hereto that:

This Memorandum of Understanding reflects an entirely voluntary commitment among the parties hereto to cooperate and work together to achieve the vision and mission of the Coalition. This Memorandum of Understanding in no way obligates or restricts the activity of any party hereto in any way.

No member shall obligate, or purport to obligate, any other member with respect to any matter.

Any party may withdraw from the Coalition at any time by providing written notice of the party's intent to withdraw from the Coalition to the chair. A member may be removed by a 2/3rds vote of the members of the Coalition present at any meeting at which there is a quorum.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the Memorandum of Understanding to be executed as of the dates written below.

Name (Print) _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Representing: (Name of organization) _____

Phone _____

Type of organization: Government agency Not-for-profit organization
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Other designated representative

_____ email: _____

Name

The purpose of the Four Rivers Environmental Coalition is to advocate, educate, and plan for the protection of the natural resources and biodiversity in the watersheds of the four rivers region of northern Illinois. Through the preservation of ecological values compatible with promotion of recreation and economic uses, we hope to ensure a high quality of life for present and future generations.