



Environmental Consortium
of Colleges & Universities

COLLABORATING PARTNERSHIPS

The mission of the Environmental Consortium of Colleges & Universities is to harness higher education’s intellectual and physical resources to advance regional, ecosystem-based environmental research, teaching, and learning with a special emphasis on the greater Hudson-Mohawk River watershed.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSORTIUM
OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (“ECCU”),
MEMBER INSTITUTIONS (“INSTITUTIONS”) AND
WATERSHED ORGANIZATIONS AND MUNICIPALITIES (“COLLABORATING PARTNER”)**

This Memorandum of Understanding entered this _____ day of

_____, _____, by and between the Environmental
(month) (year)

Consortium of Colleges & Universities (ECCU),

_____,
(name of educational institution)

a college or university, located at

_____.
(mailing address)

and

a college or university, located at

_____.
(mailing address)

and

_____.
(name of Collaborating Partner)

_____.
(mailing address)

WHEREAS ECCU, the participating Institutions and Collaborating Partner desire, in addressing environmental issues in line with the mission of the consortium, to:

- (a) Identify for Collaborating Partners the interdisciplinary expertise and research capabilities and interests in participating colleges and universities that may contribute to solving the environmental problem outlined in the proposed project.
- (b) Identify the environmental educational opportunities that exist in local communities.
- (c) Enhance the technical and interdisciplinary expertise of Collaborating Partners through greater cooperation with colleges and universities.
- (d) Identify for interested faculty in participating Institutions, the most pressing research needs of local communities, and also identify for those interested in performing needed research potential funding sources.
- (e) Link community environmental needs with courses of study in colleges and universities.
- (f) Help educate citizens about the local, regional, and international dimensions of environmental problems facing local communities.
- (g) Assure that environmental issues are examined from an interdisciplinary perspective where appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding set forth the following terms and conditions of their understanding.

1. Commitments of the Consortium (ECCU) shall:

- (a) Address environmental issues in line with the mission of the ECCU
- (b) Cooperate with the sponsoring Institutions.
- (c) Make available to Collaborating Partners, through the sponsoring College(s), University(s) or Affiliate(s), such information and expertise as it possesses relevant to the environmental concerns of the Collaborating Partners.
- (d) Identify for participating Institutions and Collaborating Partners sources of funding known to the ECCU that might provide support for needed research.
- (e) Publicize on the Consortium's web site at www.environmentalconsortium.org the environmental programs and areas of expertise of participating Institutions.

2. Commitments of the Sponsoring Institutions (must be at least two).

_____ shall:
(name of Colleges, Universities or Affiliates)

- (a) Address environmental issues in line with the mission of the ECCU
- (b) Cooperate with the Collaborating Partner.
- (c) Appoint as its **DESIGNATED CONTACT** with the Collaborating Partner, until such time as another representative is identified in writing. Please provide the **Designated Representative's** name, title, department, mailing and e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and the college or university's web site address:
Name: _____
Affiliation: _____
Title: _____
Department: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Email: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
Website: _____

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Affiliation: _____
Title: _____
Department: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Email: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
Website: _____

(d) Provide to the Collaborating Partner information on environmental programs, curricula, expertise, and interested faculty.

(e) Allow the Collaborating Partner to publish information provided to the Collaborating Partner pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding.

3. Commitments of the Collaborating Partner

(a) Make known to the Institutions the Collaborating Partner's most pressing environmental research needs.

(b) Appoint as its **DESIGNATED CONTACT** with the Institutions, until such time as another representative is identified in writing: (please provide the **Designated Contact's** name, title, department, mailing and e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and the Collaborating Partner's web site address):

Name: _____
Title: _____
Department: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Email: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
Website: _____

(c) Identify for participating colleges and universities sources of funding known to the Collaborative Partner that might provide support for needed research.

4. Common Understandings.

All participating members of the Partnership understand that any party may terminate its participation under this Memorandum of Understanding upon written notice to Memorandum parties.

The parties hereby acknowledge the foregoing as the terms and conditions of their understanding, although it is understood that this **Memorandum of Understanding** does not create contractual rights or obligations.

Environmental Consortium of Colleges & Universities

(Director) _____ Date

Participating Colleges, Universities, or Environmental Education or Policy Institutions

(Department Chair or Dean Signature) _____ Date

Title: _____

(Department Chair or Dean Signature) _____ Date

Title: _____

Collaborating Partner Entity

(Department Supervisor, Executive Director, President, Chair of the Board Signature) Date

Title: _____

Attachments:

Project Description - Please include a description of the project which the Participating Institutions and the Collaborating Partner intend to undertake. The projected time length of the project should also be included.