



Water Protector Application

* Required Information

First Name * _____

Last Name * _____

Email * _____

Address * _____

Business Name _____

City * _____ State * _____ Zip * _____

Phone Number * _____

Everyday Actions

Choose a minimum of 6 actions from the list below. Photo documentation of 3 actions must be provided. *

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth
- Limit your showers to 5 – 10 minutes
- No grease down the sink
- Don't flush medicines
- Use your dishwasher or washing machine for only full loads
- Install low flow faucets and shower heads
- Install low water use toilets
- Recycle plastics ONLY
- Recycle ALL materials such as glass, metals, cardboard, and plastics
- Recycle cardboard and plastics ONLY
- Always scoop the dog poop when in a community area or near a stream
- Compost garden and kitchen waste and/or use compost on your lawn and garden
- If you water your lawn or garden, only water in the morning or late afternoon
- Mow high and leave clippings in place
- Don't fertilize your lawn and if you do, test your soil and fertilize at the correct time of year
- If you use a lawn maintenance company, make sure they are environmentally friendly
- Aerate your yard

Protect Storm Drains

Choose a minimum of 2 item from the list below. Photo documentation of each chosen item is required. *

- Wash cars on pervious surfaces or at a car wash that recycles
- Only rain down the drain! Keep drains/ditches clear of oil, litter, leaves, etc.
- Plant a vegetated buffer between your yard and the street
- Sweep patios and sidewalks rather than hosing them, which wastes water and carries contaminants into freshwater systems.
- Mark storm drains on your property or get permission from county or city to mark storm drains with "Drains to River emblems"

Water Friendly Practices

Select and document at least 3 Water Friendly Practices from the list below that you currently have in place. Photo documentation of 3 practices must be included. *

- Rain Barrel(s)
- Native Plantings
- Tree Planting/Streamside Vegetation
- Rain Garden
- Permeable Pavers/Pavement
- Septic System Maintenance
- Volunteer for a stream-clean up or wetland restoration event
- Take someone on a hike near a river or lake

Best Management Practices for Farming

Are You a Farmer? Yes, please continue. If no, continue to next section.

Farming Practices

Select a minimum of 4. Photo documentation of 3 practices must be provided. *

- Practice stream protection and stream exclusion by fencing along all water bodies along the field and streams in the field to reduce erosion, sedimentation, and pollution of water from nonpoint agricultural sources
- Practice stream bank stabilization by allowing a vegetative buffer to remain along streams and plant new vegetation in areas that are limited or removed recently
- Practice a cover crop like legumes or clover and winter peas to reduce erosion from recently harvested crops in off seasons
- Practice grazing land management that would allow adequate surface cover protection to reduce soil erosion
- Practice low soil disturbance through minimal or no till planting to reduce sediment pollution
- Practice loafing lot management by dividing farm area into several lots and rotate cattle to protect vegetative cover
- Practice livestock exclusion with reduced setback by providing direct access to surface water by constructing wells, installing pipelines, etc.
- Practice contour farming to reduce chemical and sediment runoff from land into streams

Proper Septic System Care

If you have a septic system, please select a minimum of 4 activities below. * If you do not have a septic system, please continue to next section.

- I have pumped out my septic system in the past five years.
- I have no running toilets or leaky faucets.
- I do not have anything heavy on the ground over my tank or drain field like a shed, parked car or RV, cement, asphalt, or above ground pool. This can damage the tank and pipes and compromise the effectiveness of the drain field.
- I did not install a garbage disposal.
- I use septic-safe toilet paper and septic-safe wet ones.
- I have cut down all large trees and shrubs near tank and drain (leach field) and keep it clear of roots; the roots of trees can damage pipes and the tank. Be especially careful of trees with aggressive roots such as willow trees.

Why you want to be a Certified Water Protector

Tell us why you want to become a Certified Water Protector in 500 words or less. *

Authorization

I certify that the information I have provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that DRBA may use my photos to promote this program and the Water Protector program. I also understand that DRBA may ask to visit my property to inspect my projects. At no time will DRBA make my address public or display a house number in promotion. Photo usage rights and project inspection right may be revoked by checking the boxes below.

Usage Rights

- I give DRBA the right to use my photos.
- I give DRBA the right to inspect my projects.

Your Signature

Date