

# ROCKY FLATS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Kim Griffiths

## **Membership Application, 2023-2024**

### **Background**

The Rocky Flats Stewardship Council formed in February 2006 to provide ongoing local government and community engagement on the post-closure management of Rocky Flats, the former nuclear weapons plant northwest of Denver. The \$7 billion cleanup was completed in October 2005 and represents an important legacy for our communities. Cleanup significantly reduced the many risks. Ongoing management by the Department of Energy (DOE) remains vital to ensuring long-term protection of human health and the environment.

The Stewardship Council is an independent body organized under Colorado law. In late 2004, the United States Congress approved legislation authorizing the creation of Local Stakeholder Organizations (LSO) at Rocky Flats and two sites in Ohio. The Stewardship Council's central focus is serving as the DOE-designated LSO for Rocky Flats. Our mission is to provide continuing local engagement on activities at Rocky Flats regarding long-term stewardship of residual contamination and refuge management. We also track issues related to former site employees, and work with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on the development and management of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

The Stewardship Council Board of Directors includes elected officials from ten local governments neighboring Rocky Flats, and up to four non-governmental parties. The current membership is listed on the masthead (see above).

In Fall 2022, the member governments will appoint members to two of the four non-governmental seats. Terms start at the February 2023 meeting and run for two years.

### **Membership**

In determining membership, the Stewardship Council is committed to balancing those with knowledge of Rocky Flats with adding new perspectives and engaging new constituencies. In 2005, following the passage of the LSO legislation, DOE identified the following characteristics to guide membership of the non-governmental members:

1. Impacted by and interested in a majority of the scope topic areas of the Stewardship Council
2. Willingness to invest time and energy on all of the topic areas
3. Some familiarity with Rocky Flats history, the cleanup process, etc.
4. Represent a broad constituency with a wide diversity of viewpoints
5. Bring new ideas to the table

In developing a broad constituency, there are various potential membership categories:

1. Academic institution
2. Business
3. Former Rocky Flats worker
4. Historic preservation
5. Landowner/asset holder
6. Public interest/environmental group
7. Student
8. Technical expertise
9. Other

**Application Deadline:** Friday, September 30, 2022 (email and mail only). Interviews will take place on Monday, October 31, 2022, in the morning.

**Provide the following information**

Name  
Name of organization represented (if applicable)  
Address  
Telephone  
Email  
Title (if applicable)  
Membership category  
Number of individuals/groups your organization represents

**Address the following questions**

1. Time Commitment: On average, Board members spend 5-10 hours per month working on Stewardship Council issues. They also attend five Board meetings per year. Board meetings are Monday mornings from 8:30 – 11:30 AM. Members who lack a solid foundation on Rocky Flats issues will likely need to spend time developing a strong foundation on the history of the site, cleanup, and monitoring activities since closure in 2006.

Questions to answer:

- a. How much time will you/your organization be able to commit towards this effort?
- b. Are there any time constraints you/your organization may face?

Please explain.

2. Assignment of Director and Alternate Director(s): Meeting attendance is vitally important so each organization must appoint a Director, and up to two Alternate Directors to serve in the absence of the Director.

Information Need: If you are applying on behalf of an organization, please indicate who will serve as the Director and Alternate Director(s)? Attach a short bio for each person.

Persons applying for membership as individuals are not permitted to appoint Alternate Directors. Please attach a short bio.

3. Statement of Interest: Write a statement explaining your organization’s interest/individual interest in serving, and membership category. Please discuss any relevant experience, education, expertise, or special skills that would serve the Stewardship Council’s mission, including any Rocky Flats experience.
  
4. Conflict of Interest Statement: To maintain public trust and accountability, all applicants must identify any conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest. “Conflict of interest” is broadly defined as (1) having a direct financial interest in any issue related to the management of Rocky Flats, and/or (2) currently being engaged in a lawsuit against the Department of Energy, the Department of the Interior, Jefferson County, Boulder County, the City and County of Broomfield, the cities of Arvada, Boulder, Golden, Northglenn, Thornton, and Westminster, or the Town of Superior.

Information Need: Please list any such conflicts or potential conflicts.

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Print name/date

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\*If you are submitting the application on behalf of an organization, both the Director and one Alternate Director must sign the application.

If you have any questions, please contact:  
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