



# Norfolk Naval Shipyard RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## What is a Restoration Advisory Board or RAB?

A collective forum for the community, government agencies, tribes, and installation decision makers to discuss, and identify the most efficient and productive means to restore the environment at a site formerly owned by the DoD, where the DoD is overseeing the cleanup process.

RAB members provide input to installation decision makers. They have direct access to environmental agencies overseeing the cleanup. They can share their questions, concerns, and ideas with agencies involved in the cleanup. While RABs do provide valuable information, it is **not** a decision-making body.

**Who are RAB Members?** RAB members should be a cross-section of local community residents who represent diverse community interests. This means a RAB member can be a teacher, environmental advocate, business owner, grocery clerk, parent, member of a community organization, or a farmer – these are just some examples. This not only ensures equitable representation of the community but also ensures information reaches the entire community.

**Why is a RAB Important?** The Navy encourages community involvement throughout the entire environmental restoration process. Residents, who understand their community, and volunteer to represent it, provide meaningful input regarding the cleanup activities within their community. While the public can comment on the DoD's efforts, RABs are a focused and interactive opportunity to participate in the process.

**Where does a RAB meet?** All meetings will be announced and held at a location within the community.

**When does a RAB meet?** Once the RAB is formed, they will decide on how often and when RAB meetings will be held.

**Community Participation** Community members are encouraged to attend the RAB meetings that are open to the public. The public is also encouraged to contact official RAB members with any questions or concerns throughout the cleanup process.

## RAB Responsibilities

- Member should represent and communicate community interests and concerns
- Be willing to learn about the Environmental Restoration Process and actions at the site
- Assist in establishment of a mission statement, goals, and operating procedures
- Address issues associated with the environmental restoration activities
- Provide advice and comment on restoration issues to the decision makers
- Provide information to the greater community
- Serve a specified term, typically a one to two-year term, and attend RAB meetings regularly
- When applicable, review and comment on documentation and activities

## How the Navy Partners with the RAB

- Maintains a record of RAB activities
- Maintains an information repository on all activities related to the site
- Informs RAB about key issues and upcoming decisions
- Considers and responds, in a timely manner, to RAB questions, concerns, and ideas.
- Provides adequate funding for administrative and technical support

**How Can I Get Involved?** If you are interested in serving on the Norfolk Naval Shipyard RAB, please complete a membership request form. Upon submission, forms will be reviewed and approved by a selection panel. The panel reviews submissions to understand applicants' commitment level, and ensure members represent interests of the community. Residents of Portsmouth interested in the ongoing environmental restoration activities at Norfolk Naval Shipyard should go to <https://go.usa.gov/xSvtx> for more information and to apply.

Or scan the QR code →



## Application Instructions

Please fill out the application completely. You may attach another sheet or a copy of your resume if you wish, but this is not required. Please send your completed RAB application to [NNSY\\_PAO@us.navy.mil](mailto:NNSY_PAO@us.navy.mil).

Name:	Phone:
Address:	Email:
Present occupation (or past, if retired):	
Please list local civic or community group affiliations:	
Why would you like to be considered for membership on the Restoration Advisory Board?	
What has been your experience working as a member of a diverse group with common goals?	
Briefly summarize any experience you have pertaining to environmental issues (if applicable) or any specific interest you have with environmental issues.	
Please describe how you would serve as a liaison between the RAB and the community.	

I understand the requirements of membership on the NNSY RAB. I agree to work cooperatively and constructively with other RAB members to ensure efficient use of time for addressing community issues related to environmental restoration at NNSY. I understand that the RAB is an advisory committee, not a decision-making body, and that input will be considered as advice. I attest that I have completed this application accurately and honestly, and, if selected, would likewise serve on the RAB openly, honestly, and to the best of my ability. Providing the personal information requested on this form is voluntary. It is requested to determine my interest in RAB membership. The information will be reviewed and will be kept in a file by the Navy. This information will not be published.

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Signature

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Date