

Code of Ethical Practice

Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation

The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation is a professional conservation organization, dedicated to the conservation and stewardship of coastal ecosystems.

Our goal is to follow the highest moral principles in providing knowledgeable decisions and advice relating to the planning and management of environmental activities on Lake Huron.

This Code of Ethical Practice shall govern the professional activities of LHCCC Board, staff, committee members and volunteers. By signing a copy of this document, the undersigned agrees to:

1. Recognize the responsibility for environmental stewardship and protection of the public through the use of sound scientific practices in the conduct and representation of work undertaken.
2. Endeavour at all times to enhance the public regard for the Centre.
3. Conduct all LHCC affairs in a manner reflecting the highest ethical standards. Be honest and candid and perform work with integrity and due care.
4. Hold in strict confidence, except as required by law, all information concerning the business and affairs of the Centre, or its partners, acquired in the course of the professional relationship, and not use this information for personal gain.
5. Avoid situations that are explicitly or implicitly in conflict of interest with the Centre. Remain free of any influence, interest, or relationship that impairs professional judgment, independence, impartiality or objectivity. Strive to serve the Centre in a conscientious, diligent and efficient manner.
6. Strive to be competent, having the skills, knowledge and experience to perform the required work.
7. Represent qualifications and competencies, or advertise services, only through factual representation without exaggeration.
8. Not knowingly be associated with any report, statement, or representation known to be false or misleading.

9. Commit to honest, thorough, and straightforward communication in the performance of Centre-related duties.
10. In all matters related to this organization, act with fairness and on the measure of 'will it be beneficial to all concerned'.
11. Endeavour to continuously improve skills and proficiency through practice, education and professional development.
12. Maintain proper regard in all work for the safety and welfare of all persons and for the physical environment affected by the work.

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