# Author Guidelines

**For Manuscript Submissions to Clear Waters Magazine**

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- Article length between 1,500 and 3,000 words.
- Manuscript submitted in Microsoft Word.
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- Paragraphs must be single-spaced, first-line indented 0.5 inches.
- Topic headings (if any) must be bold font; subheadings must be bold and italic.
- Images must be [high resolution](#). (See sidebar).
- Send original high-resolution image/graphic files (JPG, PNG, TIFF) and Excel files for charts/graphs with captions and credits for each.
- Citations/references follow the Chicago Manual of Style author-date system.
- Author biography must include the name, title, affiliation, mailing and email address of each author. Note which author is the lead, and which is the contact for questions.

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