

CONSENT FORM

This form is to request your agreement to participate as a subject in the research project Watershed Explorations with Immersive Virtual Reality Games conducted by Dr. Alec Bodzin at Lehigh University.

The purpose of the study is to investigate how learning about the Lehigh River watershed using immersive virtual reality with gaming features and local contexts may be related to user engagement and broader understandings of the watershed. Participants must be within the USA at the time they take part in the study.

When you start the game we will ask you if you have previously played a computer simulation learning game and answer three questions about flood preparedness. You will then play the game. The game will record information about how you interact with the VR experience. After the game we will ask you again three questions about flood preparedness. Next, we will ask you to complete a brief survey about your experience while playing the game. The survey items focus on engagement and learning with the game. We will then ask you to tell us your age and gender.

Your participation in the study will involve approximately 30-40 minutes to complete the game and survey items.

The possible risks associated with this study are any typical discomfort you might feel when you play a video game on a computer screen.

The possible benefits to you from participation in this study are increasing your knowledge about flood preparedness.

No information that can identify you personally, such as your name, will be collected. Other researchers could request the non-identifiable data after our study concludes.

Your decision whether or not to participate is voluntary. You are free to withdraw from this study at any time. You may skip any question that you are not comfortable answering.

If you have any questions about this study and what is expected of you in this study, you may call Dr. Alec Bodzin at 610 758-5095.

You may report problems that may result from your participation or direct questions in regard to your rights as a subject in this study to Lehigh University's Office of Research Integrity at (610) 758-2871 or inirb@lehigh.edu. All reports or correspondence will be kept confidential.

To confirm that you have read and understand the information above, and to consent to participate in the study, please click the link on the Web site to play the game.

