Job Announcement

Delaware River Advocate
Full Time Position (40hrs/wk)
Salary Range: $45,000 - $55,000

The Watershed Institute is hiring a Delaware River Advocate to help the organization build awareness and support for protecting the Delaware River and its tributaries and to help us reach and engage underrepresented communities in the greater-Trenton region. This is a two-year position, with the possibility of extension. The Watershed Institute is committed to building a culturally diverse organization and strongly encourages applications from people of color, particularly residents of Trenton and neighboring communities.

Position Summary: The Delaware River Advocate will help The Watershed Institute engage with area residents about the Delaware River, threats to its environmental health, and programs that can help protect and restore the river. This multi-disciplinary position will work in The Watershed Institute’s Policy Department under the direction of the organization’s Policy Director and will also work closely with the Watershed’s education and science teams to promote related programs in the Delaware River Watershed. Previous experience or education in environmental policy, science and/or community organizing is required. Experience or willingness to learn how to paddle a canoe is preferred. The ability to engage diverse stakeholders is essential to success in this position.

Specific Duties:

- Engage communities within the central Delaware River Watershed (6 towns between Lambertville and Trenton) to build support for protecting the Delaware River and its tributaries.
- Help Watershed Institute policy staff identify key decision-makers, community organizations, and other leaders to discuss local and state measures to protect local streams, and help engage these leaders.
- Investigate opportunities to secure greater protection and/or restoration of Assunpink Creek and other streams within the central Delaware Watershed.
- Identify community fairs, festivals, and other opportunities for The Watershed Institute to engage with communities about our programs and represent the organization at these events.
- Assist Watershed Institute scientists in identifying locations for expanding volunteer water quality monitoring programs and organizations that have the capacity and interest to administer these programs.
- Assist Watershed Institute educators in planning and delivering programs in greater Trenton.
- Occasional evening & weekend hours are necessary.

Position Location: The Delaware River Advocate will be based at the Watershed Center at 31 Titus Mill Rd, Pennington, NJ 08534 and spend time within half a dozen New Jersey municipalities in the central Delaware River Watershed between Lambertville and Trenton.

How to apply: Please email a brief letter expressing your interest in this position and describing any experience and/or education courses in environmental sciences, policy and/or community organizing to: jobs@thewatershed.org and reference Job code DRA7022 in the subject line.
Benefits include paid holidays, vacation, sick, and personal time, health, dental, and life insurance, and 403(b) retirement savings opportunities. Regular working hours are flexible, some evening and weekend hours are required with this position. Dormitory housing on the Watershed’s property may also be available (interested applicants should ask for additional details).

The Watershed is an equal opportunity employer.