

Posted for Immediate Opening



Water Quality Assistant Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers, Inc. Job Description

Background

Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers (FMR) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect water quality and wildlife habitat and to advocate sound land use in the Milwaukee, Menomonee, and Kinnickinnic River Watersheds. Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers is a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance*, an international coalition dedicated to protecting and restoring our world's waterways, and the licensed Riverkeeper® for Milwaukee. For more information, visit our website: www.mkeriverkeeper.org

Position Description

The Water Quality Assistant is responsible for collecting water quality data for our rivers, both in the field and from other sources, and for communicating these findings in both written and oral formats. This full time position reports to the Milwaukee Riverkeeper and works closely with her on all aspects of the position's work. This position will also take on special projects related to implementing our region's water quality goals. The Water Quality Assistant works closely with, and at times supervises, citizen water quality volunteers and interns.

Responsibilities

- Map storm water outfalls.
- Collect water samples from storm water outfalls and arrange for, or perform, water quality laboratory tests as necessary.
- Analyze and review water quality data collected by partner agencies and researchers.
- Review data to evaluate sources of contamination.
- Prepare summary reports of findings in user-friendly formats.
- Recruit, help train, and coordinate volunteer water quality monitors.
- Enter water quality data into online databases.
- Work collegially with partners on the Southeastern Wisconsin Watershed Trust (SWWT) and other advisory teams and collaborators, etc.
- Write articles to be used for website, Riverkeeper News and River Currents newsletter.
- FMR staff are expected to be flexible, and to take on additional duties as assigned, according to FMR's needs and the staff member's skills and abilities.

Qualifications

The successful candidate for the position of Water Quality Assistant will have the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in environmental sciences, hydrology, limnology, or other relevant field.
- Experience with data analysis.
- Demonstrated field experience.
- Demonstrated writing skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge of computers, database and spreadsheet software, GPS and GIS, as well as the ability to learn new applications.
- Ability to coordinate multiple, diverse projects, set realistic deadlines, and manage a timeline.
- Ability to resolve routine problems independently.
- Attention to detail, balanced with the ability to prioritize work according to the organization's needs.
- Willingness to learn and grow with the organization.
- Valid driver's license and access to vehicle as needed.
- Physical ability to climb stream banks and collect water samples in challenging terrain.
- Willingness to work occasional weekends and evenings.
- Commitment to the environment.
- Comfort around water, and basic water safety skills
- Canoeing, kayaking, boating or fishing experience a plus.

This position is grant-funded, and is currently budgeted to last approximately one year. Salary range commensurate with experience and qualifications.

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To apply for this position, please send resume and cover letter to:

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