



January 18, 2022

Position: Community Engagement Coordinator

WRWC seeks native Spanish language speaker active on the frontlines of the Green Justice Movement to lead our community efforts. Excellent communication skills in English and Spanish and community organizing experience required.

WRWC enthusiastically encourages residents--especially Black, Latinx and indigenous residents--of communities in the Woonasquatucket River Watershed--Providence, North Providence, Johnston, Smithfield, North Smithfield and Gloucester—to apply.

The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) Community Engagement Coordinator (CEC) is a vital team member integrating neighborhood residents with our work and helping WRWC become a better vehicle for community problem solving, with special focus on the black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities we serve. The CEC also works closely with WRWC’s New Voices/Nuevas Voces Program and recreation initiatives to help resident leaders generate climate preparedness, community resilience and fun. The CEC will empower health and promote events and opportunities engaging all watershed assets for community use. The CEC works from within the communities most impacted by climate change and other environmental issues to guide current and future efforts of the WRWC.

The CEC will:

- Develop close and impactful relationships with residents, businesses, faith centers and community organizations in frontline neighborhoods – those most affected by climate-related flooding, sea level rise, extreme heat, and other issues
- Create new pathways for residents to generate problem solving through WRWC initiatives and programming
- Help frontline neighborhoods connect to environmental assets, resources, opportunities, and networks, and develop new ones to fill community identified gaps
- Help promote environmental empowerment and consciousness and environmental justice practices watershed wide
- Engage all watershed neighbors, regardless of language preference, in WRWC programs, employment opportunities, and organizational direction

Other Primary responsibilities:

- Work with other WRWC staff and programs to integrate community members and groups into other WRWC programs, and vice versa, including but not limited to:
 - ✓ WRWC River Rangers (our Greenway and River stewardship team)
 - ✓ WRWC Education Program
 - ✓ WRWC Board of Directors, Advisory Board and Committees
 - ✓ WRWC Recreation & Bicycle Programs
 - ✓ WRWC Pilot Watershed and Flood Resilience Project
 - ✓ WRWC Green Infrastructure Development Program
- Attend meetings and stay active as a WRWC representative at community events and celebrations

Qualifications:

- Self-starter with ability to work independently in a dynamic multi-faceted work environment
- Experience and success working in partnership with local residents and community organizations
- Familiarity with the neighborhoods surrounding the WRWC
- Effective oral and written communication in English and Spanish
- Ability to work well with diverse cohorts of staff, participants and volunteers
- Success at managing wide array of tasks and projects
- Willingness to occasionally adjust hours to accommodate the needs of the job
- Excellent organization, planning, project and data management skills
- Sense of humor

Requirements: Dependable transportation to and from WRWC office and community sites.

Preferences: Preference will go to an individual who has lived and/or worked in the neighborhoods of Providence that surround the Woonasquatucket River – Olneyville, Manton, Hartford, Valley, Silver Lake, Elmhurst, Smith Hill.

Details: Half-time, hourly position, up to 25 hours per week, \$25 to \$35 per hour depending on education and experience.

To Apply:

Email cover letter and resume to Clare Brown, she/her/hers, cbrown@wrwc.org.

Or mail to:

WRWC

45 Eagle Street, Suite 202

Providence, RI 02909-1082

Attn: Clare Brown

We will accept applications on a rolling basis.

WRWC is an equal opportunity employer. We do not discriminate against employees based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or genetic information.

The mission of the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) is to create positive environmental, social and economic change by revitalizing the Woonasquatucket River, its Greenway and its communities.