



## WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

**Position:** Environmental Educator

The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) is seeking an Environmental Educator to support all aspects of our educational and outreach programs.

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

For over 10 years, the WRWC has delivered environmental educational programming to youth and adults in the effort to revitalize the Woonasquatucket River and its surrounding neighborhoods. Our program partners include cities and towns surrounding the Woonasquatucket River (North Smithfield, Gloucester, Smithfield, North Providence, Johnston, and Providence), the Providence After School Alliance (PASA), Kids Klub Inc., local community centers and non-profits, local K-12 schools, colleges and universities. All our educational programs on the lower river (Johnston, North Providence, and Providence) stem from a program called the “Dos and Don’ts of the Woonasquatucket River,” a public safety program developed in partnership with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Our current educational programs include, “Birds of the Woony: Practicing Mindfulness through Birds,” “Fish in the Classroom,” “Fun with the Woony,” “River Adventurers,” and “Environmental Leaders.” The Environmental Educator will work in collaboration with the Education Director and WRWC staff to teach and improve upon our educational curricula and outreach materials to serve all our watershed communities with meaningful programming. They will take the lead with our Fish in the Classroom and Kids Klub programs, co-run River Adventurers afterschool programs, and assist with planning Fish Release Celebrations.

**The Environmental Educator will:**

- Teach or co-teach scheduled classes using existing curriculum
- Teach at various outreach events/tours
- Communicate effectively with teachers and partners to assure quality programming
- Assist with procurement, maintenance (including cleaning), and organization of all program supplies
- Assist with all aspects of the WRWC’s educational programming including: curricula review, revision, and expansion; lesson plan creation as needed
- Assist with fish tank construction and maintenance
- Maintain a positive attitude, behave appropriately, and represent the WRWC in a professional manner

**Qualifications:**

- Courses taken in Education and/or Environmental Studies
- Experience leading educational lessons
- In pursuit of an educational or environmental career
- Passion about the environment
- Enthusiasm and comfort working with children
- Competency in basic Microsoft Office applications
- Comfortable working with a diverse group of people
- Ability to work some afternoon days
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent phone and people skills

**Preferred qualifications (desired, not required):**

- Written and oral Spanish language skills
- Experience with environmental or science education
- Experience presenting to large groups
- Experience working within a diverse community
- Experience with freshwater fish tanks

**Requirements:**

- Dependable transportation to and from WRWC office and community sites.
- Arrive at schools in advance of scheduled lesson time and the WRWC office in a timely manner.
- Communicate effectively with team members about lessons, feedback and scheduling coordination

**Preferences:** Preference will go to an individual who has lived and/or worked in the communities (North Smithfield, Glocester, Smithfield, North Providence, Johnston and Providence) and the Providence neighborhoods (Olneyville, Manton, Hartford, Valley, Silver Lake, Elmhurst, Smith Hill) that surround the Woonasquatucket River.

**Details:** 20-30 hours/week with a flexible schedule.

**Compensation and benefits:**

- \$15-\$20/hour depending on experience
- Benefits for part-time employees include accrued sick and paid time off and access to WRWC's health and dental insurance plans

**To Apply:**

Email cover letter, resume and at least two professional references to Amanda Peavey she/her/hers, [apeavey@wrwc.org](mailto:apeavey@wrwc.org) with subject line: Environmental Education position

Or mail to:

WRWC

Attn: Amanda Peavey, Education Director

45 Eagle Street, Suite 202

Providence, RI 02909-1082

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**About the WRWC**

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.

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.