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Request for Applications

Green Infrastructure Siting Team Leaders (2 Positions)

Community-Driven Green Stormwater Infrastructure Action Plan – Bridgeport

Background

Save the Sound, as a member of the project team for the Community-Driven Green Stormwater Infrastructure Action Plan – Bridgeport—request applications from Bridgeport residents to serve as the two (2) **Green Infrastructure Siting Team Leaders** for this project. In this part-time, seasonal role, Team Leaders will work with Save the Sound staff and oversee volunteers working to assess a total of at least 60 previously-identified sites across the city for installation of bioswales. Bioswales are a form of green infrastructure that capture stormwater runoff before it reaches city sewer systems, helping to mitigate localized flooding and lessen the burden on the city's water treatment facilities. This in turn can help prevent overflow of untreated sewage and polluted runoff into your local rivers and streams.

This role is anticipated to commence on February 15, 2023 with trainings on the basics of green stormwater infrastructure, stormwater runoff, bioswales, site assessments, and data entry using tablets. These trainings will take place over two days, and will be provided by Save the Sound staff. It is expected that site assessments will occur on weekends from February through May. Individuals in this role will gain transferable skills and leadership experience, as well as hands-on experience with infrastructure planning and volunteer coordination, and may have the opportunity to remain involved during future phases of the project. Team Leaders will be contractors to the project team, and will be paid with funds administered by Save the Sound.

The bioswale siting that Team Leaders will help lead will inform a Community-Driven Green Stormwater Infrastructure Action Plan for Bridgeport which Save the Sound is collaborating on with The Nature Conservancy, Groundwork Bridgeport, the Metropolitan Council of Governments, and Lots of Fish. This plan will be presented to City officials and used to install demonstration bioswales in 2024, among other things, helping to improve Bridgeport's resilience to the impacts of climate change.

What You Will Do as a Green Infrastructure Siting Team Leader:

- Attend two half-day trainings (virtual or in-person TBD – if in-person, they will take place in Bridgeport) to learn about green infrastructure, bioswales, stormwater, and how to perform bioswale siting assessments.
- Help recruit, organize, and lead teams of two volunteers during siting of 2-4 bioswales each day. Siting days will typically be held on weekends between the hours of 8am and 4pm.
- Commit to punctual attendance and clear communication with the project team before, during, and after each day of siting work.
- Train volunteers on the bioswale siting method (which Crew Leaders will learn during trainings described in this section).
- Respond to email and phone communication with the project team in a timely manner.

- Lead data entry for each bioswale site assessment using a tablet provided by Save the Sound (training on data entry will be provided to Crew Leaders).

Qualifications and Characteristics:

Required

- Applicants must be current residents of Bridgeport
- Comfortable and capable communicator, especially when engaging members of the public
- Confident and curious learner, able and willing to ask questions and learn on the fly
- Flexible availability on most or all weekends throughout the spring of 2023 (March – June)
- Interest in learning more about the environment and their community’s relationship to nature
- Have a deep love and vested interest in the wellbeing of Bridgeport and its people

Desired

- Experience with volunteer organization, community organizing, field work, and/or teaching
- Experience with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is a plus, but is NOT required
- Spanish language skills are a plus, but are NOT required
- Familiarity with using a tablet (data entry training will be provided)

Save the Sound will compensate selected Team Leaders as contractors. We anticipate that Community Leaders will each dedicate approximately 125 hours to this project. Each Community Leader will receive a stipend of \$2,500 paid in three installments based on progress against project deliverables.

How to Apply:

To apply, please send the following to restoration@savethesound.org by February 10 with “Green Infrastructure Siting Team Leader” in the subject line:

- A resume and cover letter **OR** a letter outlining your experience and why you would like to be a Crew Leader for this environmental work
- Names and contact information for three references who can speak to your work or community service in the Bridgeport community

Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and applicants will be selected by a committee comprised of representatives of project partners.