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Green Infrastructure Project Manager

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Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound is seeking a full time Green Infrastructure Project Manager. This is an opportunity for a qualified and motivated individual to coordinate the design and construction of green infrastructure stormwater management and habitat restoration projects at various scales, from individual properties to municipal and regional implementation. The Green Infrastructure Project Manager will be based in our New Haven, CT office and report directly to our Director of Ecological Restoration.

Organization Background: The Ecological Restoration Team at Save the Sound oversees the design and construction of river and marsh restoration projects, green infrastructure, and nature based solutions along our rivers and coasts. These projects create green and resilient neighborhoods, provide places for fish and wildlife to thrive, and deliver flood protection benefits. This work is integrated into our larger action strategies to protect and restore Long Island Sound and the rivers that flow into it. The Ecological Restoration Team also brings together thousands of volunteers each year to remove tons of trash from our coastline. Youth and community volunteers plant thousands of plants as part of our green infrastructure, river and marsh restoration activities. CFE/Save the Sound and its Soundkeeper program also identify and eliminate water pollution sources through community engagement and where necessary, legal enforcement. Our water quality team uses water monitoring, and data analysis and publication, to identify and prioritize pollution reduction goals and targets. And our advocacy program works in administrative and legislative forums to ensure funding is allocated and policies that further our Sound work are implemented.

Position Description: Save the Sound's Ecological Restoration Team is seeking a qualified restoration ecologist, engineer, environmental project manager, landscape architect or environmental planner to manage the implementation of on-the-ground projects that improve water quality and watershed resilience of Long Island Sound in both Connecticut and New York. The candidate will have the opportunity to design and install green infrastructure projects, steward watershed planning efforts in partnership with local communities, and interact with experts in the field. The selected candidate will be part of a small but strong, interdisciplinary group of restoration practitioners in the region dedicated to restoring rivers and marshes and improving water quality in Long Island Sound.

Responsibilities for this position will include all elements of green infrastructure and watershed resilience project coordination including, project design, project management, grant writing and reporting, engaging community stakeholders, collaborating with residents, municipal officials, engineers, and other design professionals, overseeing project permitting and construction, conducting field monitoring, and collaborating with communication staff to tell the stories of our projects.

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The successful applicant will have the opportunity to work with the Ecological Restoration Team on a variety of projects in addition to Green Infrastructure projects. Our portfolio of projects is growing and includes dam removal, marsh and living shoreline restoration, coastal and river cleanups. The ability to work on multiple projects and to be flexible in the effective administration of such is an important aspect of this position. Projects are grant driven and the ability to complete projects in a timely manner and within budget is essential.
The position requires some local travel and work in the field; dirty boots and waders are part of the job.

A strong background in one or more of the following areas is required:

- Green infrastructure and stormwater management;
- Construction project management;
- Community outreach and collaboration;
- Ecological or landscape design;
- Riverine, coastal and/or habitat restoration;
- Fluvial geomorphology, hydrology;
- Wetland delineation, plant identification; or
- Wetland or other aquatic habitat field experience

Desired Qualifications:

- Strong commitment to improving the health of rivers, shorelines, and Long Island Sound;
- BS or MS and relevant work experience in engineering, environmental science, natural resources, design, construction management or similar field;
- Self-motivated and ability to work in a team atmosphere;
- Comfort with working in a non-profit, grant driven environment;
- Experience overseeing the construction of projects with multiple, diverse stakeholders that require significant logistical coordination and organization;
- Familiarity with the management of design consultant and construction contractor projects (review of scope, contracts, design plans, specifications, budgets, schedules, and field inspections);
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to communicate clearly about complex issues in a way that is clear and engaging to a broad audience;

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- Experience working with municipal, state, and federal officials and agencies, and diverse stakeholder groups; and
- Familiarity with relevant computer programs beyond basic Office suite, such as Arc GIS.

Common Organizational Job Responsibilities:

- All employees are expected to assist with execution of the annual development plan to support meeting the annual organizational and program goals, such as drafting content for grant proposals and funding requests.
- Maintain positive and productive working relationships with all CFE/Save the Sound Staff members. This includes providing and receiving constructive feedback;
- Participate in building productive relationships with CFE/Save the Sound's members, external partners, policy makers, and the general public;
- Participate in organizational meetings and activities as requested, such as monthly staff meetings, trainings, and ad hoc planning committees; and
- Complete all administrative work on time, such as time sheets, purchase orders, project reports and planning documents.

Compensation: Salary is commensurate with experience. Comprehensive benefits package includes health insurance, 403b, life and long term disability insurance, paid holidays, vacations and opportunities for professional development.

CFE/Save the Sound is an equal opportunity employer. We prohibit discrimination based on age, color, disability, marital or parental status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status or any other legally protected status in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws.

This is a grant driven, at-will position.

If interested, please submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to restoration@savethesound.org. Please note the position title on the subject line of your email.