



SHORERIVERS SEEKS SASSAFRAS RIVERKEEPER

ShoreRivers seeks a SassafRAS Riverkeeper to act as the liaison for the SassafRAS River in our efforts to achieve healthy waterways across Maryland's Eastern Shore. The Riverkeeper is the primary voice for the river and works through the core strategies of advocacy, enforcement, outreach, restoration, and water quality monitoring. The ideal candidate will be an energetic, outgoing individual who is enthusiastic about the environment and the communities we serve.

The SassafRAS Riverkeeper reports to the Director of Riverkeeper Programs and works primarily out of the Galena and Chestertown offices. This is a full-time position; the employee must be flexible to work weekends, evenings, and longer hours and to travel when necessary. Salary is commensurate with experience; competitive benefits package included.

To apply, send cover letter and resume to Kim Righi, SassafRAS Programs Manager, at krighi@shorerivers.org

RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Be the lead advocate for the SassafRAS River** by building and maintaining relationships with local elected officials and government staff; representing ShoreRivers at meetings and hearings; and participating in the Maryland General Assembly. Proactively identify emerging issues that may affect the river, such as developments, regulations, plans, and trends, and respond appropriately.
- **Provide outreach and education to local communities**, including the farming community, waterfront property owners, and local towns and neighborhoods. Maintain a local presence through social media, e-newsletters, presentations, and grass-roots organizing around major issues.
- **Facilitate the restoration of the watershed** by identifying pollution hot spots and suitable locations for best management practices, and developing and managing funding sources to support projects.
- **Develop a program to eradicate the river of the invasive water chestnut plant.**
- **Manage the SassafRAS water quality testing program**, including regular site monitoring, pollution source monitoring, and responding to citizen alerts. Patrol the river and its watershed for clean water violations.
- **Develop funding to support the SassafRAS programs.**

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POSITION REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in an environmental, science, or policy field and 2-5 year's work experience in a relevant field.
- Belief in our mission to achieve clean local waters.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Demonstrated experience with grant and program management including grant-writing, organizational skills, budgeting, and coordination.
- Demonstrated ability to speak confidently in a public forum.
- An understanding of aquatic ecosystems, watershed issues, regulatory issues, and the local factors that influence water quality on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.
- Experience and familiarity with water quality testing techniques, protocols, and equipment is a benefit.
- Experience with aquatic invasive species management is a benefit.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office.

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ShoreRivers seeks to protect and restore Eastern Shore waterways through science-based advocacy, restoration, and education. We work collaboratively with our community yet maintain an uncompromising voice for clean rivers and the living resources they support.

The Riverkeeper is a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance, an international movement with the mission to strengthen and grow a global network of grassroots leaders protecting everyone's right to clean water. Our Riverkeepers are fulltime employees of ShoreRivers who are independently licensed by the Waterkeeper Alliance.

We have a dedicated staff of educators, scientists, restoration specialists, and advocates focused on policies and projects that will improve the health of our rivers. Our staff includes four Waterkeepers who regularly patrol and monitor our waters and serve as key spokespersons. Our Waterkeepers and staff are a strong, collective voice for Eastern Shore waterways.