

Hoosier Environmental Council Sustainable Agriculture Director



About the Opportunity

The Hoosier Environmental Council seeks a Sustainable Agriculture Director to support the growth of healthy, sustainable, and local agriculture and growing practices in Indiana, and with a special emphasis on the upper White River watershed area. HEC seeks a leader, organizer, and coalition builder who is well-versed in issues of sustainable agriculture ranging from urban farming and farmers markets to commodity crops and federal crop insurance. A successful candidate will feel comfortable relating to and working with a diverse constituency of partners and those with differing opinions about farming.

Preferred Characteristics

In addition, the ideal candidate will be:

- Have five or more years experience working in sustainable agriculture.
- Have experience as an advocate for change working with diverse groups of varying interests.
- Show quantifiable track record of accomplishments in past positions and/or volunteer work.
- Have a desire to talk with legislators and decision-makers to share the value of sustainable agriculture and advocate for support for those practices.
- Be an effective communicator in both written and oral communication and have the ability to share complicated issues through simple relatable messaging.
- Have the ability to build and maintain strong relationships for the purpose of furthering program goals.
- Provide support and supervision to staff working on HEC's sustainable agriculture efforts.

Job Responsibilities

Additional job responsibilities of the Sustainable Agriculture Director will be to:

- Highlighting positive examples of sustainable agriculture through electronic newsletters, presentations, workshops, tabling at events and social media.
- Helping to build a market for sustainable agriculture products.
- Thinking creatively and strategically about how to further the adoption of sustainable agriculture practices and how to be a resource to practitioners.
- In person monitoring, promoting, and engaging in legislation, at the Statehouse during legislative session, related to HEC's sustainable agriculture goals and other HEC priorities as needed.
- Working with and building coalitions to further program goals.
- Developing strategies to reduce agriculture practices that contaminate our rivers and streams, amplify greenhouse gas emissions, lower soil quality, and lower quality of life for neighbors through chemical drift and odors.
- Grant writing and fundraising to support sustainable agriculture goals of HEC.
- Engaging on federal, state, and local rules and policy making related to goals.

HEC seeks professionals who are passionate about our mission and who work collaboratively, creatively and strategically to advance HEC's mission and objectives. This full-time position will report directly to the executive director and serve as part of the HEC leadership team. HEC provides competitive salary and benefits and flexible work hours and location.

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About HEC

As a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1983, Hoosier Environmental Council has brought together a talented and committed team who care deeply about Hoosier quality of life and our environment and believe the two are intricately connected. HEC is guided by science, a deep appreciation of nature, and an understanding that every community and every individual deserves to live without harassment and ill effects of harmful environmental policy and practices.

To Apply

This is an exciting and critical time to work at HEC. Indiana is seeing increasing opportunity and demand from business leaders, public sentiment, faith communities and federal, state, and municipal dollars to address issues related to climate change and the environment. HEC is a meaningful platform, and this is a pivotal time for someone like you to make a difference. To apply, send your resume and cover letter to careers@hecweb.org.