

Title: Volunteer Riverkeeper

Purpose: Patrol the West and Rhode Rivers to assess ecological health and, if necessary, document and report suspicious, harmful or illegal activity on the watershed.

Description of Duties: Volunteers will patrol rivers by boat periodically and report any suspicious, harmful, and/or illegal activity to the West/Rhode Riverkeeper.

Qualifications: Volunteers must have a Maryland Boater's License and be familiar with the West and Rhode Rivers so they can patrol the entire watershed.

Time Requirements:

- There are no specific time requirements for this position, to patrol the entire watershed will take roughly two hours.
- The organization would like to have at least one patrol each week.
- Patrolling dates will depend on the number of Volunteer Riverkeepers, the schedule of the Riverkeeper, and the weather.

Orientation/Training: Volunteer Riverkeepers will be trained by the Riverkeeper on how to complete a patrol, what to look for, how to interact with community members, and the reporting process. The orientation period will consist of one patrol alongside the Riverkeeper.

Benefits: As a Volunteer Riverkeeper you will be looking out for indicators of poor ecological health in our watershed including fish kills, algal blooms, sedimentation of rivers, illegal dumping, and much more. This position will also give the volunteer an opportunity to interact with the community on the water: including watermen, boaters, swimmers, and shoreline residents. As a Volunteer Riverkeeper, you will be the first line of defense for harmful activity and will have the opportunity to document and report any wrongdoing to the proper authorities that can implement positive environmental change on our rivers.

Reporting Procedures: Volunteers will record their hours on their Volunteer Timesheet and return this via-mail, drop-in or e-mail to the Volunteer Coordinator. If there is any suspicious, harmful, and/or illegal activity on the rivers at the time of your patrol, this shall be included on the Volunteer Timesheet. Volunteers will contact the Head Riverkeeper immediately after a patrol that has documented any suspicious, harmful, and/or illegal activity with the location and category of ecological damage.

Location: Volunteers will operate out of the West/Rhode Riverkeeper boat and patrol the West and Rhode Rivers.

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