**Soque River Watershed Association**

**Watershed Protection Specialist**

**Closing Date: June 30, 2022 or until position is filled**

**Job Description:**

The Soque River Watershed Association is seeking a part-time Watershed Protection Specialist to implement the organization’s strategic plan and to advance our mission to protect and restore the Soque River, its tributaries and watershed.

The Watershed Protection Specialist (WPS) serves as a spokesperson for the organization, manages Neighborhood Water Watch (NWW) volunteers, fosters relationships with community organizations and individual stakeholders, helps identify and acquire new funding sources, effectively communicates watershed stewardship goals and practices and implements programs to achieve clean water goals.

**The Soque River Watershed Association:**

SRWA is a community based environmental non-profit focused on collaborations with local  and regional partners to implement on-the-ground clean water projects. Since the  organization’s founding in 1998, the group has received five separate federal non-point  source pollution reduction grants. These grants funded prioritized projects resulting in the  de-listing of 32 miles of the river from the state’s list of impaired waters for fecal coliform  bacteria.

The organization is focused on clean water partnerships that engage watershed  stakeholders in streambank restoration, better stormwater management and green  infrastructure, upland restoration using mulch and tree plantings, riparian re-vegetation,  and dirt-road improvements. SRWA also engages in water quality monitoring, municipal policy and management recommendations,greenway/recreational  trails development, youth education, water efficiency, and other sustainability programs.

**Principle Responsibilities:**

The Watershed Protection Specialist is a lead staff for the SRWA and works in conjunction with the Executive Director to ensure the implementation of the strategic plan and mission.

**Programs and Communications**

• Implement the goals of the strategic plan and revise program goals to meet emerging needs and opportunities.

•With the Board of Directors and Executive Director, develop and complete short and long term objectives to carry out the mission and strategic plan.

• Represent the organization before the larger public, including speaking to elected officials, schools, HOAs, donors, media and experts in watershed management.

• Implement and expand the Neighborhood Water Watch (NWW) program.

• Generate program updates for the Executive Director to post in the Bulletin, web site and social media.

• Provide program updates for the monthly Board meetings.

**Organizational Development**

• Engage existing and new partners in program activities.

• Interacting with the local municipalities about Best Management practices and help improve

their stormwater management.

• Lead occasional educational outings for membership in the watershed.

• Reach students in the watershed thru environmental education outreach.

• Oversee operations of the Community Garden.

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**Management and Finances**

• Work with the Executive Director for all reporting obligations, development and implementation of annual budgets, and all efforts to ensure financial responsibility.

• Assist the Executive Director with fundraising efforts to include foundation and  grant proposals.

• Develop and implement strategies to meet strategic plan goals.

• Lead and supervise part-time staff, interns and other contract staff as necessary.

**Qualifications:**

The successful candidate will be a motivated and resourceful professional in technical aspects of watershed protection with the ability to work independently. Applicants should have experience in non-profit watershed protection programs.

Additional qualifications include:

• A Bachelor’s or graduate degree in water related environmental or biological sciences.

• Strong communication skills, with competency in written, verbal and presentation skills.

• Leadership and project management experience is helpful.

• Willingness to work flexible hours including some evenings and weekends.

• Ability to prioritize tasks and delegate as necessary to implement multiple programs  and

projects simultaneously.

**Compensation:**

Compensation is commensurate with experience.

**How to apply**

In a cover letter: describe why you would like the job and any experience related to the  position. Please mail or e-mail as one document a cover letter, a resume, and three  references to:

SRWA

PO Box 1901,

Clarkesville, GA 30523

Or e-mail to srwa@soque.org or FAX to

Phone calls are discouraged. More information about the organization is available at  [www.soque.org](http://www.soque.org/).

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