

**Missouri Coalition for the Environment
Water Resources Director
2018**

Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE) is a 49-year-old environmental advocacy organization whose mission is to educate, organize, and advocate in defense of Missouri's people and their environment. We work in partnership with allied organizations to support sound environmental initiatives in Missouri and nearby states. We are a vigilant watchdog with respect to the enforcement of environmental regulations and policies. We deliver vital information to thousands of Missourians on issues that affect our water, air, food, and health.

Background

The Water Resources Director is primarily responsible for coordinating policy priorities and leading advocacy efforts of MCE as they relate to river management and water quality in Missouri, including the Lower Missouri River from Kansas City to St. Louis and the upper and middle sections of the Mississippi River. Priority areas include floodplain reconnection, agricultural conservation, water quality, wetlands restoration, and ecosystem restoration.

The Water Resources Director will develop and implement strategies and tactics to protect and preserve Missouri's major water resources, including the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and their tributaries, Ozark rivers and streams, lakes and reservoirs, wetlands, and floodplains.

Responsibilities

The Water Resources Director will oversee policy and advocacy efforts on local, state, and federal levels, carrying out the following activities:

- Representing MCE on the Upper Mississippi in the Nicollet Island Coalition, the Mississippi River Network, and the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition.
- Coordinating the Lower Missouri River Coalition
- Working with allies to coordinate sign-on letters
- Representing MCE in matters of statewide water policy at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Conservation, and in other alliances and partnerships aimed at protecting water quality and river systems
- Serving as a liaison with MCE's legal partners
- Representing MCE in front of other government agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, levee districts, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Engaging with media outlets, elected officials, and local community groups
- Conducting research on relevant water and river policy matters and staying current on these issues
- Drafting fact sheets and coordinating communications on water issues, including

social media and email campaigns

Other responsibilities as a member of the MCE team include:

- Writing content for the website, newsletters, and e-alerts
- Assisting with special events, such as Earth Day and MCE's annual meeting
- Collaborating with MCE's board of directors to set and evaluate programmatic goals and objectives
- Responding to member inquiries regarding water and river policy
- Building membership in MCE
- Presenting to members, classes, and community groups on MCE's water and rivers work
- Assisting in long-term strategic planning

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree or higher in a related field, such as political science, natural resources management, or environmental policy
- At least three years' experience in either policy, law, or campaign management
- Experience working with coalitions
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Self-directed and strong organizational skills
- Strong critical thinking skills
- Ability and desire to manage a multitude of projects and meet deadlines
- Basic understanding of the political/legislative process
- Culturally competent
- Ability to work in a team
- Ability to manage interns and volunteers in a cooperative way
- Ability to communicate positions and build public awareness
- Demonstrated commitment to protecting the environment and public health
- Willing and able to travel in and out of state several times a year

MCE's headquarters are located in St. Louis, Missouri. Working from a location outside of St. Louis may be a possibility depending on the candidate's skill sets, ability to travel, and ease of communications.

Salary and Benefits: Salary will be commensurate with skills and experience. Full-time benefits include health and dental.

To apply: Please send a resume and cover letter to moenviron@moenviron.org or to 3115 S. Grand Blvd., Ste. 650, St. Louis, MO 63118. www.moenvironment.org for more info.