



Lower Neuse RIVERKEEPER®

The Neuse RIVERKEEPER® Foundation (NRF) is seeking a qualified, highly motivated individual to fill the job of Lower Neuse RIVERKEEPER® (LNRK). The LNRK is primarily responsible for developing and implementing programs that remove pollution from the waters of the lower Neuse basin, block new sources of pollution, and educate NRF volunteers and the public on water quality issues and best practices. The LNRK reports to the NRF Executive Director, and is the primary public representative and spokesperson for the NRF in the lower Neuse watershed. The position is located in New Bern, NC.

Duties & responsibilities of the LNRK include:

- Serve as a full time public advocate for the Neuse River, monitoring, documenting and reporting environmentally harmful activity and advising the public and agencies on enforcement actions, remediation and habitat enhancement.
- Work in a closely coordinated fashion with the ED and the Upper Neuse RIVERKEEPER® on basin-wide issues.
- Develop networks for problem reporting and collaboration among the citizens of the lower Neuse and appropriate government organizations.
- Serve as the NRF representative at city, county, state and federal meetings and hearings involving the lower Neuse.
- Proactively identify emerging developments, regulations, rules and trends that may affect the Neuse.
- Serve as an expert resource to federal, state, and local agencies on permit reviews. Comment on public, private, and governmental activities that may impact the Neuse.
- Coordinate litigation activities on behalf of the NRF when litigation is necessary to address water quality issues.
- Manage NRF staff and volunteer groups, as appropriate, to execute work plans and achieve program objectives.
- Maintain a presence on the river to investigate pollution issues and support volunteer activities.
- Support the development activities of the NRF with work program development, grant writing, and donor visits as needed.
- Actively participate in WATERKEEPER® Alliance activities.

The successful candidate will:

- Have a thorough understanding of environmental and regulatory issues that affect water quality.
- An advanced degree in environmental science or a related field is a plus, but is not required. Equivalent experience may be accepted in place of a degree.
- Have well-developed social skills; excellent written and speaking skills.
- Be excellent at organization and time management. Have the ability to multi-task and meet deadlines.
- Be comfortable with frequent use of personal computer software and hardware, including MS Office, shared networks, and online communication tools
- Be a self-starter and a strategic thinker.
- Be comfortable around the water and in operating a variety of watercraft.

Compensation: The starting salary for this job is \$30,000 per year, with significant opportunities for advancement and professional development. Health, dental, and life insurance benefits are included.

To apply: Please email your resume with a cover letter to Jim Starr, President of the Board, at jhstarr@gmail.com. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. The Neuse RIVERKEEPER® Foundation is an equal opportunity employer.