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Gathering Waters: Wisconsin's Alliance for Land Trusts
Job Announcement – Government Relations Director

Gathering Waters: Wisconsin's Alliance for Land Trusts seeks an experienced professional to direct the organization's government relations program.

Purpose and Focus of the Position

The Government Relations Director will manage Gathering Waters' public policy and government relations programming. The job will entail but is not limited to:

- Developing and implementing state and federal legislative strategies;
- Recruiting and cultivating grassstops and grassroots advocates in Wisconsin's land trust community;
- Working collaboratively with partner organizations to bolster support for state, federal, and local land conservation funding and policies;
- Representing Gathering Waters in meetings with legislators, agency staff, and partner organizations;
- Acting as a liaison between state and federal agencies and Wisconsin's land trusts;
- Assisting land trusts with technical policy issues; and
- Coordinating with the Policy Committee of Gathering Waters' Board of Directors.

The Government Relations Director will work closely and collaboratively with colleagues to maintain and strengthen Gathering Waters' relationships with land trusts, as well as our funders and key partners. In coordination with other staff, the Government Relations Director will also be responsible for researching and pursuing grant funding to support the public policy program. This position will require travel, some evenings and weekends, and occasional overnights.

Qualifications

Candidates should have:

- Experience working in a legislative setting, preferably in Wisconsin, or at a high level in agency policy coordination;
- Proven aptitude for recruiting advocates, coordinating coalitions, and facilitating cooperation among several diverse organizations;
- A commitment to a non-partisan approach to policy development;
- Knowledge of state and federal land conservation programs;
- Bachelor's degree in political science, public policy or related field and 5 years of related experience or equivalent combination; and
- Strong oral and written communications skills.

Salary

This is a full time position. Salary is commensurate with experience and includes competitive benefits.

To Apply: Applications due by Nov. 18. Send resume, cover letter and references to: info@gatheringwaters.org.

About Gathering Waters: Wisconsin's Alliance for Land Trusts -- Our mission is to help land trusts, landowners, and communities protect the places that make Wisconsin special. Unlike any other organization, we accomplish our mission by strengthening Wisconsin land trusts – a network of 50 nonprofit organizations that protect land to preserve its natural and cultural values for public benefit. We are non-partisan, solution-oriented advocates for public policies supporting land conservation; we provide direct technical assistance and trainings to land trusts; and we use our statewide voice to share the stories of land trusts' impact to inspire public support for land conservation. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a home office in Madison, WI.

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