

Community Organizer

Philadelphia Office

Clean Water Action / Clean Water Fund

Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund are seeking a full-time Community Organizer for our Philadelphia Office. Clean Water Action (CWA) is a nationwide environmental organization that works to activate people at the grassroots around issues of public health and environmental protection. Clean Water Fund (CWF) is a national research and education organization which promotes the public interest on issues related to water, waste and toxics. Clean Water builds its membership by running a professional, full-time canvass that talks to people in their homes every day. The work of the Community Organizer is to activate the people who join our organization and get them more deeply involved in the issues our organization has taken on.

Clean Water conducts grassroots issue campaigns. We identify local environmental issues of concern to many of the people in our area of operation and then organize them to apply pressure on decisionmakers to win the environmental change we want. Clean Water also conducts electoral campaigns. We identify key elections where environmental issues could be decisive and work to educate our members in that district about which candidates have taken the strongest environmental stands.

The Community Organizer position often requires work in the evening and weekend, as dictated by campaign activities.

Current campaigns of Clean Water Action in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania:

- Winning special protections for waterways and water bodies that provide municipalities with drinking water.
- Establishing laws and regulations around natural gas drilling that will insure that this new industry does not destroy pristine streams and wreck the quality of life in much of the state.
- Improving the Recycling Program in Philadelphia.
- Working to protect residents from toxic air pollution, especially in South Philadelphia.
- Advancing local ordinances in Southeast Pennsylvania that protects tree cover and other natural spaces in order to better manage stormwater.
- Supporting national work around the Clean Water Act and Global Warming.
- Coalition Organizing within the Pennsylvania Campaign for Clean Water, the largest environmental coalition in the state.

Responsibilities of Program Organizer

- Campaign implementation. Responding to member issues and crafting significant local campaigns around those issues, both to advance public health and strengthen the organization.
- Assist in implementing campaigns. This may involve organizing public events, meetings with decisionmakers, issue research, creating materials or calling through members.
- Support the Canvass. Through briefings, creating canvassing materials, answering questions, evaluating turf and other activities that helps the work of the canvass complement our political and issue work.
- Research elections. Reach out to candidates on environmental issues. Help assess which elections have the most environmental relevance.
- Educate members about Clean Water's election endorsements. Call members and recruit members to help call so that we can personally tell

our members in relevant districts which candidate Clean Water has endorsed and why.

- Assist with fundraising work, especially Philadelphia's annual Auction and Party.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree preferred.
- Experience, even on a volunteer level, with some sort of grassroots campaign. This could include volunteering on a political campaign, campus activism, interning with a similar organization, etc. One year or more paid organizing experience preferred.
- A personal interest and concern for environmental and/or public health issues.
- Willingness to spend time calling lots of people and talking with individuals.
- Familiarity with commonly used computer programs, such as Office and Firefox.
- Knowledge of databases is helpful.

Start Date: March 1

Compensation: * *This position is a permanent, full-time position. Salary is based on experience. Attractive benefits package. **

Please submit resume and cover letter to Brady Russell, Eastern Pennsylvania Director, at brussell@cleanwater.org. Emailed applications are strongly preferred, but applications can also be mailed to Brady Russell, Clean Water Action, 1315 Walnut St #1650, Philadelphia, PA 19107.