

Save The River® / Upper St. Lawrence RIVERKEEPER®

Protecting the St. Lawrence River now, and for generations to come



Position Description

Position Title: Education Coordinator - Full-Time Temporary

Reports to: Program Manager

Location: Clayton, New York

Organization Overview

Save The River, a member-based, nonprofit environmental organization, has been the “voice for the St. Lawrence River” in the U.S. and Canada since 1978. Save The River’s mission is to protect the River now and for generations to come. We do that through advocacy, education and research. In 2004, Save The River was designated the Upper St. Lawrence Riverkeeper and joined the international Waterkeeper Alliance with the goal of a swimmable, fishable, drinkable River.

As the leading grassroots advocacy organization working to protect the St. Lawrence River, Save The River takes an active role in River policy issues, engaging decision makers, community leaders, residents, visitors and volunteers to make positive change. We have campaigned to stop the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species, fought winter commercial navigation, and promoted an adaptive water levels regulation plan. We support policies and programs that promote (and advocate against those that eliminate or weaken) clean water protections. We are currently in campaign to *Replace Single-Use Plastics* and *Block Asian Carp*.

Save The River organizes citizen science water quality monitoring programs that track River health at popular swimming destinations. In addition, Save The River works closely with Riverkeeper volunteers to identify River impairments and develops curriculum for school districts through *In the Schools / On the Water* educational programming.

Position Summary

Save The River is seeking a full-time temporary Education Coordinator to develop K-12 curriculum, organize and host school field trips and citizen science workshops, and develop print and online publications focusing on native mussel restoration. This position will work directly with Save The River’s Program Manager to develop and implement education and community engagement output goals for the NYSDEC Invasive Species Research Grant. The Education Coordinator will also work with partner agencies including the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Environmental Division, New York State Museum, and NYSDEC to develop protocols and metrics for public citizen scientist workshops. The Education Coordinator will work with STR staff and partners to host community workshops assisting in the native mussel relocation project in the Lower Grasse River. Duties will include working with educators and students to develop program material, developing and hosting citizen science workshops working with project partners, authoring publications and press releases, and other duties as assigned. The position will involve both office work, meetings to coordinate education programs and citizen science workshops, and field work. For more information about the native mussel relocation project visit:

- NYSDEC Grasse River Mussel Relocation Project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDk-9yGV-w0>

Duties and Responsibilities, include, but are not limited to the following:

- Developing and hosting citizen science workshops
 - Developing and coordinating school field trips
 - Developing metrics and protocols with partners for citizen science workshops
 - Developing curriculum and education materials by collaborating with partner organizations
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Save The River envisions a healthy Upper St. Lawrence River that provides safe drinking water, is home to a thriving range of indigenous species and supports sustainable economic activity.

- Developing content for print, online media, and press release publications
- Advertising citizen science workshops and recruiting participants
- Developing reports to track progress for grant activities
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

Required

- Recent graduate or current student in education, environmental sciences or related degree program
- Access to reliable transportation
- Valid New York Driver License and ability to enter Canada
- Ability to lift 40lbs
- Ability to swim
- Commitment to Save The River's mission and values

Preferred

- Bachelor's degree in education, environmental science or related degree program
- Familiarity with the St. Lawrence River and community
- Experience developing curriculum and educating diverse audiences including children and / or adults
- Knowledge of native mussel ecology
- Knowledge of invasive species including dreissenid mussels
- Ability to work closely with full-time staff, volunteers, and the public in a courteous and professional manner
- Ability to develop and implement citizen science programs
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Effective verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to perform online research, and produce graphs and charts
- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Proficiency in Google Docs, MS Office Suite, Adobe, and(or) In-Design

Work Environment

- Office environment (Clayton, New York) with occasional fieldwork
- Occasional travel to locations along the St. Lawrence River to Massena, NY
- Employment will begin in late April to mid-May and continue to the end of the year
- 40 hours per week
- Compensation \$14-\$16 an hour commensurate with experience
- Save The River is an equal opportunity employer

To Apply

- Send resume, cover letter, and contact information for at least one professional and one personal reference to Save The River, 409 Riverside Drive, Clayton, New York 13624, or email full application package to info@savetheriver.org. In order to expedite the internal sorting and reviewing process, please write your name (Last, First) and Education Coordinator as the subject line of your email.
- Deadline to apply is April 2, 2020.
- For more information about Save The River, visit savetheriver.org or our social media pages ([Facebook](#)/[Twitter](#)/[Instagram](#)).