

Nisqually Land Trust

Volunteer Position – Outreach Volunteer

Founded in 1989, the Nisqually Land Trust acquires and manages critical lands to permanently benefit the water, wildlife, and people of the Nisqually River Watershed. Today we protect and manage nearly 6,000 acres. The Nisqually River is one of Washington's most pristine freshwater systems despite being located along the I-5 corridor in South Puget Sound, which is a landscape that is increasingly urbanized. Our vision is to protect, restore, and manage the natural and essentially wild aspects of this river basin while cooperating with watershed communities to support an ecologically sustainable way of life.

Project Description: Participate in community events and contribute to Land Trust outreach aimed at engaging community members in dialogues and activities that encourage understanding of local conservation issues and the Land Trust's mission, vision and goals. Assist the Land Trust in reaching a larger more diverse audience throughout the Puget Sound region.

- Attend community events as an ambassador for the Nisqually Land Trust
 - Staff booths at community fairs and outreach events.
 - Suggest community events for the Land Trust to attend
- Recruit supporters to help the Nisqually Land Trust grow
 - Talk to your friends, neighbors and community groups about the accomplishments and goals of the Land Trust
 - Post outreach flyers at your favorite hangout spots
 - Contribute photos, videos, and writing for Land Trust media, which help to illustrate stories about Land Trust projects and the ways you are connected to this organization and watershed
 - Introduce service organizations you are involved with to the Land Trust's community projects.

Benefits:

Volunteers will gain a deeper understanding of land conservation and the programs that support conservation in Western Washington. This volunteer position is a great opportunity to connect with the public about ways that Land Trust activities are supporting an ecologically sustainable way of life in the watershed and the region. New outreach volunteers will be mentored by Land Trust staff and experienced volunteers.

Estimated Total Hours:

Typically, we ask for 2-3 hour shifts at community events, but it may be more or less depending on the event. Initially volunteers are asked to commit to attending one outreach event each month for three months. Volunteers are welcome to continue to serve in this capacity after the first three months.

Location: Throughout the Nisqually River Watershed and South Sound Region. Many outreach events are in Olympia or Tacoma.

Qualifications:

- Interest in sharing the Land Trust's mission and current activities
- Communicate respectfully with diverse members of the public
- Clear understanding of difference between education and advocacy

How to get started:

If you would like to volunteer for this opportunity, please send an email that briefly and specifically outlines your skills, and interest, including your availability (weekdays, weekday evenings, and/or weekends) to volunteer@nisquallylandtrust.org

