Job Description: Environmental Justice Chair

"We support the right to a clean and healthful environment for all people" - Sierra Club

Environmental Justice Policies

Environmental Justice is the link between environment and social justice to resolve the disproportionate distribution of environmental risk (including negative health, social and economic effects) on some communities.

Purpose of Position

- To discuss and explore the links between environmental quality and social justice, and to promote dialogue, increased understanding and appropriate action;
- To support local communities in the fight for a clean and healthy environment for low-income neighborhoods and others whose neighborhoods have been targeted by polluting industries;
- To provide leadership, direction, and guidance on environmental justice issues for the chapter;
- To motivate and direct the Environmental Justice Committee; and
- To appropriately delegate activities related to environmental justice to committee and other chapter members.

Responsibilities

Leadership, Direction, and Guidance on Environmental Justice Issues

- Provide chapter leaders with a long-range vision of what the Club's environmental justice strategy and priorities should be over the next two to five years.
- Identify environmental justice issues needing attention and worthy of chapter consideration.
- Assist chapter leaders to develop environmental justice priorities.
- Design plans and strategies for current environmental justice campaigns.
- Report regularly on environmental justice committee activities to the state executive director, chapter chair, executive committee and issue committees.

Motivation, Direction, and Coordination of the Chapter Environmental Justice Committee

- Oversee environmental justice committee activities to ensure that all needed tasks are accomplished.
- Direct and assist the committee to set goals and carry out objectives.
- Coordinate main functions and campaigns of the committee.

Delegation of Environmental Justice related Activities

- Identify, recruit and challenge volunteer leaders.
- Identify individual members' abilities and interests and assign tasks appropriately.
- Train and assign volunteers to carry out environmental justice activities.
- Follow up assignments to be sure they are carried out.
• Thank volunteers and provide other rewards (social activities, public recognition) to ensure repeat performances.
• Prevent duplication of work by linking key individuals with one another.
• Challenge and encourage members to use their talents and skills to the maximum.

**Key Contacts**

• Virginia Chapter State Office
• Virginia Chapter Chair