



Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord River Stewardship Council Lead River Ambassador Position 2023-2024

The SuAsCo River Stewardship Council will employ one year-round, part-time Lead River Ambassador to provide a presence on and around the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic Rivers, promote stewardship and understanding of local riverine resources, and provide day-to-day supervision of the Assistant River Ambassador during the summer months. The Lead River Ambassador will be overseen by and assist the River Stewardship Council in administering projects and activities related to Wild & Scenic designation, outreach and education, Conservation Plan implementation, and overall coordination.

The Lead River Ambassador will be expected to conduct field work in all eight SuAsCo Wild and Scenic River communities: Framingham, Wayland, Sudbury, Lincoln, Concord, Bedford, Carlisle, Billerica. A central office space may not be provided. The Lead River Ambassador will be able to work from home to cover non-field-based responsibilities.

Compensation and Work Schedule

The Lead River Ambassador will work a total of up to 1,000 hrs from April 2023 – March 2024 and will be compensated at a rate of \$24.00 per hour. The position has some flexibility to set a weekly work schedule, with average hours per week ranging from 10-30 hrs. It is expected that during the summer months (June-August), the Lead River Ambassador will work closer to 30 hrs/week which may include work on the weekends. Work related travel using personal vehicles will be reimbursed based on mileage and the current federal mileage rate.

Job Responsibilities

Outreach and Education

- Promote awareness of, interest in, and support for the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic Rivers, the River Stewardship Council, and their connection to the SuAsCo watershed and OARS through all appropriate means, including personal contacts, interaction with river users, presentations at public events, social media and mobile app content, etc.
- Engage with the public at popular river access sites.
- Provide river users with information about the Wild and Scenic designation and the RSC.
- Share best practices for recreating responsibly on the river, especially related to minimizing ecological impacts and adopting responsible behaviors (e.g., Leave No Trace, protecting riparian vegetation, managing human/pet waste and garbage, invasive aquatic hitchhikers).
- Share information about volunteer opportunities, including citizen science and stewardship work through the RSC and OARS.
- Help manage and develop content for the SuAsCo RSC website, social media sites, and interactive mobile app.
- Keep river access sites supplied with OARS River Recreation Guides/Maps.
- Help promote the SuAsCo Junior River Ranger Program.
- Increase education and outreach efforts to underrepresented communities and individuals.

- Create outreach programs/materials that showcase the stewardship of the rivers including creating engaging videos or in-person educational talks related to the rivers and their resources.
- Staff informational booths at Riverfest and other local events.
- Help highlight and publicize RSC Community Grant projects and recipients.

Data Collection and Monitoring

- Inventory river access sites, both formal and informal, and document current conditions, signage, and parking in collaboration with OARS.
- Administer surveys to river users to collect information on river recreation experiences, types of river use, public safety concerns, etc.

Other

- Supervise and mentor the Assistant River Ambassador.
- Support the RSC with ongoing stewardship of the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers.
- Attend regular monthly RSC meetings and make periodic reports on activities.
- Assume additional duties as deemed necessary by the RSC.

Professional Development Opportunities

The Lead River Ambassador will have the opportunity to build their field skills and gain experience in the following areas:

- Invasive species identification
- Weed Warrior Program with OARS, Inc.
- MassWildlife Learn to Fish Program
- Flatwater paddling
- Other

Position Requirements

- Knowledge of the SuAsCo Wild and Scenic River designation
- Familiarity with the Wild and Scenic River municipalities and river access points
- Must be at least 18 years of age with own transportation
- Must have internet, cell phone, and email access
- Great written and oral communication skills, multi-lingual skills an advantage
- Ability to communicate effectively with people from different backgrounds and experience levels
- Be able to work both independently and as part of a team
- Comfortable working outdoors in varied weather conditions
- Experience with kayaking and/or canoeing
- Experience with websites and social media

How to Apply

Submit the following documents via email with the subject line “SuAsCo Lead River Ambassador Application”:

1) Cover Letter; 2) Resume; 3) Names of two people who can give professional references

Application deadline is **March 7th, 2023**.

Questions and applications should be directed to Emma Lord, River Stewardship Council Coordinator
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