



## **2019 WAV Positions**

VLA WMO requests volunteers to hold positions for a year at a time, offering up to 40 hrs of volunteer time each year. Volunteers may renew their position each year.

### **Watershed reporter:**

- Summarize board and technical commission meeting notes and send to WAV members. Attend meetings when available.
- Write short stories and education pieces on topics that were brought up in VLA WMO meetings.
- Provide web links to relevant topics and meeting points: VLA WMO and other resources (State, DNR, youtube, etc.)
- Work with VLA WMO education and outreach coordinator to create a column that resembles a news report and send emails to VLA WMO mailing list and social media.

### **Raingarden Chamberlain:**

- Gather and motivate other WAV members and community members to help with raingarden maintenance at select public raingardens.
- Photograph events and before/after maintenance.
- Coordinate disposal of debris to County yard waste site.

### **Watershed Yard Care Demo:**

- Network and reach out to neighbors asking them to try a yard care best practice that supports the watershed
- Take video and photograph local residents engaging in yard care best practices:
  - Downspout redirect
  - Lawn mowing/watering practices
  - Adopt-a-drain
  - Proper salt use
- Gather feedback from residents about the practice they are trying out.

### **Watershed photographer:**

- Call VLA WMO cost-share participants to photograph VLA WMO-funded shorelines, native plantings, and raingardens.
- Assemble highlight photos and organize them according to location.
- Photograph scenery (animals, birds, lakes, wetlands) around the watershed at different times of day and in different seasons.
- Help facilitate a watershed photo contest and gallery viewing

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**Watershed Storyteller:**

- Use VLAWMO's list of cost-share recipients and work with the watershed photographer to contact residents.
- Conduct a mini-interview with cost-share recipients about their motivation, interest, and how they did their project. Modeled off of a VLAWMO interview template
- Write-up interview

**Neighborhood Event Planner:**

- Brainstorm with VLAWMO staff and other volunteers to coordinate fun, custom neighborhood events. Options include:
  - Spring plant swap
  - Neighborhood raingarden walk/bike tour with walking potluck
  - Kombucha tasting
  - Trash pick-up, storm drain clean-up, etc.
  - Host neighborhood house parties focused on VLAWMO's watershed role play game. Rent kit and facilitate game with a group of friends and neighbors.
  - Coordinate around neighborhood night out
- Provide watershed resources at event, such as lake fact sheets and cost-share information. Integrate event into a watershed theme (clean water, pollinators, keep stormdrains clean, etc.)
- Work with VLAWMO to advertise and summarize the event. Apply for Community Blue funds as available and when applicable.