



**VLAWMO Volunteer Position:
Water Stories Coordinator**

Description: To bring the VLAWMO watershed to life through stories, interviews, photos, and phenology.

Location: Based out of the VLAWMO office, travel throughout the watershed as needed

Goal: To support VLAWMO's education and outreach with local, relevant, and community-oriented content. Produce a series of 4-8 articles that tell the story of people and the watershed.

2-10 hrs/week
10 weeks: 40 hrs

Volunteer responsibilities:

- Capture local stories and memories in the watershed
 - Find local long-term residents and conduct interviews capturing memories and interactions as they relate to local water
 - Research local history and water quality information (VLAWMO website and state agencies) to support interviews
 - Complete formal write-ups in article fashion conveying interviews and research.
 - Submit to VLAWMO staff for editing.
 - When possible take photos on site to match the storyteller with the water resource.
- Scenic photography relevant to case study stories
- Utilize the web-based email list of Watershed Action Volunteers as needed

Secondary responsibilities:

- Facilitate VLAWMO's watershed role-play game for community groups, or the U of MN's watershed game.
- Photograph raingardens and cost-share projects in VLAWMO, schedule with residents to photograph residents with their projects.

Desired qualifications:

- Existing photography equipment and demonstrated experience in photography
- Experience conducting interviews with the public, interest in community building
- Demonstrated knowledge and awareness of watersheds and natural resources
- Previous volunteer experience in either nature, humanities, or public health settings
- Vehicle and independent mobility to traverse the watershed
- Associate's degree or higher
- A resident within or near the VLAWMO watershed