

Mapleton Fall Creek Development Corporation Position Announcement

Part-Time Great Places Resilience Ambassador

Mapleton Fall Creek Development Corporation (MFCDC) seeks to hire a *Great Places Resilience Ambassador*. If interested, please submit responses to the attached application questions and resume electronically to mfcdc@mfcdc.org.

Deadline for applications is July 18, 2018.

BACKGROUND

The Maple Crossing Great Place is implementing a revitalization plan for the quarter-mile radius around 38th & Illinois. This quarter-mile area was recommended for commercial node development in the Mid-North Quality of Life Plan & the Great Places 2020 Plan. Each plan was created based on input from community stakeholders and facilitated by technical planning assistance with a vision to create a vibrant, mixed-use center for the community.

It is the goal of the Office of Sustainability, LISC, and Mapleton Fall Creek Development Corporation to integrate strategies to promote resiliency in the neighborhood revitalization. Resilience is the capacity of neighborhoods to anticipate, adapt, and flourish in the face of change.

Position Description

The Great Places Resilience Ambassador is a position focused on community engagement and leadership from August 2018 - May 2019. The Resilience Ambassador will be expected to communicate with neighborhood stakeholders to connect them with the THRIVE Indy community planning process currently underway. The selected candidate will work with others to organize, inspire and motivate further engagement. The Resilience Ambassador will be responsible for developing creative ways to engage neighborhood stakeholders in conversations around resilience in their respective Great Place. In addition, the Resilience Ambassador will help neighborhood stakeholders identify a resilience demonstration project to implement in 2019.

Resilience Ambassadors will participate in a set of trainings to learn about the technical aspects of resilience and climate in a fun and informative way. They will learn how to develop project ideas and identify the funding resources to make the project a reality. They will help further define the role of future Ambassadors while fostering their own personal and professional growth. As part of a city-wide team, Resilience Ambassadors will also have an opportunity to exchange ideas with like-minded people and community organizations that are passionate about improving the environment and building community. Practically, Resilience Ambassadors will learn what neighbors can do to reduce the risk of flooding, improve the quality of neighborhood green spaces, reduce energy bills, and help neighbors in the event of a heat wave.

Role of Ambassador

The Resilience Ambassadors will learn about resilience and climate change and will serve as a leader, making your neighborhood greener, healthier, safer, and more comfortable in changing weather and climate conditions.

Leadership – become leading voice in Indianapolis on climate and resilience; represent MFCDC on committees, board, etc.

Assistance – serve as a resource to your neighborhood residents; assist residents with their environmental stewardship activities, including grant applications.

Connections – promote programs, activities & funding opportunities at community meetings and events

Time Commitment

Program Duration – August 2018 - May 2019

Training – Ambassadors will attend 3-6 training sessions held during the program.

Additional training will be offered based on Ambassador input and relevance to specific project ideas.

Weekly/Monthly Meetings – All ambassadors will be required to coordinate and develop a regular schedule with their lead agency.

COMPENSATION

A stipend of \$10,000 will be provided over the 10-month period.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Engage in neighborhood events for outreach and public relations
- Play an active role in Great Places project implementation – particularly the livability components
- Connect Resilience resources to the Great Places implementation process, meeting with Resilience leaders and integrating Resilience into the plans as appropriate
- Facilitate resilience discussions in appropriate neighborhood forums and committees
- Compile and disseminate feedback and data to Resilience Ambassador partners and THRIVE Indy stakeholders
- Review and research community resilience literature as needed
- Attend trainings hosted by the Office of Sustainability, Marion County Public Health Department, and Peoples Planning Academy

BASIC SKILLS

- Ability to communicate and work with people from a variety of socio-economic, racial, ethnic, religious and political backgrounds, beliefs, and practices
- Ability to thrive and function in neighborhood settings
- Ability and willingness to attend a variety of meetings; regular evening and weekend hours as required
- Ability to collaborate and negotiate with others to implement and accomplish administrative actions and objectives
- Ability to flexible and to manage multiple tasks simultaneously and the organizational skills to coordinate events and processes
- Regular attendance & punctual
- Ability to operate standard office equipment and work with Microsoft office products

MINIMUM QULIFICATIONS

- Familiarity with selected neighborhood
- Familiarity and experience working with residents, groups, organizations and institutions in a neighborhood setting
- Demonstrated experience in an assets-based approach to community organizing
- Ability to satisfy pre-employment substance abuse and criminal background checks

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- A demonstrated interest in and commitment to the revitalization of urban neighborhoods
- The interpersonal skills necessary to work constructively with a wide variety of people and organizations; the ability to inspire trust, organize people into a team and motivate them to work intently and efficiently together
- Comfort with group processes and intangibles; a good sense of humor and patience

Eligibility

Resilience Ambassadors must live, work or worship in or immediately around the [Maple Crossing Great Place focus area](#).

Application

Submit the completed responses along with a copy of your resume

To mfcddc@mfcddc.org by July 18, 2018.

Personal Statement (one page limit) – Explain your vision for how Indianapolis can support inclusive, healthy, and happy neighborhoods.

(Please respond to the following questions in 100 words or less.)

1. Please tell us why you would like to become a Great Places Resilience Ambassador for Maple Crossing. How might this experience enrich you personally and those around you?

2. Although experience in sustainability is not required, please describe any past experience you have related to improving the environment in your neighborhood. (Example: urban farming, horticulture, composting, tree planting, installing rain barrels, etc.)

3. Do you believe climate change has had an impact on your community? If so, what are those issues, and how might you help address them.

For additional information about Indy's Plan for Community Resilience & Sustainability and other resources visit:

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