



Chief Executive Officer

River Forest Park District

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Closing Date: 2023-11-05

Salary: \$175,000 - \$225,000

Description:

The River Heritage Conservancy (RHC), a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, held its organizational meeting in November 2016 with the goal of creating, maintaining, and preserving an exceptional, world-class, linear parkscape stretching along the Ohio River from Jeffersonville to New Albany, Indiana, which subsequently was named Origin Park. Once Origin Park is developed, the RHC is committed to ensuring this space will remain safe, clean, and attractive while offering recreational and educational opportunities for the Louisville and Southern Indiana region year-round in perpetuity.

The River Heritage Conservancy seeks a dynamic, visionary, entrepreneurial, creative strategist, with high emotional intelligence, who is passionate about promoting the development of a world class park attraction with outstanding assets and championing exceptional customer service as its Chief Executive Officer.

Reporting to the 14-member Board of Directors, including two Ex Officio members, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is the highest-ranking executive within the River Heritage Conservancy, and will be responsible for providing strategic leadership, operational direction, and overall management to achieve the RHC's mission, vision, and objectives. The CEO will collaborate closely with the Board of Directors, senior leadership team, and various stakeholders to drive growth, innovation, and sustainable profitability. Current direct reports include the Chief Design Officer, Director of Development, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Communications, Operations Manager, and Administrative Assistant, although it is fully intended that roughly 40 additional positions will be added throughout Origin Park's development through buildout.

The Conservancy's CEO position requires a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university and ten or more years in a senior leadership position in one or more of the following industries: public parks, gardens, or conservation areas, tourism, recreation, hospitality, philanthropy/non-profit, real estate, urban redevelopment, economic development, or construction. Preferred work experience includes five or more years' experience in one or more of the following practices: leading a start-up business and/or a track record of taking an organization through a stage of rapid growth and construction; nonprofit experience; or experience in fundraising from private and public sources.

The River Heritage Conservancy offers a competitive starting salary for the CEO position ranging from \$175,000 - \$225,000 depending on qualifications and experience.

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