

# Southern Lake Michigan Rim Project Director – Indiana Chapter

## Become a force for nature and a healthy planet by joining the Indiana Team.

The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working to make a positive impact around the world in more than 70 countries, all 50 United States, and your backyard.

The beautiful southern rim of Lake Michigan contains some fantastic natural areas including the Indiana Dunes National and State Parks, as well as incredibly diverse state- and privately-owned remnants of dune and swale habitat. The oak savanna and wetlands located here harbor the greatest per acre species diversity anywhere in the state of Indiana. Situated within an urban industrial area at the outskirts of Chicago, there are great opportunities here to partner with the existing conservation community including state and federal government agencies, local land trusts and advocacy groups, large corporations, municipal governments, and community organizations. It is important that we reach a diverse audience with the message of conservation and the key role that remaining or restored natural areas can play in the quality of life for the local community. Developing innovative urban conservation strategies that link benefits for people and for nature is an exciting opportunity that exists here, more than anywhere else in Indiana.

The Indiana Chapter is seeking a Southern Lake Michigan Rim Project Director to build on the Conservancy’s strong reputation as a major conservation partner within northwest Indiana. They will define and implement an innovative set of conservation strategies designed to benefit people and nature as outlined in a pillar of our Chapter’s strategic plan called Inspiring People for Nature. They will also pursue funding for and oversee an experienced and dedicated team of land managers who steward a network of extremely high-quality nature preserves. The Project Director will develop and maintain key partnerships with corporations, state and federal partners, donors, local government officials, and other land trusts to ensure a unified vision of conservation success for the region. This full-time, permanent position will be based out of our Merrillville, Indiana office.

The ideal candidate will have a background and track record of success that includes:

Minimum Qualifications	Preferred Qualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BA/BS degree and 5 years’ experience in conservation practice; or equivalent combination of education and experience.</li> <li>• Experience managing complex or multiple projects, including staffing, workloads, and finances under deadlines.</li> <li>• Supervisory experience, including motivating, leading, setting objectives, and managing performance.</li> <li>• Experience in partnership development with non-profit partners, community groups, and/or government agencies.</li> <li>• Experience negotiating and fundraising.</li> <li>• Must have a valid driver's license.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-lingual and multi-cultural or cross-cultural experience appreciated.</li> <li>• 5-7 years’ experience in conservation practice or related field; or equivalent combination of education and experience.</li> <li>• Demonstrated experience influencing, developing, and implementing conservation policy and plans.</li> <li>• Knowledge of current trends and practices in relevant disciplines and regions.</li> <li>• Knowledge of methods of general land management practices and especially dune and swale system biology.</li> <li>• Communicating clearly via written, spoken, and graphical means in English, and other relevant languages.</li> <li>• Familiarity with the principles of land acquisition or similar asset acquisition.</li> <li>• Politically savvy.</li> </ul>

**We offer a competitive salary with great benefits. For a complete position description and to apply, visit <http://www.nature.org/careers> and search for Job ID# 49344.**

**Deadline to apply is 11:59 PM EDT, February 24, 2021.**

**Internal candidates should apply through the Careers page in their PeopleSoft account.**