

Community Planning and Development Intern

Job Description – Spring 2016

Organizational Overview: For over three and a half decades the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance has worked to protect the wildlife, wild places, and community character of Jackson Hole.

The Alliance recently released AGENDA 22, an uncensored vision of a better future for Jackson Hole and a roadmap for empowering our community to become a national model of living in balance with nature. To advance AGENDA 22 and create a better future, we integrate focused issue advocacy campaigns, intentional base building, leadership development, targeted education efforts, and accountability work.

We believe in advancing balanced solutions that constructively respond to the big challenges we face, holding our elected representatives accountable for making decisions in the best long-term interest of our community, and having honest conversations about the long-term consequences of our decisions based on facts and data.

Community Planning Overview: The Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance has more than three and a half decades of experience in community planning, and has profoundly influenced the way that Jackson Hole has developed. We envision a Jackson Hole that promotes an ethic of stewardship on our private lands through land use rules that encourage walkable neighborhoods surrounded by protected open space, working agricultural lands, and connected wildlife habitat.

To achieve this vision, we advocate for: updates to our land development regulations that support implementation of the Jackson/ Teton County Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan), which encourages thoughtful growth in Town and other walkable neighborhoods, while discouraging development in rural Teton County; improved protections for wildlife and habitat; and stepping up as a community to permanently protect the open space and wildlife habitat that defines our valley.

Position Overview: The Community Planning Intern is a full time member of the Alliance team for the summer of 2016 and will work under the guidance of the Community Planning Director to analyze and map permitted development build out.

One of the foundational policies of the Comp Plan states, "Community character will be preserved by limiting overall development in the community to the amount that has been allowed and planned for since 1994." In order to gain an understanding of development potential allowed and planned for since 1994, Town and County planning staff worked with a committee of citizens to develop a reasonably credible estimate of remaining residential and commercial development potential allowed under the 1994

land development regulations.

The Community Planning and Development Intern will analyze and verify the methodology used to determine remaining development potential, or if unavailable, create a new credible methodology; examine and clarify how much residential, commercial, and resort master plan development potential exists today; then map this potential and compare it to relevant Town and County policies to analyze alignment with the goals and policies of the Comp Plan.

Major Responsibilities:

- Analyze and verify the methodology used to determine remaining development potential, if available, or develop and detail a credible methodology with identified margins of error and assumptions.
- Examine and clarify how much residential, commercial, and resort master plan development potential remains undeveloped today.
- Map this potential as existing potential build out and compare to relevant Town/County policies to analyze alignment with the goals/policies of the Comp Plan.
- Compare mapped entitlements with vacant lands inventory in order to analyze potential development accommodation.
- Prepare a written report explaining all of this analysis.

Requirements:

- Should currently be enrolled in or recently graduated from a Master's level program in community planning or related field, or be enrolled in or recently graduated from an undergraduate program in planning or related field and have one year's experience working as a land use planner.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- GIS mapping skills and data analysis experience.
- Self motivated with a demonstrated ability to work independently and as a part of a team.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to represent the organization in a positive manner in all interactions with the community.
- Desire to work with a variety of government and not-for-profit agencies.

Salary: Monthly stipend, based on qualifications.

Duration of Internship: Average of 36 hours per week from approximately June through August 2016 (exact dates flexible).

Start Date: June 2016 – exact start date flexible.

To Apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and relevant writing sample to jobs@jhalliance.org. No phone calls please. Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 8, 2016, at 5:00pm MT.