

Rhode Island Forest Conservation Commission

Member Opportunity - Land Use & Community Planning

The Rhode Island Forest Conservation Commission (FCC) is seeking to fill a vacant public member seat for an **individual with knowledge or experience in land use and community planning issues**. This is an opportunity to contribute to the conservation and sustainable management of Rhode Island's forests by providing insights into the intersection of land use planning, development, and forest preservation.

About the Commission

[The FCC was established by the General Assembly](#) to address the challenges and opportunities related to forest conservation across the state. The Commission's objectives include identifying funding sources for forest conservation, recommending incentives for private landowners, encouraging carbon sequestration through forest preservation, and supporting forest product markets. Additionally, the FCC works to expand urban and community forestry and advises on policy initiatives to maintain and enhance Rhode Island's forest ecosystems.

Responsibilities

- Participate in Commission meetings held every two months (six times per year).
- Provide expertise and insights on land use planning, development impacts, and community planning as they relate to forest conservation.
- Collaborate with other Commission members, stakeholders, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM).
- Contribute to the development of recommendations, initiatives, and reports.

Qualifications

- Experience or knowledge in land use planning, community development, or related fields.
- Familiarity with Rhode Island's planning processes, conservation policies, and local government operations is preferred.
- A commitment to forest conservation and understanding of the ecological, economic, and community benefits of forests.

Time Commitment

- Meetings are held every two months, typically lasting 1.5 to 2 hours.
- Occasional additional participation in working groups, subcommittees, or special projects may be requested.

This is a voluntary, unpaid position on a state commission. Members will have the opportunity to make a significant impact on the future of Rhode Island's forests.

How to Apply

To express your interest, ask questions, or nominate a candidate, please contact Deputy Chief, State Forester TeeJay Boudreau at TeeJay.Boudreau@dem.ri.gov. submit a letter of interest and a brief resume highlighting relevant experience to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

We look forward to your participation in supporting the health and sustainability of Rhode Island's forests.