

Forest Exploration Center

Call for Volunteer Directors

The Forest Exploration Center (FEC) is a non-profit partner with the Wisconsin DNR Division of Forestry and is responsible for managing a sixty-acre woodland parcel on the historic Milwaukee County Grounds in Wauwatosa.

The FEC is seeking to expand the size of its Board of Directors with citizen volunteers willing to serve a two-year term. Candidates should have an appreciation-of and be guided-by a science-based approach to sustainable forestry and wildlife resources. Board members are always guided by the FEC's mission, values and goals and Board members should be familiar with and strive to advance the purpose of the FEC.

Prospective candidates with legal, business or development experience are particularly desired.

As a Candidate to the FEC Board of Directors

1. Prospective Directors should become familiar with the FEC's mission, initiatives, and the woodland via the FEC's Board of Director On-boarding program
2. Prospective Directors should feel passionate and motivated to help advance the FEC's mission
3. Prospective Directors will attend at least one FEC Board meeting prior to acceptance as a Director

FEC Board of Directors Performance Expectations

1. Take an active interest in knowing the organization's mission, policies, programs, projects and needs.
2. Prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in regular meetings of the Board. Unless excused, attend at least 5 of 6 meetings annually
3. Participate fully in one or more committees, sub-committees, or special projects:
 - a. Directors agree to participate in at least one committee, special project, or officer position, per year
4. Participate in revenue development for the FEC:
 - a. Give a meaningful personal financial donation. Even a small financial gift shows external donors that all FEC Directors care deeply about the advancement of the FEC's mission.
 - b. Identify personal connections that can benefit the organization's fundraising and reputational standing.
 - c. Identify funding opportunities, solicit funds, and fully engage in identifying and securing financial resources and partnerships
5. Participate in board decision-making while protecting and advancing the fiduciary/financial health of the FEC. Understand, review, and ask questions about contracts prior to approval. Read, ask questions about, and understand the organization's financial statements.
6. Serve as a steward of woodland initiatives and as an active advocate and community ambassador for the organization.
7. Help the FEC seek out additional, qualified Directors that may help the FEC advance its mission

8. Comply with the FEC Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Policies.
9. Serve as a resource to the Board and Staff. Be willing and available to provide expertise, leverage connections and help create and strengthen networks, and resources.
10. Maintain confidentiality about all internal matters of the organization.

You can learn more by visiting the FEC homepage at: <https://www.forestexplorationcenter.org/>

We encourage all to visit our forest which is located at: 1800 Forest Exploration Drive, Wauwatosa, WI

Interested candidates may submit a statement of interest including a brief background and contact information at: info@forestexplorationcenter.org