

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Environmental Sustainability Officer

Oakland County, MI (pop. 1,251,000) County Seat: Pontiac/Waterford. Oakland County is located in southeast Michigan, immediately north of Detroit. With a population of 1.2 million and covering over 900 square miles, Oakland County offers cosmopolitan urban centers, lakefront living, historic town centers, and natural country settings within close proximity of an array of employment opportunities. Providing the diversity of choice vital to attracting and retaining a skilled workforce and high quality of life: 38,000 businesses, 1,100 foreign-owned firms from 39 countries, call Oakland County home. The county blends the State's most robust economy with an unmatched quality of life. This diversity makes Oakland County unique and competitive. Oakland County's annual gross domestic product (GDP) is \$100 billion, which represents 23% of the state of Michigan's total GDP.

The County is governed by an elected County Executive, David Coulter, and a 21-member Board of Commissioners who are elected by district for a two-year term of office. The Environmental Sustainability Officer is an appointed position, serves at the pleasure of the County Executive and reports to a Deputy County Executive. The Environmental Sustainability Officer functions as a strategic advisor on environmental sustainability initiatives and will serve as a key member of County Executive's leadership team. This position will advance the County's environmental sustainability interests at the state and federal level, both through seeking support from agencies for County initiatives and to present the County's work as best practice.

The position is responsible for development of the County's near-term and long-term sustainability agenda, tracking progress towards measurable goals and working across various County departments to execute sustainability initiatives. The Environmental Sustainability Officer leads internal review of plans and the creation of policies and programs to improve the County's sustainability. The position will also engage external partners to communicate, educate and advocate for environmentally responsibility plans and actions.

It is vital for the individual in this position to be a confident consensus builder committed to and passionate about environmental sustainability. In addition to the leading the creation and execution of the County Sustainability plan, an early goal of the position will be the development of a county wide Climate Action Plan.

Desirable Experience:

- Possess a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in Environmental Science or an equivalent field of study. A Master's degree in Environmental Science or an equivalent field of study is preferred.
- Have had five (5) years of professional experience in sustainability program development and implementation.

Desirable Qualifications:

- Considerable understanding of sustainability frameworks including but not limited to GRI, UNGC, ISO26000, SASB, SDGs.
- Considerable understanding of key sustainability issues with an emphasis on Environmental topics and how they can be integrated into business/government to create measurable value.
- Considerable knowledge of sustainability requirements of local legislation, standards and international best practice.
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- Considerable experience reviewing and approving financial and operational budgets.
- Demonstrated experience setting priorities, goals and objectives.
- Demonstrated experience with building positive vendor working relationships with ESG frameworks.
- Strong analytical, organizational and time management skills.
- Demonstrated experience successfully interacting with internal and external stakeholders, including top level executives and public figures.

Preferred Qualifications:

- At least ten (10) years of diverse environmental experience, including, review, planning, development and of best practice environmental plans and projects.
- Successful experience as a lead environmental officer of an organization similar to Oakland County.

Salary range is \$130,000 to \$174,000 DOQE.

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Candidates will be reviewed upon receipt of application, with preliminary reviews to be completed by May 20, 2021.

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