

MVS Volunteer Position for Good Earth Farm of Michiana and ELFA Job Description

Qualifications

- B.A. degree
- Desire to address and integrate local, sustainable food security issues
- Enjoys interacting with people in multicultural settings
- Is self motivated and can work independently
- Work collaboratively with core group and others
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Willingness to work in the dirt and build relationships in the community
- Bi-lingual (English/Spanish) skills helpful

Duties

1. Community /Networking (* Research category) 30% time

- Build and expand on existing networks of individual and organizational allies in and near Elkhart.
- Build collaborative partnerships and community participation with ELFA and Good Earth farm among Elkhart communities.
- Assist in developing ELFA's mission of providing fresh, locally grown organic produce to inaccessible lower income people in the local community.*
- Help plan and implement education in the community; including: gardening, cooking and preserving of locally grown food.*
- Assist with identifying and engaging community youth, college interns and others in the various aspects of the project.

2. Research (secondary data and face-to-face) 30% time

- Help research and analyze a variety of organizational structures and models and work with the core ELFA / Good Earth Farm group to determine the most viable structure.
- Help identify marketing and distribution strategies to different constituencies to achieve the above goals.

3. Funding 30% time

- Assist with developing funding strategies/grant proposals.

4. Farm (operations) (* research category) 10% time

- Participate in planning meetings with Core Group
- Help according to time and ability with farm operations.
- Assist with identifying and connecting with organizations and resources for wetland, woodland and prairie restoration on portions of the project land and educational opportunities for students in such restoration.*

This position is flextime, based either on FT/PT arrangements. Allotted percentages in each category are also flexible per skills and fit of applicant.