



**LAND
STEWARDSHIP
PROJECT**

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LSP's Community Based Food System Program Urban Organizer

Land Stewardship Project is a private nonprofit, membership organization founded in 1982 to foster an ethic of stewardship for farmland, to promote sustainable agriculture, and to develop sustainable communities. LSP is dedicated to creating transformational change in our food and farming system.

LSP believes that by working together with our members and partners, culturally and racially diverse rural and urban people can take practical steps that build toward greater stewardship of the land, more family farmers, healthy food for all and resilient, racially just communities.

LSP's urban food program began five years ago developing community gardens, working on urban land access issues and organizing advocacy for clear zoning policies that support rather than hinder urban agriculture in Minneapolis. The primary thrust of our current program is developing and implementing a year around food and gardening program through our relationship with Hope Community in the Phillips neighborhood. Both Hope Community and LSP are fundamentally about organizing people to build power to transform their communities and their lives. We came together three years ago around common values of racial and economic equity and to develop a year-round food program that has moved from just a few people to engaging over 100 residents.

The community gardens at Hope, along with regular and evolving cooking/nutrition and gardening skill building classes as well as the upcoming 4800 square ft. gardening space (The Rose) provide the arena for leadership development. These learning opportunities create a forum for participants to consider how the current food system affects them, and opportunities for them to develop their power to create a food system that works for them and their community. The LSP Organizer will work closely with Hope staff to:

- Plan and implement outreach, engagement and communication strategies;
- Identify and develop potential leaders;
- Conduct one on one interviews with community members;
- Support and develop a leadership team of Phillips neighborhood residents;
- Support/supervise food program interns;
- Support work related to the Listening Project (Action Research visits, Listening Sessions, sort/analyze data from Listening Sessions, develop and produce report back to community, etc);
- Plan and produce skill-building workshops related to food (growing, processing, entrepreneurship, etc);
- Coordinate field trips and rural/urban farmer visits;
- Involve LSP members in skill sessions and in planning for the community garden space at the Rose.

The LSP Organizer will have responsibility for LSP member recruitment, some grassroots and grant fundraising and reporting and developing an LSP member steering committee to support and assist in

program projects. The position's supervisor, Director of Community Based Food Systems Program, may assign other activities.

The position is currently 75% FTE. There will be occasional Saturday and evening work, especially Tuesday/Thursday evenings and some Saturdays during growing season.

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to Terry VanDerPol, tlvdp@landstewardshipproject.org.