

# **Development Manager**

Do you enjoy and appreciate the northern NH landscape?

Do you like the creativity of sharing a good story with people, inspiring them to support a worthy cause?

Do you aspire to make a difference using fundraising as a tool?



## ... Become our Development Manager

Create engaging ways to share our land conservation story and strategies for people living, working, and recreating in our service area who, like you, care about our outdoor spaces. Find innovative ways to encourage them to join our cause with their dollars.

Connect with our land stewards to share news of what is happening on the ground to influence giving, and to sustain the protection of those lands.

Collaborate with our finance team to set financial targets, analyze the data, and explore innovative ways to solicit from donors at every level of giving.

Collaborate with staff to raise funds required to do the relevant work of land conservation.

Create a strategy to move our organization into a new geographic territory and to build support and drive funds toward our work.

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Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust is the nationally accredited, locally based, nonprofit land trust serving New Hampshire's northern Grafton County and Coös County regions. In our 24 years, we have protected 35 properties (5,282+ acres) for all who live here, now and in the future. Our presence in the communities we serve spans recreation, conservation, education, and creating ties to the natural world and each other. Our partnerships, sponsorships, collaborations, and land conservation speak to our success.

ACT encourages individuals currently underrepresented in the outdoor community to apply. As an equal opportunity employer, ACT does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion or belief, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, disability status, political affiliation, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local laws.

Reports to: Executive Director

**Collaborates with:** Other ACT staff as needed; supports/attends monthly meetings of ACT's

Development Committee.

#### **Hours, Compensation & Benefits:**

- 35-40 hours-per-week (120-day probation period/evaluation)
- Voluntary participation in ACT's retirement package after one year of employment with an Employer Matching retirement contribution of up to 3%
- 100% employer single-person medical coverage, with out-of-pocket add-ons
- Paid PTO (80-hours) and wellness hours (8 hours). PTO and wellness hours increase with years of service
- 10 paid Federal holidays + 2 floating days per year
- Seasonal off-site staff workdays
- Flexible schedule, potential partial remote work after onboarding
- Requires some evening and weekend availability
- Organization-wide mindfulness of work/life balance; dog-friendly office headquarters
- While we expect to fill the position as full-time, we may consider a part-time alternative for the right candidate
- Salary commensurate with experience

## **Summary:**

**The Development Manager** is responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive and strategic approach to fundraising, planned giving, appeals and campaigns, the goal being to connect and engage constituents to give financial support to ACT. A primary responsibility is to build a strong and supportive constituency of sustaining and top-level donors to result in meeting ACT's annual operating budget, endowment, and investment goals.

The **Development Manager** works closely with the Executive Director and the Development Committee to identify strategies and audiences in which to build the financial feasibility of ACT for today and for the future. The **Development Manager** is highly visible and active in efforts to reach, connect and engage these donors, sponsors, and funders. The position works with the Outreach Coordinator to tell ACT's story to educate, inspire, cultivate, and move to action, particularly for financial support.

The **Development Manager** manages a database and reporting mechanism for recording, tracking, reporting, and analyzing donor trends, continually monitors fundraising efforts for effectiveness and sustainability. They work closely with the Executive Director, board members, and ACT committees to reach those audiences to gain and increase their financial support.

#### **Qualifications:**

The **Development Manager** should have substantial fundraising experience, preferably for a Land Trust or conservation organization, including general fund appeals, high potential/high monetary value donor cultivation, and experience in or enthusiasm for building planned giving, sustaining gifts and major gifts programs. The **Development Manager** must possess strong interpersonal skills, have excellent written and verbal communication skills, be self-motivated and a creative problem solver. The **Development Manager** must be technically competent with office software, donor tracking software; knowledge of use

of social media and website platforms is preferred. An ability to work with diverse people, developing positive working relationships with co-workers, donors and other local stakeholders is required. A willingness to work some evenings and weekends, participating in trainings, and hosting and supporting ACT development events is essential.

# **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Identify and implement strategies and tactics to grow ACT donors/donor programs.
- Track, analyze and report on donation trends, create strategies for addressing and maximizing them.
- Coordinate with the Operations Manager to process, acknowledge and track all cash and non-cash gifts, as defined by land trust accreditation standards and practices; maintain updated personal and contact information on current donors.
- Produce materials and publications in-house or, when needed, work with outside printer vendors to produce and deliver materials.
- Collaborate with the Outreach Manager to ensure ACT's social media presence is fresh, properly targeted, and effective to meet membership and fundraising goals.
- Seek new and innovative opportunities to appropriately promote the organization to funders.
- Work with staff in researching and applying for grants for land projects, general capacity, event and initiative funding.
- Work with Finance and Development Committees to establish achievable fundraising goals, revise fund sourcing plans as needed, and manage the annual fundraising budget.
- Develop strategy for, design and implement the annual and specialty appeals and campaign materials coordinate production and mailing.
- Work within the community to identify, empower, motivate, and engage prospective donors, sponsors, members, volunteers, target markets and other supporters as defined by the Executive Director and Board of Trustees.
- Coordinate staff, trustees, and volunteers in fundraising efforts; design and provide training for cultivating donors and building relationships.
- Develop presentations for special events as needed to meet fundraising goals.
- Support the Development Committee in creating, organizing, and implementing fundraising events.
- Support Executive Director and Board of Trustees with cultivation of major donor relationships.
- Collaborate with other ACT staff.
- Attend bi-weekly staff meetings and regular ACT committee and board meetings, as required.
- Attend professional development workshops and webinars. Represent ACT at regional and state conservation industry meetings.
- Complete other duties as assigned.

