



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES DIRECTOR

OVERVIEW

Green Building Alliance's (GBA) **Sustainable Communities Director** will provide green building and sustainable development technical assistance to neighborhood and community-scale projects throughout GBA's network. As sustainability imperatives become increasingly rigorous, GBA seeks to multiply projects' impact by realizing the integrative efficiencies of neighborhood-scale development that prioritize social equity, environmental quality, human health, and economic vitality. This position will lead GBA's efforts to integrate community planning with transformative sustainability objectives, focusing on stakeholder engagement, community-scale infrastructure, and leadership development. This position will report to GBA's *VP of Planning and Policy* and work closely with the leadership team. It will also collaborate across GBA's program areas, and specifically with GBA's *VP of Strategy & Innovation* on project technical assistance and strategic partnerships; *Data & Performance Director* to integrate data and metrics across neighborhood and community scales; and the *Green & Healthy Schools Academy team* for opportunities to connect efforts through school systems.

Green Building Alliance (GBA) advances innovation in the built environment by empowering people to create environmentally, economically, and socially vibrant places. As Pittsburgh's founding authority on sustainable design, GBA drives the market for healthy communities while equipping designers, manufacturers, developers, educators, and policymakers to catalyze systemic change. Named one of the Pittsburgh Business Times' Best Places to Work, GBA offers competitive compensation packages, flexible work schedules as needed, investment in ongoing personal and professional development, jovially intelligent co-workers, a strong and purpose-driven team atmosphere, and a commitment to helping every building and community be sustainable so every person can thrive. gba.org

DUTIES

The Sustainable Communities Director is an integral part of GBA's team and leads the emerging Sustainable Communities program to integrate social, environmental, and economic impacts across neighborhood-scale projects. Efforts include, but are not limited to:

- Lead GBA's Sustainable Communities program, and work with internal and external partners to build a strong vision and implementation strategy
- Partner with community organizations to identify best practices and opportunities to integrate social equity, human health, environmental quality, and economic vitality outcomes in neighborhood planning processes, developments, or specific building projects
- Strengthen technical support provided to project teams, developers, funders, and municipalities
- Support GBA's *VP of Strategy & Innovation* in maintaining organizational partnerships, including with the City of Pittsburgh Planning Department's new comprehensive neighborhood planning process
- Build new and strengthen existing partnerships with individuals and community-based organizations throughout GBA's region to advance health, sustainability, and equity at the neighborhood scale
- Present information and opportunities to integrate various frameworks and models for neighborhood-scale sustainability efforts (i.e., p4 Performance Metrics, LEED for Neighborhood Development, WELL Community, Living Community Challenge, EcoDistrict)

- Contribute to project sustainability reviews for the City of Pittsburgh, Urban Redevelopment Authority, and Uptown EcoInnovation District, as needed
- Identify policy, financial incentives, and opportunities to support neighborhood-scale projects, assisting communities with implementation
- Represent GBA at community partner meetings such as: All-In Pittsburgh, the emerging Pittsburgh Ecodistricts Collaborative, and Pittsburgh Living Future Collaborative
- Support GBA's *Inspire Speakers Series* with a focus on: identifying thought leaders that promote sustainable communities, working with partners to co-create shoulder events, increasing program effectiveness in building networks, partnerships, and new ideas for project implementation
- Collaborate with GBA's *Data & Performance Director* to analyze, design, and implement data and metrics at the neighborhood and community scale
- Collaborate with the *Green & Healthy Schools Academy* team to identify opportunities for integration between place-based projects and work with schools and communities
- Collaborate with GBA's *Communications* team to develop case studies and presentations which advance outcomes of the Sustainable Communities program
- Collaborate with GBA's *Relationships & Community Director* to identify funding opportunities and track performance and progress; assist with grant writing and reporting
- Contribute to other GBA programming as needed, strengthening collaboration and overall integration
- Support GBA's education programs and events as needed

EDUCATION, SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Bachelor's degree in related area (e.g. urban planning, architecture, sustainability, or engineering), at least 5 years of experience in a relevant field such as planning, architecture, or community development preferred. Position level will be determined by candidate qualifications
- Passion for and understanding of the built environment and community development, including the triple bottom line outcomes of healthy, high-performance spaces and sustainable development
- Ability to develop familiarity with sustainable community metrics, benchmarking, and other quantitative methods
- Exceptionally motivated and independent-thinking multitasker to contribute to the success of a high-functioning team
 - Possession of excellent organizational skills; detail-oriented and task-driven
 - High level of integrity and commitment to excellence, with ability to respond quickly to change and create flexible approaches to new challenges
 - High energy, drive, and entrepreneurial spirit; self-starter with a positive attitude
 - Strong interpersonal skills and ability to cultivate and grow relationships with diverse constituencies
- Excellent written, verbal, presentation, and facilitation skills
 - Clear communication style
 - Ability to convey and translate GBA's mission-centered messaging and quantitative information to a diverse and nontechnical audience
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs, with an advanced proficiency in Excel highly preferred; prior experience with ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager and GIS ideal
- LEED Green Associate or AP, EcoDistricts AP, WELL AP, and/or Living Future Accreditation a plus

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Anticipated start date for this position is June 2019
- Based at GBA's offices on Pittsburgh's South Side, located in the historic Terminal Building, currently undergoing renovation as "The Highline" – a mixed-use, riverfront development offering access to bike trails, green spaces, a workout facility, coffee shop, and businesses
- Ability to have a flexible work schedule, including some early mornings and evenings for events
- Local travel and driver's license required; willingness and ability to use own vehicle on company business (mileage reimbursement provided); infrequent regional travel (with notice) is also anticipated

APPLY

- Submit a cover letter and resume to hr@gbapgh.org by **5:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, May 16, 2019**; no phone calls, please.

GBA strives to create a diverse and inclusive workplace. We highly encourage qualified applicants regardless of age, color, creed, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, military or veteran status (or any combination of these or related factors) to apply for consideration. GBA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.