

# Riverside Food Systems Alliance (RFSA)

<https://riversidefoodsystemsalliance.org/>

## Volunteer and Board Member Questionnaire

RFSA is seeking those who will contribute with their time, talents, and/or treasure. If you have a passion or connection to the local food system, we welcome your involvement. If you are interested in contributing to RFSA's local food system efforts as a volunteer or board member, please complete this questionnaire to help us get to know you and to understand how you might contribute. Return via email to Susan Farney ([sfahney9@gmail.com](mailto:sfahney9@gmail.com)) or hand a printed copy to a board member.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE, FAX, EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a smart phone? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your preferred method of communication? Email, text? \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS/AGENCY/AFFILIATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS for above** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE, FAX, EMAIL for above** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which RFSA meetings or events have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your current involvement/interest in the local food system? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What talents, special knowledge, and/or affiliations do you have that might facilitate RFSA's efforts and mission? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What other community organizations, boards, or committees are you affiliated with? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you serve as a representative to a group, business or agency? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please add any information that would help introduce you to the volunteer and nominating committees: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of the person who recommended that you participate, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Which projects and committees interest you? \_\_\_\_\_

Specific activities include: assisting at GrowRIVERSIDE, Community Gatherings, Growers' Forums; hosting events and fund raisers; outreach at RFSA booths; helping with publicity; seeking sponsors for, or distributing the *Fresh and Local* Guide; coordinating with food system grants; beginning farmer training programs.

**(Please circle those you are interested in serving on). Committees include:**

Building RFSA Structure and Capacity

Communication and Outreach

Finance, Budget, and Fund Raising

Beginning Farmer Training Program

Ag Land Conservation

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating and Volunteer Coordination

Food Waste Reduction

GrowRIVERSIDE Planning

**Skills and Expertise** (Please circle)

Agriculture/Farming

Grant Writing

Personnel/Human Resource Experience

Financial Management Skills

Legal Expertise

Fundraising

Technology

Marketing/Public Relation Skills

Administration/Management

Business

**Qualities**

Dependable with follow-through

Consensus builder

Strategist

Strong communicator: oral and/or written

Leadership

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Connections**

Social Services

Agriculture

Education

Media

Political

Philanthropy

Business

Faith Based

Neighborhoods

Service Clubs/Organizations

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resources**

Time to give to RFSA projects

Access to foundations or corporate support

Willing to contribute expertise

Interest in contributing financially

**RFSA Board Commitments:**

A typical board member contributes 10-15 hours per month, including attending and preparing for board meetings and subcommittees.

RFSA also has an Ex Officio board that meets infrequently. Ex Officio members often individually provide a related expertise or special contribution.

Are you interested in serving as a board member or an Ex Officio board member? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for taking the time to learn about RFSA and complete this questionnaire.*