



2026 Volunteer Opportunities

Part I – EcoAction Arlington Board of Director Positions

EcoAction Arlington is seeking volunteers to serve on the board who believe in our mission to promote sustainability and who possess key skills to govern the organization and guide our work.

- *Focus* – overall governance, management and oversight of organization.
- *Commitment* – the next two-year term begins April 1, 2026 and ends March 2028. Eight evening meetings a year including an annual meeting in March and social in January. Other meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday in February, April, June, September, October, and the 3rd Wednesday in November. Board members must complete a commitment form, volunteer a minimum of 50 hours, participate in a committee or task force, and make a donation to EcoAction Arlington.
- *Skills* – current priority areas include experience with finance, fundraising, and outreach.
- *Application Deadline* - January 26, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- *Student board positions* are available with the same details as above but for a one-year term and volunteer commitment of 24 hours a year. Applications will be available in the summer of 2026.

Part II – EcoAction Arlington Committees

For those not ready for a two-year board term, joining a board committee is a great way to support our work. These groups reflect the ongoing work of EcoAction Arlington and shape the overall direction of the organization. For all committees, we ask for a minimum one-year commitment. To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter to office@ecoactionarlington.org, and we will connect you with the appropriate committee chair for an interview.

The following committees have openings

- **Advocacy Committee:** research, community engagement, and campaign organizing related to local policy issues.
- **Finance Committee:** financial oversight, budgeting and financial planning.
- **Governance Committee:** recruiting future board members to bolster specific skill areas, as well as coordination of mentoring and orientation for all new board members, plus writing, reviewing and organizing policies, bylaws and board materials.
- **Outreach Committee:** a new committee to focus on community outreach and engagement through tabling events, educational programs, and advocacy. This committee includes activities focused on youth and schools.

Part III – EcoAction Arlington Volunteer Opportunities

EcoAction Arlington has many opportunities for volunteers to contribute to the organization, take leadership roles, and contribute to a more sustainable community. The openings vary, including both longer-term commitments as well as several short-term opportunities.

EcoAmbassadors Program

- *Focus* – this climate and energy-centered volunteer training program provides information on how to organize and deliver community engagement activities focused on reducing energy use and electrifying the home, shifting to eco-friendly transportation choices, and minimizing waste.
- *Commitment* – one-year program includes weekly training sessions in the fall and then a commitment of 20 hours of community service over the next nine months.
- *Application* – online application will be available in July 2026.

Service Project Leader Training

EcoAction Arlington organizes an annual training for new service project leaders. Volunteers learn how to run service projects: why we do them, types of cleanups, safety, procedures, equipment, scheduling, and more. The next session will be in the summer of 2026.

Arlington Students for Climate Action

This group is for teens and community members interested in advocating for climate action within the local schools and is co-sponsored by the Sierra Club Potomac River Group, EcoAction Arlington, and the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions. The group is student-led and supports students passionate about climate action with a focus on community outreach and engagement with local elected officials. Past activities include organizing an annual pop-up clothing swap event, speaking at school board meetings, and writing letters.

Tree Canopy Equity Program

- *Focus* - address tree inequity by planting trees in 13 neighborhoods in Arlington with lower than average tree canopy coverage and higher than average populations of people of color and/or people living in poverty.
- *Commitment* - a variety of opportunities to support this program including one-time outreach events and canvassing and longer-term support by joining the Tree Canopy Equity Program Advisory Committee.
- *Application* - please email treeequity@ecoactionarlington.org for more information.

If you'd like to get involved with any of the above opportunities, or for more information, please contact us at volunteer@ecoactionarlington.org or 703-228-6427 to get started.