



SWIM Coalition

Stormwater Infrastructure Matters

Water Quality Program Coordinator

Overview

The [SWIM \(Stormwater Infrastructure Matters\) Coalition](#) is a clean water advocacy group composed of over 70 organizations dedicated to ensuring swimmable and fishable waters around New York City through natural, sustainable stormwater management practices. Our members are a diverse group of community based, citywide, regional, and national organizations; water recreation user groups; institutions of higher education; and businesses. As part of our commitment to clean water, SWIM has taken leadership of the NYC Community Water Quality Testing (CWQT) Program, a community science program focused on monitoring *Enterococci* levels in recreational waters around New York City. The CWQT was designed as a community-led water quality testing program to inform recreational use, policy priorities, and regional initiatives designed to advance understanding of our shared waterways.

SWIM is seeking a Water Quality Program Coordinator to manage the NYC CWQT for the 2026 sampling season. This is a part-time position, 15 hours/week for 34 weeks at \$35/hr, from April 1st through November 29, 2026. This position supervises the Laboratory Technician and reports to SWIM's Program Manager.

Position Summary

The Water Quality Program Coordinator is primarily responsible for managing the NYC CWQT, ensuring that community science volunteers are trained in proper water sampling collection, laboratories accurately and efficiently process water samples, and the public is provided with results during the recreational season (May–October).

Responsibilities

Data Management

- Create data sheets and documents for volunteers, including QA/QC plans
- Manage water quality data from all sampling sites, coordinating with partner labs
- Calculate weekly the geometric means for all sampling sites
- Share all relevant data through Riverkeeper's Water Quality Portal

Laboratory Management

- Supervise the Water Quality Laboratory Technician working at the Queens Landing Boathouse and Environmental Center, ensuring QA/QC plans are effective
- Inventory and purchase all consumable laboratory materials



Public Communications

- Engage in outreach to previous and current community science volunteers to ensure weekly coverage of sampling sites
- Compile and disseminate water quality results to the public to inform weekend water recreation, through a weekly newsletter, social media posts, and website updates
- Organize end-of-season event with volunteers and partners to share data, photos, etc.

Desired Qualifications

- Degree or significant coursework in Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, or related fields
- Experience with various scientific data collection methods and protocols
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Project and/or program management experience, with a preference for nonprofit and coalition work
- Willingness and ability to communicate about challenges they may experience with tasks, responsibilities, and deadlines
- Ability to collaborate and work with members of the water quality team to ensure their tasks are accomplished
- Ability to connect with, value, and coordinate volunteers

Preferred Qualifications

- Previous experience managing community science-based water quality monitoring programs
- Previous experience with IDEXX, particularly current *Entero* methods
- Previous experience writing a QAPP

Work Location

The Program Coordinator may work remotely at home or other locations of their choice and/or work in the offices of the NYC Soil & Water Conservation District located in lower Manhattan.

Duration and Compensation

This is a part-time position for 15 hours per week, 34 weeks, from April 1st to November 29, 2026, at \$35/hour, for a total of \$17,850. Most of the work will be on Thursday-Friday, though other times may be necessary.

All interested applicants should send their CV and cover letter as .pdf attachments to SWIM Program Manager Michelle Luebke (michelle@swimmablenyc.org) by Sunday, March 29, 2026 with subject line 'Water Quality Program Coordinator'.

