

Bio for Ric Lawson

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Watershed Planner, Huron River Watershed Council

Ric Lawson is a Watershed Planner with the Huron River Watershed Council. He joined HRWC staff in 2006 and has volunteered for the Council since 1999. He is primarily responsible for developing and coordinating the implementation of watershed management plans in various sections of the watershed, and for managing collaborative stormwater management programs. In this capacity, he works with a diverse set of governments and organizations to carry out watershed treatment and restoration practices and monitoring their success. He oversees monitoring, data collection and analysis, and collaborative stormwater projects under these plans. As part of this effort, Ric oversees a volunteer monitoring program to track chemistry and flow in tributaries to the river. He also develops Green Stormwater Infrastructure solutions to reduce stormwater impact and has managed installations of a number of municipal rain gardens and other bioinfiltration. Ric is also developing innovative funding mechanisms to support conservation practices on agricultural lands, and streambank erosion inventories and restoration initiatives to repair previous damage. When not working to improve his river, Ric can often be found playing in it with his wife, dog and two adult kids.

Mr. Lawson holds master's degrees in environmental management and public policy from Duke University, as well as a bachelor's degree in animal physiology from the University of California, San Diego.