



## **GOT PASSION . . .**

For access to sustainable, locally grown healthy food?

For innovative conservation farming in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park?

For cultivating and supporting current and next generation farmers?

For community service?

For exceptional nonprofit leadership?

## **THEN COUNTRYSIDE MAY WANT YOU!**

Countryside is seeking candidates to serve up to two three-year terms, beginning in January 2021, as trustees on its Board of Directors. The board is comprised of individuals deeply committed to the mission of Countryside: *to connect people, food and land by promoting a resilient, sustainable food culture through programs, advocacy and education.* They live and work in communities throughout northeast Ohio, and they are farmers, restaurant owners, gourmet chefs, business leaders, food and business entrepreneurs, conservationists, nonprofit champions, leadership developers and more.

Criteria for board candidates include:

- A pre-existing passion for Countryside and its mission
- A commitment to adhere to the legal and ethical expectations of a high performing nonprofit organization
- An ability to foster the unity of the board in service to Countryside's mission, and in support of its President/CEO and staff
- An eagerness to prepare for and attend bi-monthly board meetings
- A desire to dive in and learn about the rich history of our Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Countryside
- A heart for helping establish the strategic direction for Countryside, and assessing its impact on the people, organizations and communities of northeast Ohio
- Knowledge of and engagement in the farmers markets, programs and services of Countryside
- A desire to enthusiastically promote the mission, vision and services of Countryside
- A desire to serve on at least one standing or *ad hoc committee*: Development and Marketing Committee, Finance Committee, Governance Committee
- An ability and desire to financially support Countryside with an annual cash and/or in-kind contribution, as well as facilitate philanthropic relationships and financial support of Countryside from others

If you fit the above criteria and are interested in being considered for service on the Countryside Board of Directors, please contact a member of the Countryside Board of Directors or Tracy Emrick, President and CEO at

[temrick@countrysidefoodandfarms.org](mailto:temrick@countrysidefoodandfarms.org). To learn more about Countryside, please visit its website at:

[countrysidefoodandfarms.org](http://countrysidefoodandfarms.org)

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