



Friends of Princeton Open Space

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Land Steward Internship

D&R Greenway Land Trust in partnership with The Friends of Princeton Open Space (FOPOS) is seeking two Stewardship Interns for summer 2020. The interns will work under the supervision of stewardship staff, assisting in the day-to-day activities of managing open space on preserved properties in Central NJ. Interns will spend approximately 60% of their time working for The Friends of Princeton Open Space at the Billy Johnson Mountain Lakes Nature Preserve and 40% of their time with D&R Greenway Land Trust.

Job Description

- Plant care and targeted invasive management within a recently planted 18-acre Forest Restoration site
- Invasive species management: plant identification, monitoring and removal of emerging and target species
- Construction of deer cages and maintenance of existing fenced exclosures to protect native plant populations from white-tailed deer
- Lead outreach and volunteer events for the public and local community groups, must be willing to work some Saturdays
- Monitor for forest health and invasive pests, such as the Spotted Lantern Fly
- Opportunity to create a conservation-based independent project that supports agency needs
- Create and maintain public hiking trails using maintenance tools
- Caring for native plants and assisting with public plant sales in D&R Greenway's native plant nursery
- Creating and distributing informational and educational displays
- Additional educational opportunities such as lectures, exhibits, nature walks, native plant nursery sales, etc.
- Data collection, management and map-making
- Administrative support including folder organization and file management

The interns will learn plant identification skills and receive valuable experience in a wide range of land management activities including ecological restoration in various habitat types. They will partake in the day to day activities of managing a preserve for a non-profit entity.

Duration: Mid-May through August 2020 (start & end dates can be flexible)

Hours: Variable schedule, mostly Monday- Friday. An average of 24 hours/week for a maximum total of 250 hours. Must be able to work a flexible schedule that considers weather events, agency needs, and includes some Saturdays for volunteer events.

Compensation: \$12/hour; \$3,000 for the internship's duration

Location: Princeton, NJ

Requirements: Ideal candidates will be actively pursuing a degree in ecology, natural resource management, or related fields; must possess a strong interest in conservation, desire to work outdoors in hot summer weather and the ability to

conduct physically strenuous field work. Applicants must be able to work as a member of a team, be punctual, and maintain a positive attitude. Applicants must have their own transportation and live within commuting distance of Princeton. We do not provide field housing.

Desirable Skills: This internship program is well-suited for students that have a strong interest in natural resource and land management, habitat restoration, trail maintenance, conservation biology, environmental education/outreach, and for those eager to hone their plant identification skills. Experience in native and invasive plant identification, ecological field monitoring/surveying, gardening/landscaping, and GPS/GIS mapping are a plus, but not required.

To apply: Please send a resume, cover letter and contact information for three references *in one document* to Anna Corichi at info@fopos.org by **March 15, 2020**. Applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled on a rolling basis. Your cover letter should describe why you are interested in this internship, how your skillset suits the position, and why you feel it would advance your career objectives.

For more information about D&R Greenway Land Trust and Friends of Princeton Open Space, please visit our websites at drgreenway.org and fopos.org.

