



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 2021. The interns will work under the direction of stewardship staff, assisting in the day-to-day activities of managing open space on preserved properties in Central New Jersey. Interns will spend approximately 50% of their time working for The Friends of Princeton Open Space at the Billy Johnson Mountain Lakes Nature Preserve and 50% of their time with D&R Greenway Land Trust.

Job Description

- Planting and plant care: assist with the planting of 5,000 native herbaceous plugs within an 18-acre forest restoration site. Monitor and care for project areas by completing stewardship tasks such as weeding, watering, mulching, targeted invasive removal, and the installation and repair of protective deer fencing.
- Maintaining restoration projects by controlling target invasive species manually (with pruners, loppers, or a hand saw) and/or with herbicide treatment. Target invasive species include burning bush, honeysuckle, multiflora rose, asiatic bittersweet vine, privet, autumn olive, stilt grass, garlic mustard, mugwort, among others.
- Create and maintain public hiking trails using maintenance tools.
- Assist and take on a leadership role during volunteer stewardship days and other outreach events. Must be available to work some Saturdays.
- Caring for native plants and assisting with public plant sales in D&R Greenway's native plant nursery.
- Attend educational opportunities such as lectures, exhibits, nature walks, native plant nursery sales, etc.
- Opportunity to complete a conservation-based independent project that supports the non-profit's need.
- Data collection, management, and map-making.
- Administrative support including folder organization and file management
- Land stewards must follow CDC COVID-19 guidelines, including wearing a mask at all times and following social distance protocol.

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 late August 2021 (start & end dates can be flexible)

Hours: Variable schedule, mostly Monday- Friday. An average of 24 hours/week for a maximum total of 300 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; \$3,600 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 and to Cindy Taylor at ctaylor@drgreenway.org by **March 19, 2021**. 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.

