



Internship Opportunity! Environmental Conservation Steward

Time Frame: Spring, Summer, or Fall
Deadline to Apply: Rolling
Class Credit: Available, but not required
Time Commitment: 1-2 days (8-16 hours) / week (TBD)
Work Location: Environmental Field Office - Ganondagan State Historic Site, Victor, NY

Position Description:

The Environmental Field Team is seeking an Environmental Conservation Steward to aid agency staff in the enhancement of conservation target areas at Ganondagan State Historic Site, Victor, NY as part of a US Forest Service (USFS) funded Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant. This project aims to enhance areas on site for wildlife of greatest conservation need, protect the integrity of the Great Lakes watershed, and control highly invasive plant species. Project outcomes include enhancing grassland and floodplain conservation target areas for birds and other wildlife, eradication and control of invasive plant species, and planting of native species.

Work duties may include working with agency staff to:

- Survey, map, and report invasive species populations throughout the park using GPS, iMapInvasives, and ArcGIS.
- Control target invasive species using best practice methods.
- Restore conservation target areas using native plant materials.
- Conduct ongoing monitoring efforts including vegetation surveys and photo reference points.
- Lead volunteer groups in invasive plant removal and replanting efforts.

Stewards will gain valuable field experience and learn organizational, leadership and communication skills that they will be able to apply in their personal and professional lives. The Stewards will also have the opportunity to network within NYS Parks and other state agencies, and learn the logistics of working at the state level.

Qualifications:

- Stewards should have excellent communication and organizational skills, be reliable and self-motivated.
- Stewards must be comfortable working outdoors in varying weather conditions and capable of the physical requirements involved in hiking and manual removal of invasive species.
- Experience with plant/insect identification preferred, but not necessary.
- Experience with bird identification preferred, but not necessary.
- Experience with GPS/GIS preferred, but not necessary.
- Candidates must be able to provide their own transportation to and from work site.

If interested, please contact:

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