



Restoration Coordinator Position

POSITION | Part-time, year-round (1099 employee)

LOCATION | St. Clair County, MI

COMPENSATION | \$15.00/hour

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE | Post-secondary education coursework; or classroom and/or field experience in related fields

REPORTS TO | President/Executive Director

APPLICATION DEADLINE | January 22, 2021

POSITION DESCRIPTION

We are seeking an energetic, outgoing individual to join our team to make positive impacts on St. Clair County's natural resources. The Restoration Coordinator will provide a central role in implementing Friends' habitat restoration projects, including invasive species removal, native species planting, and plant and wildlife monitoring. The candidate should possess broad knowledge of riparian ecosystems, ecological restoration and/or land stewardship. The Restoration Coordinator will work with Friends staff and other organizations to support hands-on restoration efforts across St. Clair County. Specifically the candidate will work in conjunction with St. Clair River habitat restoration partnerships comprised of public, private, school and government entities. This position will also support Friends work through public outreach, environmental education, workshops and trainings to provide ecological restoration information for land managers, volunteers and the community. Must be willing to work occasional evenings and weekends. Training is ongoing throughout employment.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coordinate and manage new and ongoing habitat restoration projects across the watershed
- Facilitate communication and coordination among habitat partners and stakeholders
- Assist with data management and technical reporting of projects and accomplishments; track accomplishments and coordinate deliverables
- Work with staff and partners to identify prospective habitat restoration projects and locations
- Conduct invasive species management individually or with teams of volunteers
- Assist in identification, coordination of professional contractors as needed for managing priority invasive plant species
- Monitor flora and fauna species; prepare and present periodic reports
- Assist on other projects in coordination with Friends staff such as outreach, digital content, workshops and trainings, and reporting

QUALIFICATIONS

- Post-secondary coursework, undergraduate degree or equivalent classroom or field experience in Biology, Ecology, Environmental Science, Sustainability, Landscaping, Horticulture or related subjects
- Strong written and oral communication with ability to write, communicate, edit, and produce reports
- Comfortable engaging with diverse stakeholders

- Experience instructing a broad range of ages, experience leading volunteers, and experience in managing restoration projects is desirable
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team, walking over possible rough terrain, and wading in streams with exposure to all types of weather conditions and natural hazards
- Knowledge and proficiency with web browsers, social media, email, and Microsoft Office
- Experience with vegetation monitoring and management techniques and protocols, and biological fieldwork
- Ability to multi-task and prioritize
- Must hold a valid driver's license and have reliable transportation

BACKGROUND

A historic milestone was achieved in 2017 with completion of twelve projects totaling \$21 million along the St. Clair River shoreline to restore habitat for fish and wildlife as part of the Area of Concern program. As a result, Friends stepped into the role of coordinating land stewardship for these completed habitat projects. With Stewardship Services Agreements in place with multiple landowners, Friends manages the projects for volunteer capacity, habitat management and citizen science, and educational programming. The hands-on stewardship fieldwork sessions take place around the watershed throughout the year to monitor and manage native species, remove invasive species and clean up trash and debris along river shorelines. Example stewardship programs include Field Days, Watershed Walks, Family Stewardship, and River Walkers and Trash Talkers. The Stewardship Services Agreements are primarily funded by contracts with public landowners, which are renewed on a calendar year basis.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS | Send a cover letter and resume that summarizes academics, work history, trainings and certifications, references and volunteer experience to info@scriver.org. An online application is available at <https://form.jotform.com/201274600885151>. For information on the position, please contact Sheri Faust, President at info@scriver.org.

For information about Friends of the St. Clair River, visit www.scriver.org.

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