



Land Steward

Position Summary

Land stewards execute management plans and implement conservation activities as instructed by stewardship managers. Land stewards are responsible for conducting invasive species control, ecological restoration as well as construction and maintenance of improvements such as trails, bridges and boardwalks. Stewards report directly to stewardship managers. This position will be based within the western region of the ACRES service area. Steward will be required to report to 7496 W. SR 124, Wabash, IN (Asherwood satellite office) each day.

Essential Functions

- Conduct invasive species management, forest stand improvement, and general land stewardship activities
- Develop and maintain positive relationships with land-based partners, property donors, preserve visitors, service learning volunteers (scouts, partner organizations) and neighbors
- Engage preserve visitors and the public appropriately and represent ACRES in a professional manner with confidentiality of sensitive organizational information

This is not an all-inclusive list of responsibilities or tasks. Other duties will be assigned as required by the organization.

Required Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Ability to lift and move 50 lbs. on an occasional basis, stand for extended periods of time, and transport self across uneven, outdoor terrain
- Valid driver's license and demonstrated safe driving record
- Ability to read and interpret detailed plans, layouts, specifications, and maps
- Ability to competently serve the public with diplomacy and respect, including occasional encounters with irate/hostile individuals
- Ability to work alone with minimum supervision and in a team environment
- Ability to consistently demonstrate ACRES high organizational ethics and standards of conduct; strong interpersonal and communication skills.

Preferred Qualifications

- Degree in natural resources, environmental science or related field of study
- Training or experience in non-native invasive species management, forestry, and light construction
- Experience operating equipment such as a skid loader, tractor, and chainsaw
- Ability to recognize plant and animal species as required to implement management activities
- Landscape-level identification of plant communities and structure of natural ecosystems
- Working understanding of Office 365 applications
- Experience with GPS and GIS — primarily the ESRI ArcGIS platform and its suite of applications

Working Conditions and Physical Requirements

Most work is performed in an outdoor setting in all weather conditions (except life-threatening weather events). The work sites are often located in remote areas, with uneven terrain, and require physical exertion and extended periods of time in isolated settings. Applicants must be able to carry equipment such as backpack sprayers, chainsaws, hand tools; wear personal protective clothing.

Compensation and Position Term

This is a full-time permanent position and requires occasional evening and weekend work. Wages will be set at a minimum salary of \$40,000.00 but can be increased based in accordance with candidate experience and expertise. Hours are flexible based upon workload and organizational needs. The position is eligible for full benefits including health insurance, paid vacation and IRA match.

To Apply

Mail cover letter and resume to the attention of Jenna Biggins at PO Box 665 Hometown, IN 46748 or by email to jbiggins@acreslandtrust.org