Volunteer Internship Posting

Stewardship Internship

Title: Stewardship Intern

Location: Allegheny Land Trust, 416 Thorn St., Sewickley, PA 15143

(*field work can occur throughout Allegheny County*)

Time: 15 – 20 hours per week, with flexibility

Site Supervisor: Emilie Rzotkiewicz, VP of Land Resources

Application Closing Date: Open until filled. Interview does not guarantee internship.

To Apply: Submit cover letter and resume to Emilie Rzotkiewicz, VP of Land Resources at erzotkiewicz@alleghenylandtrust.org with “Stewardship Internship” in the subject line

Internship Summary:

Do you want an internship that will immerse you into the everyday workings of a land conservation non-profit? This experience at ALT will teach you about land conservation, volunteers, land management, non-profit business, and so much more. This position will assist with critical stewardship, fieldwork, land management, volunteer recruitment, and restoration of conservation areas throughout Allegheny County. The position could involve work with a variety of ALT departments, local, state and federal agencies, and other nonprofits.
Duties and Responsibilities:

- Use GPS to mark ALT property boundary lines and collect field data.
- Communicate with visitors to promote understanding of the land’s unique attributes and threatened resources.
- Make presentations and represent ALT at community events and meetings. Attend a variety of public events working with community members, local authorities, and volunteers in support of healthy conservation areas.
- Assist with management plan implementation, invasive species control, native habitat development, and more.
- Perform general maintenance of trails, signs, parking areas and other visitor facilities in conservation areas found in the watershed using tractors, mowers, small power equipment, and hand tools.
- Maintain accurate records in the ALT stewardship office of activities and events on conservation lands.
- Assist ALT staff as needed.

Requirements and Basic Qualifications:

- Preferred candidate will be pursuing a degree in natural sciences, park management, landscape architecture or a related field with GIS experience.
- Excellent public speaking, communication and organizational skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 30 pounds; ability to use hand tools.
- Familiarity with native flora/fauna as well as invasive species.
- Knowledge of trail maintenance and ecological land management principles.
- A valid driver’s license and transportation.

ALT Mission: To serve as the lead land trust conserving and stewarding lands that support the scenic, recreational, and environmental well-being of communities in Allegheny County and its environs.

ALT is an equal opportunity employer and follows affirmative action policy.