



Land Stewardship Manager

The Conservation Foundation (TCF) is one of the region's oldest and largest not-for-profit land and watershed conservation organizations. Founded in 1972, TCF has helped preserve nearly 35,000 acres of open space, restored and cleaned miles of rivers and streams, and educated thousands of kids by engaging them in nature and the outdoors. Work is focused in DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will Counties to preserve and restore nature at the local level and to provide a reasoned voice for conservation in northeast Illinois.

TCF is the ecological manager of several large properties and actively monitors a number of conservation easements. TCF will hire one part-time employee that will have an annual allocation of time to manage land, manage contracts and work with conservation easement landowners and volunteers. The Manager is responsible for the ecological restoration, management and related maintenance of TCF's natural areas, contracted natural areas and certain conservation easements. This position includes the management and coordination of stewardship volunteers, interns, restoration and other related contractors. The Manager is also responsible for managing and reporting on stewardship related grants from both public and private funders.

Position Title:	Land Stewardship Manager	Status:	Part Time
Projects:	Ecological management	Classification:	Non-exempt
Reports to:	Watershed Manager	Location:	Naperville or Montgomery, IL
Travel:	Local and regional travel is required	Schedule:	Monday-Friday, some Saturdays
Compensation:	Commensurate with experience	Benefits:	Limited

Required Qualifications:

- At least a Bachelor's Degree in the biological, ecological, natural resources or environmental sciences area, and at least three years of relevant professional experience.
- Ability to identify plants native to our region.
- Experience in developing and implementing land management and ecological restoration plans.
- Ability to write and manage contracts for ecological management services.
- Demonstrated ability to lead and manage volunteers, interns in performing tasks through direct supervision or as a team/project leader.
- Strong social and interpersonal skills including the ability to resolve and mediate conflict and maintain good working relationships with coworkers, volunteers, local partners and members of the community, including elected officials.
- Experience working with typical land stewardship equipment including chain saws, sprayers, weed whips, hand saws and small tools in a safe and responsible way.
- Able to perform heavy lifting of weights up to 60 pounds.
- Must be able to obtain Herbicide Applicator License with at least General Standards and Right-of-Way required, plus Aquatics preferred.
- Experience leading prescribed burns in woodland, wetland and prairie environments is preferred.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Current and valid Illinois driver's license and vehicle required as there is considerable travel involved.
- Ability to work in extreme environmental conditions, including excessive heat and cold, biting and stinging insects, and steep terrain.
- Able to work well with others and to work under pressure and meet deadlines in a professional manner; must be a self-starter and be able to work independently.
- Persistence, sense-of-humor and entrepreneurial spirit welcomed.

Please submit your professional qualifications to jhammer@theconservationfoundation.org.

The Conservation Foundation is an equal opportunity employer; our mission is to preserve and restore natural areas and open space, protect rivers and watersheds, and promote stewardship of our environment.