Position Announcement

Assistant Land Steward

Milwaukee’s Urban Ecology Center has captured the attention of leaders in cities across the country. The Center’s model of environmental education centered on activating urban public natural areas has led to reduced crime, protected and improved urban natural areas, higher property values and academic achievement for students. Located in vibrant public green spaces, our fast-growing organization serves over 200,000 people of all ages annually. Our innovative team of cutting-edge non-profit professionals works in creative, high-energy open offices in state-of-the-art green facilities. The Urban Ecology Center is a leader in workplace flexibility and is one of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel’s “Top Workplaces”. The Urban Ecology Center’s facilities and programs have been recognized nationally and internationally for their innovative approach to sustainability, neighborhood-based urban environmental education and citizen science.

Position Summary:
The primary role of this hands-on, full time position is to maintain the Urban Ecology Center’s native gardens and natural areas within the Riverside Park branch managed lands, in collaboration with volunteers and summer interns. This person will also assist with daily operations of the Center as needed.

Knowledge, Skills, and Responsibilities:

Education/Training: BS (or equivalent experience) in natural sciences, botany, natural resources, land management or related field is preferred.

Experience: Minimum of three years’ experience working in a related field including working with and supervising groups of people

Skills and Abilities:
- Knowledge of native Wisconsin plants and plant communities
- Knowledge of ecosystem concepts and processes, ecosystem succession
- Knowledge of habitat restoration methods
- Strong plant identification skills, especially herbaceous species
- Strong commitment to conservation of Wisconsin biological diversity is essential
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability and willingness to work with lawnmower, chainsaw, rototiller and other small machines required
- Valid driver’s license and clean driving record required
- Ability to work independently and with others a must / self-motivated
- Must work well with others/ be collaborative
- Willingness to safely work with herbicides. Have or work toward herbicide applicator license within 6

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- Certification, training or experience with Geographical Information Systems, prescribed burns, herbicide applicators license and/or First Aid/Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation a plus (but not required)
- Knowledge of and willingness to adhere to safety procedures.

Working Conditions:

Job Conditions/Work Location: Work is done indoors & outdoors throughout the seasons. Based out of the Riverside Park Branch location, and responsible for traveling to and between branch locations of Washington Park and Menomonee Valley when needed. Open office workspace with active team atmosphere. Most work is performed outdoors in all kinds of weather conditions and may involve potential exposure to hazards.

Physical Requirements: Endurance to work outdoors throughout the seasons; ability to lift 70 pounds; work properly and safely with conventional power tools and equipment

Equipment Used: Chainsaw, weed whip/ string trimmer, brush mower and other gardening tools; computer, printer/copier; utility vehicle, pickup truck, skid steer

Supervisory Responsibilities: Volunteers and service groups

How to Apply: To complete an online application, be prepared to attach 1) a cover letter, 2) three references and 3) a resume. You may also visit https://urbanecologycenter.org/get-involved/jobs-and-internships.html for an online application. Be prepared to attach in Microsoft Word or PDF: 1) a cover letter, and 2) a resume.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2019

For further information about the position, please contact Kim Forbeck, Manager of Land Stewardship at (414) 964-8505 x 142 or kforbeck@urbanecologycenter.org.

For further information about the application and hiring process, please contact Tushunda Wright at (414) 964-8505 x159 or twright@urbanecologycenter.org

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