



Gunpowder Valley Conservancy- Watershed Restoration Paid Internship Opportunity 2020

Seeking an enthusiastic, physically fit person to assist the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC), a nonprofit land trust and conservation organization located in Baltimore metropolitan area. The intern will assist GVC staff with our Education and Restoration Program activities, particularly our Clear Creeks Project. This project is a bay-wise education and motivation campaign in the Middle River, Tidal Gunpowder, Bird River, and Lower Gunpowder Falls Watersheds where communities are being educated on the negative impact of stormwater runoff on local streams and our Chesapeake Bay. The goal is to motivate property owners to make lasting behavior changes by implementing storm water best management/Bay friendly yard practices, such as replacing lawns with native plants called Bayscaping, and redirecting downspouts to rain barrels and rain gardens. Tree plantings and stream clean ups will also be conducted. The GVC Intern selected will also assist with forest stewardship activities, such as tree maintenance and invasive plant removal through our Reforestation Program.

Benefits to Intern: Intern will obtain valuable skills and knowledge in watershed restoration during 250 hours of hands on learning experiences.

Duties:

Assist Project leaders during tree plantings, tree maintenance, invasive plant removal, installations of rain barrels, stream clean ups, and garden installations. Assist with administrative tasks, conducting surveys at workshops, and other tasks as needed.

Time commitment:

A four month internship. Must provide average of 15.5 hours per week. Position starts March 1 to June 30, 2020. Saturday work hours 9 - 2 pm expected during project workshops and GVC events.

The ideal candidate will have:

Minimum of 1 year college level completed courses, working towards degree in environmental field or related area, (ie. environmental science, biology, ecology,

botany, or natural history); outstanding interpersonal skills; able to work independently with confidence; unquestionably reliable.

Minimum Requirement:

- age 18+
- Must be able to work Saturdays, some Sundays, and some weekdays
- high school graduate interested in restoring and protecting our natural environment, and desire to experience hands on learning skills in watershed restoration activities (mentioned above)
- must provide own transportation
- able to lift up to 40 lbs
- willing to work outside in open fields and in rain, shine, heat or cold

Essential qualities include:

- hard worker
- ability to take instruction and apply consistently
- attention to detail
- ability to take initiative and work without direct supervision

Compensation: \$11.00 per hour. Travel mileage at .58 cents/mile up to 400 miles.

Please send a cover letter and resume to Peg Perry, Program Director of Education and Restoration for Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) at pperry@gunpowdervc.org as soon as possible. Position starts immediately.