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## **Gunpowder Valley Conservancy- Part-time Forest Stewardship technician**

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC), a non-profit land trust and conservation organization located in Baltimore County, Maryland, is seeking an enthusiastic person to join our organization as a part-time Forest Stewardship technician. This position directly supports GVC's *Planting the Future* initiative to combat climate change and biodiversity loss.

The Forest Stewardship technician will assist with native tree plantings and related tree maintenance activities at sites located throughout the Gunpowder watershed. This is an ideal opportunity for people seeking field-based experience with a non-profit organization that focuses on habitat restoration, land preservation, and environmental education.

### **Position term, schedule, and details:**

- Part-time, contractual position with a workload of up to 12 hours/week for 15 months from July 1, 2022 – September 29, 2023.
- Possibility of continuation beyond initial timeframe depending on program extension
- Flexible hours. Typical work week will involve 3 days working outdoors in forested areas. Includes working some Saturdays.
- \$18.00/hour with reimbursement of roundtrip travel mileage from home to worksite (at 2022 federal mileage rate of \$0.585 cents/mile).

### **Job responsibilities:**

- Assist GVC staff and project leaders during tree planting events, including site preparation 1-3 days before the event.
- Train to become a "Crew Chief", empowered to lead groups of up to 10 volunteers in the proper techniques for planting native trees.
- Provide follow-up maintenance activities supporting long term tree viability, such as removing invasive plants and adjusting tree shelters.
- Learn to identify invasive plants and physical removal techniques.
- Record field observations and enter data into Excel and/or Google Sheets.
- Provide data needed for quarterly grant reports, as requested.

**The ideal candidate will have:**

- Minimum of 1 year equivalent of college level courses completed, working towards or awarded a degree in environmental studies or related area, (e.g., environmental science, environmental education, biological sciences, ecology)
- Volunteer experience, including working with other volunteers
- Able to work independently with confidence and be unquestionably reliable
- Willingness to receive feedback and apply learning consistently
- Attention to detail
- Physically fit for outdoor work

**Minimum Requirement:**

- Age 18+
- Must provide own transportation (to and from locations throughout northern and eastern Baltimore County, and western Harford County)
- Interest in restoring and protecting our natural environment
- Willing and able to work outdoors in all kinds of weather, in fields or forests with thick vegetation
- Able to lift up to 40 pounds

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](mailto:pperry@gunpowdervc.org) by June 13, 2022. Include "Forest Stewardship position" in the subject line.