



## 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 grant-funded position is supported through 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 a person seeking field-based experience with a nonprofit organization that focuses on habitat restoration, land preservation, and environmental education.

### **Position term, schedule, and pay rate:**

- Part-time, temporary employee with a workload of up to 12 hours/week (up to 420 total hours) through September 30, 2023.
- Flexible hours. Typical work week will involve 3 days working outdoors in forested areas. Includes working some Saturdays.
- \$15.50/hour plus reimbursement of roundtrip travel mileage from home to worksite (\$0.585 cents/mile).

### **Job responsibilities:**

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

### **Minimum Requirement:**

- Age 18+
- Must provide own transportation (to and from locations throughout northern and eastern Baltimore County, and western Harford County)

### **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

- Interest in restoring and protecting our natural environment
- The ability to lift and carry 40 pounds and to move safely over uneven terrain
- Willing and able to work outdoors in all kinds of weather, in fields or forests with thick vegetation
- Experience working with volunteers
- Able to work independently with confidence after training
- Attention to detail
- Ideal candidates will have either 1+ years equivalent of college level courses completed, working towards or awarded a degree in environmental science or related area, (*e.g.*, environmental studies, environmental education, biological sciences, ecology) OR 1 year experience working in landscaping, horticulture, field-based conservation work, or a related field.

**How to Apply:** Please email your resume and a brief cover letter to Program Director Darcy Herman ([dherman@gunpowdervc.org](mailto:dherman@gunpowdervc.org)) with the subject line "Forest Stewardship Technician Application". Review of applications will begin immediately. For priority consideration please apply by February 24, 2023.