



Land Protection Internship Announcement

[Mississippi Valley Conservancy](#) is accepting applications for the positions of **Land Protection Intern** to assist the protection of diverse landscapes of southwest Wisconsin. Positions are part-time, unpaid, flexible timeframe (10-30 hrs/week) and are based in La Crosse, WI.

Mississippi Valley Conservancy is a regional, non-profit land trust that has permanently conserved nearly 20,000 acres of bluffslands, prairies, wetlands and streams in the Coulee Region. The Conservancy works with private landowners and local communities on voluntary conservation projects in nine counties of the Driftless area. This valuable internship will provide extensive exposure and hands-on experience with conservation easement development, on-site visits and data gathering, ArcGIS, database input, and administration of existing conservation easements.

PRIMARY DUTIES OF INTERNSHIP

1. Utilize ArcGIS to create property maps for private land protection projects.
2. Assist developing, implementing, and evaluating mapping capabilities for the organization.
3. Assist collection of data on properties targeted for protection. Projects may include working outdoors, using a Garmin to map features such as hiking trails, land use zones, or property boundaries.
4. Assist land protection staff with all preparatory and follow up tasks related to easement and property inspections, including maintenance of files and preparing property documentation reports.
5. Assist with transcription of species lists, file organization, property information gathering, grant applications, data entry and written communications (Facebook, blogs, news articles).
6. Database input into LANDSCAPE land conservation software.
7. Perform other tasks related to land conservation as assigned.
8. In addition to the above described duties, the intern may also have the opportunity to assist with onsite inspections of properties, as well as educational workshops, pasture walks, and guided public hikes.
9. Be available occasionally for 8 hour blocks of time and be willing to travel as needed throughout MVC's 9-county project area (Grant, Crawford, Vernon, Richland, Jackson, Trempealeau, Buffalo, Monroe, and La Crosse Counties).

Interested applicants should have the ability and motivation to work independently at times and be unafraid to ask questions. GIS course work, other related coursework and/or experience is a plus. Availability for 6-8 hour blocks of time is required for field visits.

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS REQUIRED

- Interest in natural resources conservation.
- Proficiency using MS Word and Excel.
- Ability to work outdoors under adverse conditions & steep rugged terrain.
- Ability to work on screen monitor for extended times.
- Excellent writing, organizational and record keeping skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively in speaking and writing.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Possess a valid driver's license and working vehicle.
- Be willing to drive to sites up to 100 miles away.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit a cover letter and resume to info@mississippivalleyconservancy.org

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