



Land Management Technician

Mississippi Valley Conservancy (the Conservancy) is a regional, non-profit land trust based in La Crosse, WI that has permanently conserved over 25,000 acres of blufflands, prairies, wetlands, and streams in southwestern Wisconsin. The Conservancy owns and manages over 25 nature preserves totaling over 5,000 acres and also works with private landowners and local communities on voluntary conservation projects and environmental education in nine counties along or near the Mississippi River.

Summary of Position: Mississippi Valley Conservancy is seeking a part-time, seasonal Land Management Technician to assist in implementing habitat restoration projects on the 5,000+ acres of public nature preserves that the Conservancy owns. Projects may include timber stand improvement, brush removal, prescribed burning, invasive species control, leading volunteer work days, chainsaw and brushsaw operation, herbicide application, and equipment maintenance with approximately 95% of time spent in the field on restoration projects. The start and end dates for this position are January 31st and August 31st respectively. A portion of this position from May 15th – August 31st will serve as a crew lead for our summer intern crew. Some evenings and weekends will be required and working on uneven and steep terrain is guaranteed.

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Covid-19 vaccination is a requirement of employment
- Prior field experience using and maintaining chainsaws, brush cutters, herbicide sprayers, pumper units, UTV's, trailers, backpack pump cans, shovels, rakes, etc. for extended periods of time
- Plant or tree identification skills for both invasive and native species
- Successful candidate will be highly motivated, hardworking, physically fit, flexible, and detail-oriented.
- Ability to drive and back-up a large pick-up truck with a trailer; tractor; UTVs and other vehicles
- Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Possess a valid driver's license and dependable vehicle
- Strong work ethic & positive attitude
- Experience identifying and managing prairie, forest, riparian and wetland habitats.
- Basic wildland firefighter certification as FFT2 preferred
- Experience leading a field crew on land management and restoration projects preferred
- A solid understanding of and experience with ecological restoration principles

Details:

The Land Management Technician will work primarily with Land Manager Levi Plath and Restoration Coordinator Genesis Gordon and other Conservancy Land Management Technicians. The position runs from January 30th until August 31st. The successful candidate will work approximately **20 hours/week from January 30th – May 15th (Burn season from mid-march to May 15th may require more than 20 hours/week depending on fire weather) then increase to 30 hours/week from May 15th – August 31st** dependent on weather conditions and land management priorities and will be paid **\$18/hr**. The hours worked each week may be less than 20 when weather conditions prevent field work activities. **Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.**

How to Apply:

Please email Levi Plath, Land Manager at contact below:

- A cover letter outlining your qualifications and why you want this position
- Resume
- A list of 3 references

For more information contact Levi Plath at levi@mississippivalleyconservancy.org or 608-784-3606 ext. 5