

Natural Land Institute

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Job Title:** Director of Land Stewardship
- Job Purpose:** Develop and implement ecological restoration and natural area management plans on lands owned by NLI, including prescribed burns, invasive species control, hydrological management; conduct inventories and studies of natural communities and flora and fauna on protected lands; carry out public outreach and education programs; recruit, train and supervise volunteers; manage leases and grants and oversee contractors; maintain and replace field equipment; plan work schedules and report activities and results; secure permits for prescribed burns and restoration projects; provide technical assistance to other organizations, and; carry out other duties as assigned.
- Skills Needed:** Must demonstrate an ability to work well with people, be well organized, listen carefully, communicate clearly, and work independently without direct supervision. Must have a solid knowledge and experience with natural resource management, wild land ecology, invasive species control methods, native plants and animals of northern Illinois, and using and maintaining farm equipment and power tools. Training or certification in prescribed burn management and pesticide application and the ability to perform physical labor outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Reports to:** Executive Director
- Salary Range:** \$32,500 to \$35,500 starting salary plus benefits
- Minimum Requirements:** BA or BS degree in biology, natural resource restoration or management, environmental science, or similar field of study and at least two years of experience in land conservation work. Must own vehicle, and have a valid driver's license.
- Responsibilities:** The Stewardship Director is responsible for maintaining and monitoring of preserves and developing and implementing natural area restoration and management plans on lands owned or protected by the Natural Land Institute, including recruiting, training and supervising field staff and volunteers, preparing grant proposals for restoration and management projects, conducting inventories and maintaining data bases of plants and animals on preserves, evaluating the restoration potential or management needs of potential preservation projects, providing technical advice and assistance to other organizations in northern Illinois, and maintaining, repairing and replacing field equipment and tools used in land management.