



Stewardship Technician Position Description

Objective: To assist with natural resource management on lands owned by the Natural Land Institute across northwest Illinois, in order to support and uphold the Mission. Headquarters are at Nygren Wetland Preserve, 3190 W. Rockton Rd., Rockton, IL. The selected candidate will report to the Director of Stewardship.

Responsibilities:

- Assist with restoration, including invasive species control, native seed collecting and processing, native plantings, as well as plant propagation/cultivation in the greenhouse;
- Perform handling of herbicides and mechanical equipment in an effort to control exotic and invasive species;
- Annual site monitoring of and reports for fee owned lands and conservation easements
- Work with volunteers on natural resource management projects at NLI properties.
- Conduct inventories and develop database(s) of flora and fauna at NLI properties, and input all site based activities on LANDSCAPE program.
- Maintain monthly activity records and daily timesheets detailing accomplishments and keeping neat and accurate records;
- Operate power tools and motor vehicles;
- Prepare for public events as requested and any other activities requested by the supervisor.
- Maintain and service facilities and perform minor maintenance on mechanical and/or hand equipment;
- Additional tasks may include aquatic turtle monitoring, trail camera monitoring, GPS of invasive plants and/or locations of sources of native plant seed, among others.

Desirable Skills:

- Knowledge of Illinois flora and fauna, especially in northwestern Illinois
- Candidate should hold or be seeking a degree in natural resources management or a closely related field, but significant field experiences may be substituted.
- Prescribed Burn training such as the Midwest Ecological Prescription Burn Training or the US Forest Service S-130/190
- Ability to use and experience with equipment needed in restoration activities, including tractors, UTVs, pumps, chainsaws, clearing saws, etc.
- Ability to develop and maintain relationships with volunteers
- Knowledge of word processing and database programs
- Knowledge of ESRI ArcGIS and GPS receivers a plus

This position requires possession of an Illinois driver's license and willingness to acquire an Illinois Department of Agriculture Pesticide Operators license within two months of employment, and the ability to physically implement natural resource management tasks.

Hours: This is a full time position with some weekends and evenings. Annual starting salary is \$31,000 for a 40 hour week. The position starts September 16th, 2019. The successful applicant will be required to work occasional weekends and evenings.

Compensation: \$31,000 a year.

Benefits include two weeks vacation, two weeks sick leave, three personal days, and eleven holidays. NLI pays health insurance of an employee at the rate of 80% of the group premium. Employees are responsible for 20% of the group premium. NLI carries worker's compensation insurance. Employees are eligible to direct funds to a tax-deferred 403(b) retirement plan.

Equal Opportunity Employer: NLI is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes diversity in the workplace.

To apply: Please send completed resume, cover letter, and three references to the attention of Zach Grycan, Director of Stewardship at info@naturalland.org no later than August 21, 2019.