



TEMPORARY POSITION AVAILABLE

Stewardship Field Assistant (Intern)

Posting Date: March 12, 2026

Estimated Project Timespan: June 8 – August 15, 2026

Compensation: a stipend of \$715 (paid at the end of each month at \$17/hr.); plus mileage reimbursement from the SMLC office to offsite locations

Estimated number of hours: 42 maximum

Reports to: Stewardship and Outreach Specialist (SOS)

The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) seeks to engage a motivated individual who is currently going through a course of study in the natural resources. This is a paid internship (stipend). The Field Assistant will assist the SOS with summer field work at SMLC's nature preserves. The Field Assistant reports to and works with the SOS to remove invasive species, post/maintain signage, maintain trails and property infrastructure, and perform other summer maintenance activities as assigned.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Stewardship Field Assistant (Field Assistant) supports the SOS and key volunteers with land stewardship projects and tasks. They will primarily work in Superior Township, Washtenaw County, where SMLC's Superior Greenway project is located and may perform occasional work at nature preserves located in Livingston, Oakland, and Wayne Counties.

The Field Assistant will perform basic preserve stewardship and Conservancy Farm tasks as assigned, including:

- Habitat improvements and invasive species removal including:
 - o Cutting, lopping, digging, and disposing of invasive plants
 - o Safe use of pesticides to treat and control invasive woody and herbaceous plants
 - o Equipment maintenance and care
- Property and preserve signage including: post, replace, and repair new and existing signs
- Public access / trail and property maintenance tasks including, but not limited to:
 - o Trail clearing and clean up
 - o Maintenance of boardwalks, bollards, fences, etc.
- General maintenance and upkeep of the Conservancy Farm including, but not limited to:
 - o Lawn maintenance with a riding mower and use of a weed whip

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✓ A commitment to preserving natural areas and open spaces in southeast Michigan
- ✓ 2+ years of completed academic coursework in natural resources, biology, environmental science, or related field

- ✓ A valid driver's license and a licensed, insured vehicle
- ✓ Ability and willingness to traverse varied terrain on foot, and in inclement weather

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✓ Strong oral and interpersonal communication skills
- ✓ Willingness to learn and follow directions
- ✓ Ability to lift heavy objects, operate equipment, and use power tools
- ✓ Knowledgeable about invasive species and Michigan native species

POTENTIAL TO DEVELOP SKILLS IN:

- ✓ Plant identification
- ✓ Invasive species management
- ✓ Signs Posting
- ✓ Property maintenance
- ✓ Equipment operation and maintenance

TO APPLY:

Send cover letter, resume, and two (2) work or academic references to Alan McTaggart, Stewardship and Outreach Specialist, Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, amctaggart@smlcland.org no later than April 8th. The position is open until filled.

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About Us

Mission Statement: The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy conserves natural land and open space – including forests, wetlands, meadows, agricultural lands, and places of scenic beauty – to provide habitat for wildlife and to enrich the lives of people.

SMLC Purpose: To conserve and manage wildlife habitat in order to foster healthy ecosystems, protect air and water quality, and provide scenic enjoyment. To promote appreciation of the natural world; educate the public about conservation options; and engage communities throughout southeast Michigan in land protection and stewardship activities.

SMLC was founded in 1988 to protect land in the 7-county southeast Michigan region: Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. To date, SMLC has protected over 3,500 acres. smlcland.org