

## **SUMMER 2019 STEWARDSHIP FIELD ASSISTANT**

Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy  
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To apply, send a cover letter and resume to: Julie McLaughlin, Stewardship and Outreach Specialist, at [jmclaughlin@smlcland.org](mailto:jmclaughlin@smlcland.org)

Application deadline: March 15, 2019

Job Duration: May/June – August 2019, Part-time (10-15 hours/week, ~150 hours total)

Pay: \$10/hour

### **Description:**

The Stewardship Assistant works with the Stewardship & Outreach Specialist and key volunteers on land stewardship projects and tasks. This person will work primarily in the Superior Greenway in Superior Township, with occasional projects at nature preserves in Oakland, Livingston, and Wayne Counties.

They will perform basic stewardship, outreach, and Conservancy Farm tasks as assigned, including:

- Post, replace, repair, track, and map property and preserve signs
- General maintenance and upkeep of buildings, structures, fences, etc.
- Habitat improvements and invasive species removal including:
  - Cutting, lopping, digging, and disposing of invasive plants
  - Safe use of pesticides to treat and control invasive woody and herbaceous plants
  - Equipment maintenance and care
- Public access and trail creation and maintenance tasks including, but not limited to:
  - Mowing with commercial grade trail mower
  - Trail clearing and clean up
  - Maintenance of public access structures such as boardwalks, railings, benches, etc.
- Stewardship related office tasks
- Outreach and volunteer events

### **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; or 1+ year of relevant professional experience
- A valid driver's license and a licensed, insured vehicle

### **Desired Skills and Experience:**

- Excellent time management and work ethic
- Strong written, oral and interpersonal communication skills

- Ability to work independently without supervision
- Ability and willingness to traverse varied terrain on foot, and in inclement weather
- Ability to lift heavy objects, operate equipment, and use power tools
- Knowledgeable about invasive species management
- GIS and field data collection know-how
- Experience working with volunteers and the public

**Potential to develop skills in:**

- GIS and mapping
- Plant identification
- Data collection and management
- Invasive species management
- Facilities maintenance
- Equipment operation and maintenance
- Volunteer leadership
- Community outreach

**About Us**

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.

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.

Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (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 3,400 acres.