

SUMMER 2021 STEWARDSHIP INTERN

Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy
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To apply, send a cover letter and resume to:
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Application deadline: March 26, 2021

Position duration: May – September 2021, Part-time (10-15 hours/week)

Compensation: Unpaid internship

Description:

The Stewardship Intern supports the Stewardship & Outreach Manager and key volunteers with land stewardship projects and tasks. They will work primarily in the Superior Greenway in Superior Township (Washtenaw County), 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:
 - 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
- Public access and trail creation and maintenance tasks including, but not limited to:
 - o Mowing with commercial grade trail mower
 - o Trail clearing and clean up
 - o Maintenance of public access structures such as boardwalks, railings, benches, etc.
- Stewardship related office tasks including:
 - o Data organization and filing
 - o Housekeeping and repairs
- Outreach tasks:
 - o Planning and volunteer coordination for Stewardship workdays
 - o Assist with social media and virtual 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
- 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
- GPS 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 3,500 acres.