Parks—Natural Resources

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Eco Steward

Goals of Position: Eco Stewards are dedicated to preserving, protecting, and restoring natural areas and vital ecosystems in Saint Paul. With over 2,000 acres of natural areas in Saint Paul, our Environmental Services staff simply can't do it alone. Eco Stewards are an integral part of natural resource management in Saint Paul's parks and natural areas.

Location: Saint Paul regional and neighborhood parks—*specific areas assigned to each Eco Steward.*

Hours: Duties need to be carried out during the Eco Stewards own time. Time required will be determined for each assignment, but will usually call for 4-6 hours per month during growing season.

Impact: As an Eco Steward, each time you volunteer you will be actively protecting and restoring Saint Paul's natural areas and helping accomplish vital environmental work for our region.

Benefits to Volunteer:

- Develop skills in native and invasive plant identification and environmental stewardship
- Increase knowledge of Saint Paul's natural and ecological history
- Personal enrichment and experience working with Saint Paul Parks' Natural Resources staff
- Meet and work with other like-minded individuals

Major responsibilities: Could include buckthorn busts, litter removal, native tree plantings, invasive species removal, and other conservation and restoration activities. ***Responsibilities may vary by assignment.***

Qualifications:

- Physically mobile and able to do manual work—light to moderate difficulty
- Enthusiasm for the outdoors and conservation
- Interest in learning about natural resource management, including plant identification, planting and invasive species removal techniques

Time Commitment: Minimum of one calendar year. Annually, volunteers need to review their respective positions descriptions and the Volunteer Handbook and sign the Volunteer Agreement.

Submitting Reports and Hours: Eco Stewards submit a monthly report the Volunteer Coordinator that informs staff of work completed and hours logged. This is a critical element of the success of the volunteer program. *Every reportable hour of volunteer time we can log and report helps the City obtain funding to maintain and improve our parks and natural area and helps us continue to evaluate and improve the volunteer program.*

About Saint Paul Parks and Recreation—Environmental Services

The City of Saint Paul is committed to protecting, enhancing, and providing access to the city's natural resources. The Environmental Services section coordinates environmental volunteer events, conducts monitoring and research of natural resources in parks, restores and manages vital and unique ecosystems, and provides interpretation and education. In partnership with non-profit, county, state, and national agencies, we coordinate efforts to restore and improve the natural environment in Saint Paul.

To apply, please submit an online application here.

Questions?

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