



**Somerset County
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Somerset County Park Commission Environmental Science Department Volunteer Job Description

Job Title: Land Management Assistant

Job Description: Removal of non-native invasive plants to allow native plants to grow and propagate naturally. Native plants are the homes and food sources for native insects, birds, mammals, amphibians, and invertebrates. Native plants are essential for creating natural balance and diversity.

- Responsible for identification and removal of non-native invasive plants
- Replanting with natives in the appropriate seasons.
- Mapping of invasive plants species may also be done using GPS

Qualifications:

- Must be able to work with manual tools,
- Lift up to 25 pounds, enjoy outside manual labor
- Have the ability to learn how to identify native and non-native invasive plant species
- Must be able to use landscape manual tools

Responsibilities and Tasks:

- Identify invasive and native plants
- Work independently without supervision
- Clean tools and remove debris after working
- Training in driving the utility vehicles would be helpful

Requirements of the Job:

- Any day from March through November, weather permitting.
- Generally no more than 2 – 3 hours in per day due to the manual labor involved
- Volunteers will be trained in plant ID, proper removal techniques for removing non-native plants, and proper planting techniques when natives are available
- Attend volunteer orientation training and receive a tour of the EEC
- Location can be at the EEC or Little Brook Sanctuary
- Must be able to pass a background check
- Must be 15 years of age or older
- Appropriate outdoor attire required

Supervision: Field supervision by Jane Parks or other EEC staff.