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Title: Morris County Park Commission Natural Resources Technician
Dates: May 1, 2024 to November 1, 2024 (start/end dates somewhat flexible)
Location: Multiple locations within Morris County

Position Description:

The Morris County Park Commission is seeking Seasonal Technicians to work in its Natural Resources Management Unit. The Technicians will be directed to work on programs and projects addressing natural resources management issues such as wildlife management, vegetation management, forestry, insect and disease management, soil and water conservation, habitat enhancement, stream bank stabilization and enhancement, riparian buffers, mitigation of trail impacts to natural resources and other related areas as necessary.

Essential Functions:

- Assists with the implementation of stewardship plans.
- Manages invasive plant species using mechanical, manual and chemical control methods.
- Assists with the implementation of wildlife management programs.
- Assists with Canada goose egg addling and trapping and removal programs as needed.
- Assists with natural resources inventories and data collection. Performs surveys focused on wildlife, insects, plants and streams.
- Assists with habitat enhancement projects including forest regeneration, meadow restoration, and streambank and shoreline restoration.
- Assists with field operations for insect management programs including but not limited to spotted lanternfly, emerald ash borer, spongy moth and other species as necessary.
- Assists with field operations for prescribed burning program.
- Installs and maintains deer enclosure fencing.
- Performs trail assessments and inventories.
- Assists with projects that mitigate trail impacts to natural resources including closure of trails, rehabilitation of trails to address erosion issues, and remediation of trails to address widening and other resource impacts.
- Assists in the management of volunteer groups.
- Assists with data entry utilizing ArcGIS, Microsoft Access and Excel.
- Utilizes GIS software for data entry and mapping applications.
- Utilizes GPS units to perform field analyses and collect data.
- Utilizes mechanical equipment to accomplish objectives after receiving proper training for the use of said equipment.
- Keeps accurate and complete activity logs, including timesheets, maintenance records, monitoring data sheets and other forms as assigned.
- Completes all other tasks and projects as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Completion of or enrollment in Bachelor's degree program in ecology, natural resources management, environmental science, or a related field.
- Ability to conduct physically strenuous work in rugged terrain and in adverse weather conditions.
- Basic knowledge of the flora and fauna of northern New Jersey.

- Knowledge of invasive species identification and management is preferred.
- Knowledge of the use of GPS unit is preferred.
- Plant identification skills.
- Ability to perform all tasks and work activities independently and as part of a team.
- Completion of a Morris County Medical Services physical examination.
- Possession of a valid New Jersey driver's license.
- Ability to obtain a NJ Pesticide Operator's License while employed with the Morris County Park Commission.

Work Schedule and Compensation:

The salary for this position is \$17.00/hour with a 40-hour work week. The Technician is expected to start on or about May 1, 2024. Length of employment cannot exceed 6 months. Some weekend and night hours may be required. Housing is not provided.

To Apply:

Instructions on how to apply can be found at <https://www.morrisparks.net/about/jobs/>. Please submit a letter of interest, resume, & completed Job Application. Letter of interest should include available start and end dates. Application deadline is April 15, 2024 or until position is filled. Selected applicants must complete a pre-employment physical. Selected applicants will also be required to submit fingerprints for a criminal history check and will be reimbursed for the cost after the completion of a 90-day probationary period.

The Morris County Park Commission is an equal opportunity employer.