



Spring 2012 Meadow Restoration Intern (1 position)

AWS mission:

The mission of the Anacostia Watershed Society is to protect and restore the Anacostia River and its watershed communities by cleaning the water, recovering the shores, and honoring the heritage. Since 1989, AWS has mobilized thousands of volunteers, interns, and supporters to plant trees, stencil storm drains, restore wetlands, remove invasive plants, stabilize streambanks, pick up trash, provide operational and programmatic support, experience the river through paddle canoes and kayaks, ride pontoon boats, and much more, all in the name of returning the Anacostia River and its surrounding communities to a clean and healthy condition.

Description:

We are looking for skillful and enthusiastic individuals to support our Stewardship Team's programs for the spring of 2012. This internship provides excellent exposure to the world of watershed stewardship, ecological restoration and locally-based non-profit environmental organizations. The position will require support on implementing and documenting a variety of stewardship activities related to trash reduction and management, invasive plant management, tree planting, wetland restoration, meadow creation, biodiversity conservation and volunteer supervision.

This position is not a paid position.

Requirements and desired skills:

- ✓ A college student or novel professional with a strong desire to do both indoor and outdoor restoration work and help AWS staff manage our meadow creation project.
- ✓ Ability to work with minimal supervision.
- ✓ Good physical condition and willingness to work in the outdoors using different hand tools and equipment (after proper training), working under cold and wet weather conditions.
- ✓ Good oral communication skills to help us supervise and educate volunteers.
- ✓ Candidates should have college coursework or background in biological sciences, environmental sciences, natural resources management, ecological restoration, forestry and related disciplines.
- ✓ Commit to be available at least 2 days per week, days and hours are negotiable, but preferably the team will need to work as a unit.
- ✓ Must be reliable and responsible.
- ✓ Proficient in MS Office.
- ✓ Ability to drive, using AWS or personal vehicle. AWS can reimburse at 50 cents per mile for personal vehicle use.
- ✓ GPS/GIS experience.
- ✓ Basic knowledge, and some experience, in native and nonnative plant species identification and ecosystem restoration preferred.

Expected competencies to be gained:

1. Knowledge about invasive and native plant species identification and management; also knowledge about ecosystems and other aspects of the local biodiversity.
2. Knowledge about meadow restoration.
3. Knowledge about the Anacostia watershed and the partnerships and stewardship efforts occurring in the area to clean it and restore it.
4. Experience working with different professionals and volunteers from different backgrounds.

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Our Anacostia Riparian Meadow Restoration Project (ARMR):

AWS is implementing an interesting model of vegetation management along the floodways of the NW Branch of the Anacostia River. The goal is to replace the current regime of mowing and extensively spraying herbicides, which encourages invasive plant growth, with a riparian meadow composed of soft-stemmed native wildflowers and grasses.

- Help AWS staff manage the project making sure we are meeting our goals, deadlines, purchasing materials and supplies, etc.
- Help with the site preparation in spring (removing invasive plant cover, tilling, and other activities).
- Supervise volunteers and other interns during native seed sowing events and other restoration work.
- Remove woody plants which are not allowed to grow on the floodway and also to break off the natural succession process.
- Control invasive plants.
- Assist with the meadow mowing operations to foster native herbaceous plant cover and discourage invasive plants from setting seed.
- Monitor invasive plant reduction and native plant establishment.

Please email your resume to Jorge Bogantes Montero, Conservation Biologist, at jmontero@anacostiaws.org



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