



LAND PROTECTION INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

[Mississippi Valley Conservancy](#) (MVC) a local non-profit land trust, is accepting applications for two positions of land protection intern to assist MVC in conserving the diverse landscapes of southwest Wisconsin.

Positions are part-time, unpaid, flexible timeframe (10-30 hrs./week) and are based in La Crosse, WI. The Internship would run from May through August, with the possibility for extension.

The internship will provide extensive exposure to and hands on experience with a regionally-based land trust. The mission of MVC is conserving native habitats and farmlands through voluntary action, for the health and well-being of current and future generations. MVC is a regional, non-profit land trust in La Crosse that has permanently conserved over 18,000 acres of bluffs, prairies, wetlands and streams in the Coulee. The Conservancy works with private landowners and local communities on voluntary conservation projects in nine counties in the Driftless area.

PRIMARY DUTIES OF INTERNSHIP

1. Utilize ArcMap 10.4.1 to create property maps for private land protection projects.
2. Intern will also be involved in developing, implementing, and evaluating mapping capabilities for the organization.
3. Collect data on properties targeted for protection. Projects may include working outdoors, using a Garmin to map features such as hiking trails, land use zones, or property boundaries.
4. Assist land protection staff with all preparatory and follow up tasks related to easement and property inspections, including maintenance of files and preparing property documentation reports.
5. Assist with transcription of species lists, file organization, property information gathering, grant applications, data entry and written communications (Facebook, blogs, news articles).
6. Perform other tasks related to land conservation as assigned.
7. In addition to the above described duties, the intern may also have the opportunity to assist with onsite inspections of properties, as well as educational workshops, pasture walks, and guided public hikes.
8. Be available occasionally for 8 hour blocks of time and be willing to travel as needed throughout MVC's 9-county project area (Grant, Crawford, Vernon, Richland, Jackson, Trempealeau, Buffalo, Monroe, and La Crosse Counties).

Interested applicants should have the ability and motivation to work independently at times and be unafraid to ask questions. GIS course work, other related coursework and/or experience is a plus. Availability for 6-8 hour blocks of time is required for field visits.

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS REQUIRED

- An interest in natural resources conservation.
- Proficiency using MS Word and Excel.
- Ability to enjoy work outdoors under adverse conditions.
- Physically fit & able to work on steep, rugged terrain.
- Excellent writing, organizational and record keeping skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both speaking and writing.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Possess a valid driver's license and working vehicle.
- Be willing to drive to sites up to 100 – miles away.

How to Apply: Submit a cover letter and resume by email to info@mississippivalleyconservancy.org no later than May 1, 2017.

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