Greater Worcester Land Trust

Title of Project: Conservation Documentation and Field Work Internship

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Duration: Minimum of 180 hours.
Start Date: Mid-June 2017

Hours /Days per Week: This project is expected to last 6 weeks - 5 hours per day, 5 days per week – for a total of 150 hours. Weekly updates will be required; with more frequent consultation as needed. Daily check-in/out when visiting the properties will be instituted for safety.

Deadline: April 7, 2017

Location:
Office: 4 Ash Street, Worcester, MA
Lodge: 135 Olean Street, Worcester, MA

Donker Farm Field Office: 44 Tory Fort Lane, Worcester, MA

Site: Various. Will include a minimum of eight GWLT properties subject to Conservation Restriction Monitoring. Will be determined based on need during project.

Project Function:

The Conservation Documentation and Field Work intern would be directly involved with the monitoring of GWLT lands. The stewardship of lands subject to Conservation Restrictions requires annual monitoring of the land and its uses. The purpose of this position is to monitor and document current land conditions. A certain protocol is required, and monitoring reports must be completed for properties visited. This position requires field work as well as the application of various technology to complete the documentation process. Completed Conservation Restriction Monitoring Reports would be the resulting product.

Job Description:

Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT) is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of open space in the greater Worcester area. The trust operates with a small office staff and a volunteer Board of Directors. A highly dedicated group of GWLT volunteers performs much of the stewardship of the trust's properties, supplemented at various times during the year by volunteer teams from local colleges, schools, businesses, and other organizations.

GWLT protects land for its wildlife habitat and conservation values, and for passive public recreational use. Developing the human connection to nature and the various benefits of being in natural places are values the Trust recognizes and strives to promote. Proper stewardship of the lands is necessary in order to properly protect the lands and promote the human/nature connection. In addition, GWLT is legally required to submit annual Monitoring Reports for those lands held with a Conservation Restriction.
This position would require a site visit to each property under a CR. Conditions noted along the property line as well as other designated points would be recorded and documented. Current conditions of other areas on the property would also be noted and documented. User would become familiar with applied GPS technology, smart phone capabilities and land stewardship. Information gathered in the field will be transferred to GWLT Monitoring Forms and submitted as web reports. Opportunity for suggesting modifications or improvements to current GWLT monitoring procedures would be welcome. It is expected that one monitoring report per week will be completed. If time and expertise permit, more sites can be added.

**Qualifications:**

Position requires an independent and organized individual capable of working effectively in the field without direct supervision. A fondness for, and level of comfort in the out-of-doors, an interest or familiarity with land conservation, and familiarity with New England flora and fauna would be helpful. A knowledge of GPS technology and photography skills would be beneficial. Transportation to and from the various properties, GWLT Field Office, and GWLT Office are needed. (Public bus routes and a bicycle could be utilized.) A cell phone is needed; smart phone highly recommended.

**Housing:** Housing will not be provided. Students are responsible for finding their own housing.

**For more info:** Please, visit: [http://www.gwlt.org/](http://www.gwlt.org/)

**Funding:** $2500 Available through the LEEP Fellows Program.

**How to Apply:**

Please send resume and cover letter to Mary Caulway at mary@gwlt.org

To apply for LEEP Funding and to be considered as a LEEP fellow, students must secure the position and complete the LEEP Fellows Application Process by March 3 (for early decision) or April 14th. Students will be required to submit a resume, cover letter, and a proposal outlining how they will complete their project.

Additional position information is available through Clark Recruiter. (Recommendation letters should be emailed directly to rmaddox@clarku.edu)