



Forest Health Assessment Field Assistant

Maitland Conservation is accepting applications for a Field Assistant to work on the Forest Health Assessment project. This is a seasonal contract position based at the Maitland Conservation Administration Centre in Wroxeter, Ontario.

Please note that this position is being supported through the Canada Summer Jobs program. To be eligible for the position youth must:

- be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment;
- have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.
- International students are not eligible participants. International students include anyone who is temporarily in Canada for studies and who is not a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person who has been granted refugee status in Canada. Youth awaiting a refugee status ruling, as well as those who hold a temporary visitor visa, youth visa or work visa are ineligible. As the objective of the Canada Summer Jobs program is to support youth entering the Canadian labour market, the temporary nature of an international student's time in Canada does not allow for a long-term connection to the labour market.

This position reports to the Watershed Ecologist.

Job Description:

The Forest Health Assessment Field Assistant is responsible for undertaking field work in support of data collection for the 2023 Spring Ephemeral Survey under the Forest Health Assessment and Monitoring Project. The Field Assistant will work closely with the Watershed Ecologist to gather data on spring flowers. Tasks include:

- Contacting landowners to obtain permission to access land.
- Help locate and set up survey plot.
- Take measurements and inventory indicator plant species (spring ephemerals).
- Making and recording observations and measurements.
- Data input.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Be enrolled in post-secondary education in forestry or another related environmental field; have an interest in terrestrial ecology.
- Willingness to work outdoors, occasionally under adverse weather conditions.
- Ability to work as part of a team and/or with minimum supervision.
- Detail oriented, able to record field observations and take consistent measurements.
- Ability follow direction.
- Good analytical, organizational and communication skills.

- Experience using excel, Microsoft Word and ESRI ARC GIS.
- Experience with plant forest plant identification is an asset.
- Experience with Survey 123 is an asset.
- Experience navigating using GPS is an asset.
- Valid Standard First Aid / CPR certification.
- Must possess or be willing to obtain a current (less than 60 days) police records check (a Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check) and provide prior to start date.
- Valid drivers' license.
- Knee-high waterproof CSA approved rubber boots are required.

Length of Contract: April 24, 2023 to June 16, 2023

Wage Rate: \$17.50 per hour (37.5 hours per week)

Benefits: Eligibility to enroll in the OMERS pension plan.

Hours: 7.5 per day, some weekend or evening work may be required on a limited basis.

Application deadline: March 30, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Please submit a cover letter and resume in .pdf format to: **Erin Gouthro, Watershed Ecologist**
egouthro@mvca.on.ca

When submitting your application please **include Forest Health Field Assistant** in the email subject line.

We thank all applicants for their interest however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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