



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



Natural Resource Branch Non-Merit Job Advertisement

Position Title: Ecologist II

Location: Natural Resource Branch, 12055 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA. 22035

Hours: Part-time work with a flexible schedule during the work week but may require occasional evenings and weekends.

Salary: Starting at \$34.88 per hour.

The Fairfax County Park Authority is seeking a Volunteer Coordinator to assist with invasive plant management, habitat restoration and education & outreach. This position will join the Natural Resource Management and Protection (NRMP) Branch of the Fairfax County Park Authority. Our staff is responsible for the management, protection, and stewardship of natural resources on approximately 24,000 acres of parkland in Fairfax County, VA. This is a limited-term exempt position that will be scheduled to work 1560 hours per year. The Fairfax County Park Authority currently has limited in-house abilities to remove invasive plants and perform habitat restoration. The Ecological Technician will supplement herbicide spray work done by a professional contractor, contractor quality control, as well as monitor restoration projects and record spatial data. Education and outreach as well as volunteer management will be a component of the position. Applicants should be mature, self-motivated, highly organized, and comfortable working alone in the field, as well as with groups.

Responsibilities of the Volunteer Coordinator include:

- Serves as IMA Program Volunteer Coordinator
- Control invasive plants using manual control techniques and/or herbicides
- Collect and manage spatial data using handheld devices/GPS units/desktop computers
- Monitor current and future restoration projects
- Maintain care of restoration plantings, which may include watering
- Perform non-native invasive plant species assessments on parkland
- Identify native and non-native plants
- Participate in volunteer invasive plant removal events
- Organize, deliver, and procure tools and supplies
- Update and distribute outreach materials (print & digital)
- Outreach to staff and citizens on invasive species issues
- Development of written and oral reports
- Analyzes program data to plan future priorities and projects
- Serve as team lead for seasonal employee(s) and/or volunteers
- Other tasks as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- Experience in natural resource management. Advanced knowledge of invasive plant identification. Education in natural resource management or environmental sciences.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Pesticide Applicators License or Registered Technician Certification or to be completed within the first six months in position.

To apply: Send your resume and a cover letter to Gloria.Medina@fairfaxcounty.gov

Necessary Special Requirements:

- The appointee to this position will be required to complete a criminal background check to the satisfaction of the employer.

Note: This position may not exceed 1560 hours per calendar year. Individuals in these positions are not eligible for all benefits and are not eligible to earn leave or receive holiday pay. Funding for this position is expected to be renewed on an annual basis, however this is not guaranteed.