

SEASONAL NATURAL AREAS MAINTENANCE WORKER

Number of Positions: 1-2

Dates: May 8 – August 21
(Beginning and ending dates are flexible)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION/ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

This seasonal position requires performing various tasks relating to the management and restoration of Urbana Park District Natural Areas. Supervision is received from the Natural Areas Coordinator. This position involves limited or no supervisory responsibilities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Ability to perform a variety of tasks under varied weather conditions. Ability to understand and work from written and oral instructions. Ability to use and maintain tools and equipment in a safe and responsible manner. Ability to communicate effectively with co-workers and public in general work situations. Must hold and maintain a current driver's license. Must possess or be willing to obtain Illinois State Herbicide Applicator license. Familiarity with or willingness to learn about, native plant species and Illinois woodland, prairie and wetland ecosystems.

ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

Work experience or training in one or more of the following: tractor, chain saw operation; brush mower; herbicide application; backhoe. Experience working with and leading volunteers from various age groups and backgrounds.

PHYSICAL EFFORT AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:

Ability to lift 50 lbs. Ability to stand, crouch, kneel, and bend over for long periods, handling/grasping/fingering objects,
Must be able to perform these duties in extreme seasonal temperatures and conditions.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Apply safety practices and procedures, with ability to take proper precautions and assure safety of self, coworkers, volunteers and general public.
2. Removal and treatment of invasive species in Urbana Park District Natural Areas.
3. Maintenance of trails in Urbana Park District Natural Areas.
4. Watering, weeding and general maintenance of native plant material propagation plots.
5. Maintain tools and equipment according to established procedure.
6. Other duties as assigned.

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