Forestry and Lands Technician

Compensation: 37.5 hours/week, $20.07/hr - $24.42/hour
Benefits: Statutory Benefits Only
Duration: April 15th (or ASAP) to December 31, 2020 (Possibility of extension)

Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA) is seeking a Forestry and Lands Technician position to support the development of the Authority’s invasive species, tree planting, and forestry and stewardship programs. Duties will include monitoring and undertaking invasive species control activities on KCCA lands, assisting with KCCA’s tree planting program as well as assisting in the stewardship of conservation lands.

The ideal candidate will have graduated from a recognized post-secondary institution with training in natural resources management, forestry, GIS, environmental science or a combination of relevant work experience and education acceptable to KCCA. Experience with GPS, GIS and managing spatial data is considered an asset.

For complete job description visit: www.kettlecreekconservation.on.ca

Please forward résumé and covering letter by March 24, 2020 to:
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KCCA is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from all qualified applicants. However, only those who are selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls please. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
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The Forestry and Lands Technician will support the implementation of the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority’s invasive species, tree planting, forestry and stewardship programs. The position is under the daily guidance of the Forests and Soils Conservation Supervisor. The position is part of the KCCA staff team, reporting directly to the General Manager/Secretary Treasurer.

Responsibilities of the Forestry and Lands Technician shall include:

1. Assist in the continued development and implementation of Invasive Species Management for Conservation Authority properties including inventorying, mapping, monitoring and treating using chemical and mechanical methods
2. Provide support and/or assist private landowners/member municipalities in undertaking invasive species control activities on privately owned or municipal properties.
3. Participate on KCCA’s tree planting crew to plant seedlings and large stock trees by hand and machine and assist with the leadership of the tree planting crew.
4. Assist with site preparation, tending, maintenance and monitoring of stewardship and forestry project sites.
5. Assist with trail maintenance and conservation land management on Conservation Authority properties.
6. Assist with the coordination and leadership of community events in stewardship, forestry and invasive species activities.
7. Assist with the development of invasive species, forestry and stewardship awareness initiatives and educational materials.
8. Use GPS/GIS to collect and manage spatial data for invasive species infestations and treatment areas as well as tree planting and habitat restoration sites.
9. Any other duties as may be assigned.

Qualifications:

- Successful completion of a university degree or college diploma in one of Resource Management, GIS, Forestry or Environmental Science or any combination of education and experience acceptable to the employer.
- 1 year experience related to forestry, landscaping, conservation, restoration, invasive species management.
- Outdoor work experience in tree planting, forestry, restoration, landscaping, farming etc. Experience with driving large vehicles/machinery an asset
- Strong organization and record keeping skills and the ability to work effectively with minimal supervision
- Good working knowledge of Microsoft Office software (word, excel, publisher). Experience in working with GIS databases, GPS, surveying, map interpretation, and managing and editing spatial data are an asset.
- Possess or willing to obtain Forestry, Landscape or Industrial Vegetation Ontario Exterminators Licenses and an RPAS license (UAV flight license)
- Available to work flexible hours as required including weekends or evening work
- Possess a valid Ontario Driver’s License