

FIELD TECHNICIAN: Louisiana

Agency: Woodlands Conservancy
Location: Greater New Orleans area, Louisiana

Job Category: Temporary/Hourly
Contract Position – 4-6 months with possible extension; \$18 - \$21/hr.

Start Date: ASAP

Description: Woodlands Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust organization. We are seeking a Field Technician to conduct forest restoration activities within 840-acres of forested wetlands within the Greater New Orleans area. This is part of an ongoing effort to reduce non-native invasive vegetation and reforest with native seedlings and trees.

The Field Technician will conduct spot herbicide application to non-native, invasive vegetation within a forested wetland environment, utilize a tractor with subsoiler to establish planting sites for bare root seedlings; utilize a tractor with auger to establish holes for containerized trees, conduct and supervise planting activities, tag and record GPS location of trees, maintain planted plots, remove fallen invasive trees, assist with vegetation surveys, summarize treatment data and planting data in a mapping program and other associated activities as needed. Planting activities with volunteers often occur on weekends and thus some weekend work will be required.

The work will occur primarily within a 649-acre forested wetland in Plaquemines Parish though some work may occur within a 190-acre forested wetland in Orleans parish. The position pays \$18 - \$21/hour. Funding is currently available for up to 6 months with a possible extension depending on additional project funding.

Qualifications:

Degree: Bachelor's degree (or higher degree) in biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, or related disciplines appropriate to the position OR two years of Field experience implementing tasks described in the previous section.

Applicants must have a valid driver's license, be able to walk three miles and be able to lift 50 lbs. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in identifying and surveying vegetation, conducting herbicide treatments, utilizing a chainsaw, heavy equipment and GPS devices. Must possess strong organizational skills, strong interpersonal communication skills, self-motivated, attention to detail, punctual, and accountable. The Field Technician can anticipate days in the field working in adverse conditions (heat, bugs, etc.).

Application:

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to katie@woodlandsconservancy.org. Please title the email "Field Technician application."

Contact:

For additional information, contact Katie Brasted at katie@woodlandsconservancy.org.