



Stewardship Internship

Habitat Restoration and Land Management

Supervisor: Stewardship Director, Jennifer Mackey

Location: Our office is located downtown at 412 North Commercial Street, Bellingham.

Stipend: Unpaid

Timeframe: Flexible; one position available at a time

Hours: Flexible and dependent on availability, 8-12 hours per week

Application: Please email cover letter and resume to Jennifer@whatcomlandtrust.org.

Position Summary

Whatcom Land Trust is a non-profit organization and is an accredited land trust. The mission of the Whatcom Land Trust is to preserve and protect wildlife habitat, scenic, agricultural and open space lands in Whatcom County for future generations by securing interests in land and promoting land stewardship.

The Stewardship Internship – Habitat Restoration and Land Management position implements stewardship work on Whatcom Land Trust conserved lands throughout Whatcom County under the supervision of the Stewardship Director. This internship will primarily involve conducting habitat restoration maintenance and implementation, monitoring Whatcom Land Trust properties, drafting monitoring reports, and completing various land management needs. This internship may also involve assisting with small volunteer work parties and site preparation to complete necessary ecological restoration activities when it is safe to do so. Transportation to properties is provided from the office, and no personal vehicle is necessary. However, a Driver's License is required due to safety protocols requiring individuals to drive separately. The Stewardship Intern is also responsible for helping the organization build and maintain positive relationship with the public, volunteers, neighboring landowners, and partners throughout their work.

Position Responsibilities

- Assist with annual monitoring, taking photos of properties, report creation, and recordkeeping for land trust owned properties and some conservation easement properties.
- Assist with implementation of appropriate ecological management projects on lands owned by the Land Trust such as invasive species removal, restoration project management, planting, maintenance and thinning, and trail maintenance and installation as necessary.
- Operate and maintain tools, including shovels, pulaskis, loppers, brush-cutters, etc.
- May assist with other stewardship tasks including property boundary marking, drafting stewardship plans, fence removal, gate installation, etc.

Qualifications

- Map orientation and navigation skills, or a strong willingness and ability to learn.
- Ability to walk several miles over rough terrain in remote areas through various weather conditions, often involving traversing through dense vegetation; and ability to lift materials weighing up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Attention to detail and ability to follow directions. This is particularly important in following restoration tasks, and organizing and archiving important files and documentation.
- Knowledge of restoration ecology, protected land management techniques, and natural history of the Pacific Northwest, or a strong willingness and ability to learn.
- Ability to safely operate and maintain tools, including brush-cutters, chainsaws, shovels, pulaskis, loppers, handsaws, and various other hand tools.

Application Process

Email single PDF of cover letter and resume to Jennifer Mackey, Whatcom Land Trust's Stewardship Director, at Jennifer@whatcomlandtrust.org. The position is open until filled. Whatcom Land Trust is an equal opportunity employer that welcomes all applicants and does not discriminate in its hiring practices.