

Stewardship Volunteer
Land and Water Conservation Partnership

Purpose: To monitor, protect, and enhance natural land and river resources on sites managed by Rhode Island land trust and river watershed watch groups with the mission of preserving open space, natural areas, watersheds, and the scenic character that uniquely defines our Rhode Island communities.

Job responsibilities: Work independently and with land trust and watershed council staff to monitor and help maintain land and river sites. You will be matched to a site that best matches your interests and location. Specific duties will vary by site, but duties may include:

- Monitoring, recording, and keeping paperwork up to date on the condition of assigned site/property on a bi-yearly or as needed basis, reporting on construction, litter/waste, and boundary issues.

- Vegetation/plant life management
 - Monitoring new wetland plantings
 - Light gardening, weeding
 - Invasive species management

- Trail Maintenance – episodic clean up projects as needed

Qualifications:

- The initiative and flexibility to work independently
- Physical ability to perform light to moderate outdoor work
- Have an interest in protecting and preserving the natural environment of our community

Time Commitment: The time commitment varies by site. Some sites need only to be monitored twice a year, while other sites have the option of more consistent attention. All projects are very flexible and can be arranged according to your own schedule.

Training: An initial orientation will be held with either the Volunteer Manager or other program staff, and on-going training will be available as needed.

Supervision: Due to the independent nature of the projects, supervision will mainly be off site once the volunteer is comfortable with the project, but the volunteer manager and staff will be available via phone and email to answer questions.