



Position Opening – Food Forest Manager

The Land Conservancy is looking for the right person to help us with our food forest! Our goal is to transition a conventionally farmed field into a place for the community to learn about growing a diversity of food crops, using regenerative practices, permaculture, agroforestry and ecology as our guide.

Position Summary: The Food Forest Manager will oversee, organize and facilitate The Land Conservancy's Apple Creek Community Food Forest. This is a new project with a lot of opportunity for the right person to make a difference, starting at the ground level. Our food forest is a place where people will learn about a diversity of crops that can be grown for food, health and profit in McHenry County. We need a person with good organizational skills that can take this project and run with it. This is not an entry-level position, but one that requires self-direction and a passion for perennial agriculture, agroforestry, permaculture and regenerative agriculture.

Job Description

Hours: Part-time (20 hours +/- per week)

Start Date: Early 2023

Location: McHenry County, IL

Wage: \$15-\$20/hour DOE

- This position will report to the Farm Program Manager
- This position is eligible for paid time off and holiday pay based on hours worked
- This is a one-year position, with possible extension based on funding

Required Qualifications

- Degree or demonstrated experience in the field of agriculture, permaculture and/or agroecology
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- Strong organizational skills, recordkeeping and data collection
- Genuine interest in and ability to relate to all kinds of people
- Self-motivated, ability to coordinate several projects simultaneously
- Social media skills
- Commitment to a healthy, productive local food and farming landscape in McHenry County
- Previous work with nonprofits a plus
- Valid driver's license. Your own vehicle a plus, with mileage reimbursement

Preferred Qualifications

- Permaculture design certification or similar
- Experience with perennial food crops
- Two years of experience maintaining vegetable gardens, plant nurseries, community gardens or food forests
- Experience in designing and planning food forests or similar projects
- Familiarity with McHenry County

Essential Job Duties

- Works with the Farm Program Manager, Steering Team and Savanna Institute to design and implement the site plan
- Develops, coordinates and conducts educational programs and activities
- Prepares written reports, press releases, and articles
- Coordinates and trains interns and volunteers
- Assists with the planning, coordination, and implementation of events
- Plan and coordinates permaculture and forest gardening workshops and trainings
- Assists with the maintenance of plant health, introduces new plants, and designs new projects within the Food Forest
- Maintains signage for the Food Forest
- Facilitates construction of a shelter to be used for community events
- Ensures a safe and inclusive environment to foster learning within the Food Forest
- Performs other job-related duties as assigned

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Organization Description

The Land Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Woodstock, Illinois. Established in 1991, we are an accredited land trust with a mission to preserve and steward McHenry County's natural and agricultural lands.

How to Apply

Submit a resume and cover letter to Lbalek@conservemc.org

Deadline

January 27, 2023 or until filled

Questions? Email Linda Balek, Farm Program Manager, Lbalek@conservemc.org