



Lincoln Park
Conservancy

Ecological Restoration Assistant – PART TIME SEASONAL

Work with Native Landscapes, Volunteers, and Special Events

Start Date: Mid-March 2022 End Date: Mid-October 2022

Hours: 20 hours/week, Su-Th or Tu-Sa

Pay is twice monthly at the current minimum wage.

Organization Background

Established in 1984 as a nonprofit partner of the Chicago Park District, the Lincoln Park Conservancy's mission is to preserve, protect, and enhance Lincoln Park's art, architecture, and nature for all. We take on projects that benefit the park, the public, and the environment. We provide educational and engagement opportunities, including restoration, management, advocacy, and stewardship programs throughout Chicago's largest and most visited park.

We currently co-manage the North Pond Nature Sanctuary and the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool, a National Historic Landmark designed by landscape architect Alfred Caldwell. These sister properties are located near Fullerton Parkway and Stockton Drive in Lincoln Park, Chicago. Visit LincolnParkConservancy.org to learn more!

Job Description

The Lincoln Park Conservancy seeks an Ecological Restoration Assistant to help manage midwestern landscapes, such as prairies, in the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool and North Pond Nature Sanctuary. Schedule is 4 hours/day, 5 days/week, either Tu-Sa or Sun-Th, with alternating weekends and afternoons as needed.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Maintain native habitat including pruning trees and shrubs, invasive species management, seed collection, planting, and mulching
- Facilitate volunteer groups on a regular basis and on weekday evenings or weekends
- Light office work on rainy days such as filing, data entry, preparing mailings, or special projects
- Assist with weddings and special events
- As needed, assist staffing inside the Lincoln Park Conservatory

Qualifications

- Prior experience in natural resource management
- Knowledge of native midwestern prairie, wetland, and woodland plants
- Experience with invasive plants identification and management techniques
- Willingness to work outdoors in inclement weather conditions.
- Physical strength, stamina, and endurance sufficient strenuous field work
- Good problem-solving skills
- Must be able to work on select Saturdays
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team
- Basic computer skills.
- Dependable self-starters with enthusiasm and a positive attitude who are helpful, courteous, and have an interest in non-profit organizations and the environment, especially ecological restoration.

Please email resume and cover letter to:

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