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Position Announcement: **Conservation Projects Manager**

Position Description:

The Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) is seeking a highly motivated, detail-oriented environmental professional to join our Watershed Conservation Team. The successful candidate will support all aspects of HVA's conservation projects, which include (but aren't limited to) environmental monitoring, regional road-stream crossing assessment and replacement planning, watershed management planning, stream corridor restoration, stormwater management through Green Infrastructure development, and environmental education. This position is based out of HVA's Connecticut office.

Duties:

Reporting to the Watershed Conservation Director, the Conservation Projects Manager is responsible for the following:

- Conducting field work across the watershed
- Planning and managing water quality and habitat restoration projects
- Preparing technical reports
- Writing and managing grants to support HVA projects and programs
- Liaising and communicating effectively with conservation project partners
- Managing seasonal staff
- Conducting education and outreach programs
- Working with HVA's financial, development, and communications staff to share information across departments

Required Experience/Qualifications:

- Enthusiasm and passion for conservation work and HVA's Mission
- Bachelor's degree in natural resource management, environmental studies or related field
- Demonstrated ability to plan, perform and lead conservation projects
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to work outside for extended periods of time under inclement conditions
- Organized and able to balance multiple projects
- Clean driving record and daily access to a personal vehicle

Desired Qualifications:

- Grant writing and/or grant management experience
- Experience with surface water resource management
- Experience working with municipal government on natural resource/environmental issues
- Practical knowledge of ArcGIS and field data collection equipment (e.g. Trimble GPS, iPad/Android tablets)

Time and Compensation:

Full-time (40 hours/week); compensation commensurate with experience.

To Apply:

Applicants should submit the following:

1. **COVER LETTER** explaining your interest and qualifications
2. **RESUME**
3. **THREE (3) PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**
4. **(Optional but encouraged)** Examples of past projects relevant to HVA's mission (please limit to 1-2 pages/project, max of three projects)

Materials should be emailed to Mike Jastremski, Watershed Conservation Director:

mj.hva@outlook.com. Position will remain open until filled; preference will be given to candidates who apply by August 4.

About HVA:

HVA is the watershed conservation organization and accredited land trust whose mission is to protect the natural character and environmental health of the Housatonic River Watershed for this and future generations. The Housatonic River Watershed covers nearly 2,000 square miles across western Massachusetts, western Connecticut, eastern New York, and ultimately drains to Long Island Sound. Since our founding over 75 years ago, we have worked closely and effectively with local, regional, statewide and national partners throughout our service area to restore and protect lands and waters for the benefit of watershed communities.