



Community Stewardship Coordinator – Temporary Leave Position

Position: Community Stewardship Coordinator

Summary: The Sandy River Watershed Council seeks an experienced conservation professional to provide part time temporary coverage for the parental leave of our Community Stewardship Coordinator. The Community Stewardship Coordinator works with watershed residents and community members to inspire action toward basin-wide restoration in the Sandy River and its tributaries. The position leads habitat restoration projects and community-based initiatives to recover threatened wild salmon in a high profile, socially diverse, regionally significant natural setting.

This position is temporary and part time, averaging 20 hours per week between March and August 2019. Focused field work will take place June – August, however the Council hopes to hire by mid-late March for initial training and probable canvassing in April and/or May to increase property owner participation/awareness of the projects.

Type: Part-time, temporary
Reports to: Executive Director
Duration: March – August 2019
Hours: April – May –variable, up to 20 hours per week
June – August –20-25 hours per week (~2.5 days/week)
Work on Saturdays and some evenings will be required.
Compensation: \$18-22 per hour depending on experience
Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin January 14, 2019

Skills & Qualifications

- 2 or more years or more work experience in conservation, natural resources, ecology, watershed restoration or related field; (post-secondary degree preferred)
- Knowledge of plants, particularly northwest natives and invasives.
- Ability to identify plant species (training on target EDRR plants provided)
- Effective communication with a broad range of public stakeholders, including residents, landowners, partners, and colleagues
- Ability to record field data using the mobile and desktop versions of the Fulcrum app
- Ability to be outdoors for long periods of time, including walking through brush in riparian areas on uneven ground.
- Excellent organizational skills
- Ability to take initiative to learn and problem-solve on the job
- Creativity and commitment to fun in work

Primary duties will include:

1. Managing a project known as “**The Weed Smackdown**,” which focuses on containing high priority Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR) weeds in the Salmon River basin requiring landowner outreach, weed surveys, manual treatment, and coordinating between partners and contractors
2. Other outreach needs, notifying the community about the **Beaver Creek** culvert replacement project. Primary opportunities for outreach will include tabling at the MHCC Saturday market, other events and possible canvassing of local neighbors.

This position will work with the Community Stewardship Assistant, and will require excellent organizational and people skills and the ability to take initiative to reinforce provided training and to do on the ground problem solving.

Location:

Work is based at the SRWC office, located on the Mt. Hood Community College office at 26000 SE Stark St. GE Annex in Gresha. Project sites are distributed throughout the Upper Sandy River basin, primarily focusing on the Salmon River, upstream of the confluence with the Sandy River. Summer conditions require physical labor in varying mountain weather, rain, hot sun, and sometimes marshy, thicketed, buggy, riparian areas. Applicants must possess a valid driver’s license, and access to a vehicle. Mileage to/from project sites (excluding the SRWC office) are reimbursable.

Responsibilities

Policeman’s Helmet Weed Smackdown

The Weed Smackdown surveys include EDRR weeds, and is largely focused on Policeman’s helmet, an annual in the impatiens family related to jewel weed, that grows and spreads aggressively along riparian areas in the Salmon and upper Sandy Rivers. Several years of treatment in partnership with the Sandy Basin Vegetation Revegetation Coalition, and in particular with Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD), have significantly reduced the abundance of the weed, however treated sites require ongoing maintenance.

Project Coordination

Communicate with CSWCD staff regarding work flow, identifying priority work areas and protocols. Call property owners prior to site visits and track communications in Fulcrum (the data collection app used for the project). Communicate with contractors regarding treatment details such as specific site information.

Invasive Species Surveys and Treatment

Survey private properties with granted permission for 12 Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) invasive species as identified by CSWCD. Collect field data using GPS-enabled Fulcrum mobile app (all technology and training will be provided). Remove small patches of invasive species.

Landowner Outreach

Call property owners to notify them of imminent surveys and/or treatments. Canvass door-to-door and table at events like the Sandy Market (Friday evenings) or Sandy Ridge to further educate and recruit property owner participation in the Clackamas Weedwise program.

Beaver Creek and Other Outreach

The temporary Stewardship Coordinator will assist with monthly Beaver Creek Conservation Partnership meetings. Coordinate tabling events and outreach as needed with partners at Multnomah County. Attend tabling events at MHCC Saturday market. Canvass neighbors near culvert project area on Cochran Rd. to inform them of upcoming culvert construction. Support May Delta EcoBlitz and tabling at June MHCC Strawberry Short Course.

To apply: Please send cover letter and resume by email to admin@sandyriver.org. Position is open until filled, and review of applicants will begin January 14, 2019. For questions, please contact Steve Wise, Executive Director, 503-622-9134.

Background

The Sandy River Watershed Council (SRWC) is an independent non-profit whose mission is to restore and protect the natural, cultural, and historical resources of the Sandy River basin. We engage landowners, volunteers, community members, and agencies in collaborative efforts to enhance the health and vitality of the Sandy and its tributaries through on-the-ground restoration projects, education and stewardship. Additional information about the Council is available at www.sandyriver.org.

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