



Invasive Species Technician

Wild Rivers Conservancy of the St. Croix & Namekagon is recruiting for an Invasive Species Technician. Wild Rivers Conservancy (<https://wildriversconservancy.org>) is the official nonprofit partner of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. We inspire stewardship to forever ensure the rare ecological integrity of the St. Croix and Namekagon Riverway. Someone that enjoys working with people and has the technical expertise to monitor and control invasive species, while working in a fun and collaborative atmosphere, will find this an appealing position.

Position Summary

The Invasive Species Technician position is responsible for assisting with efforts to prevent and control invasive species in the St. Croix watershed primarily through monitoring and management activities, and education and outreach. The majority of the work will be performed in the field with some office work for data analysis and reporting activities. This person will work closely with the Conservancy's Natural Resource Coordinator, National Park Service resource professionals, and other agencies.

Core Functions

- Assist in launching a new citizen science purple loosestrife biological control program, including efforts to recruit, train, and assist volunteers with rearing and releasing of biological control beetles.
- Monitor terrestrial and aquatic invasive species along the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and throughout the watershed.
- Develop monitoring reports and maps using ArcGIS.
- Assist in controlling invasive species using chemical, manual, and biological control methods.
- Engage with communities and communicate the threats of invasive species and prevention strategies with core river users, such as businesses, sporting groups, and the general public.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Coursework or degree in biology, natural resources, or a related field, and proficiency in GIS software, including ArcGIS, with a familiarity of native and invasive flora and fauna.
- Experience working with volunteers and the public; good oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work well both independently and as part of a team, be detail-oriented and organized, and to follow oral and written directions.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 50 pounds.
- Valid state driver's license is required.
- Experience kayaking and/or canoeing or the willingness to learn.

Please send a cover letter and resume to ksickmann@wildriversconservancy.org by June 10th or until the position is filled. This is a full-time position with benefits and a starting wage of \$17 hourly. The office is based in the picturesque river town, Osceola, Wisconsin. This is a fast-paced work environment that provides the opportunity to associate with passionate staff, board members, and advocates committed to protecting the St. Croix and Namekagon rivers while taking a growing organization to the next level. Night and weekend work is may be required.

The Wild Rivers Conservancy is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.