



## **Invasive Species Field Technician**

Wild Rivers Conservancy of the St. Croix & Namekagon is recruiting applicants for a full-time Invasive Species Field Technician. Someone who enjoys working alongside others and has the technical expertise to protect and restore natural resources, while working in a fun and collaborative atmosphere, will find this position appealing.

## **Position Summary**

The Invasive Species Field Technician is responsible for assisting with efforts to prevent and control invasive species in the St. Croix watershed primarily through decontamination and management activities along with education and outreach. The majority of the work will be performed in the field with some office work for data analysis, reporting activities, and coordinating schedules. This position will work under the supervision of the Conservancy's Invasive Species Coordinator, and closely with National Park Service staff, and other agencies.

## **Core Functions:**

- Serve as the lead boat inspector for the Conservancy which includes operating and maintaining the mobile decontamination unit, training staff on its use, performing boat inspections, and coordinating boat inspection schedules.
- Educate boaters at landings along the St. Croix River about AIS identification, preventive measures, and threats to the lakes and rivers in the St. Croix River watershed.
- Database management and data entry corresponding to boat inspections and invasive species monitoring and management activities.
- Assist with the training of seasonal interns and volunteers along with supervising zebra mussel field interns in the summer.
- Assist the Invasive Species Coordinator with planning and performing zebra mussel sampling activities throughout the St. Croix River watershed.
- Collaborate with and assist partners with invasive species monitoring and management including working with the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway (NPS) resource management team.
- Assist with hosting AIS volunteer programs such as Project RED, Snapshot Day, Algae Alert Network training, and a boat landing education blitz weekend.
- Assist with community outreach events and educational outreach activities in coordination with the Rivers Are Alive youth program.
- Educate key river user groups, including boaters and river-based businesses, on invasive species threats and prevention strategies.
- Winterizing and storing decontamination and other equipment at the end of the season.
- Other duties as assigned.

## Requirements

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States with a valid state driver's license and clean driving record.
- 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.
- General knowledge of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway is helpful.
- Familiarity with operating and maintaining heavy equipment such as trucks, trailers, and field equipment is preferred.
- Ability to work well both independently and as part of a team, be detail-oriented and organized, and ability to follow oral and written directions, with a flexible and changing schedule.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 25 pounds independently and up to 50 pounds with assistance.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and references to Maria Young at [myoung@wildriversconservancy.org](mailto:myoung@wildriversconservancy.org) by December 15th or until the position is filled. This is a full-time, 40 hours/week position with a wage of \$18/hour plus benefits which includes professional development opportunities. The office is based in the picturesque river town of 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. Some night and weekend work will be required.

## About Wild Rivers Conservancy

Wild Rivers Conservancy, 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.

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