



Natural Areas, Natural Gardens, Heritage Gardens Maintenance Volunteer

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Number of Persons Required: One (1)

Days/hours: All Year (weather permitting) – Minimum one – 5 hour day per week.

Detailed Description:

This position will require the volunteer to participate in a non-profit setting through sustainable gardening activities using EcoHouse equipment stored in main garage. Tasks require working in an outdoor setting, helping to maintain Green Venture's natural areas, natural gardens and heritage gardens.

Tasks:

Garden Plans

- ✓ Review and understand garden plans developed for EcoHouse
- ✓ Be familiar with the location and purpose of various gardens at EcoHouse

Rain Gardens

- ✓ Review and understand the construction and function of rain gardens at EcoHouse

All Gardens

- ✓ Identify native and non-native plants
- ✓ Remove non-native invasive plants
- ✓ Enhance EcoHouse gardens by splitting and transplanting plants
- ✓ Enhance EcoHouse gardens by collect native plant seed and sowing seeds

Plant Labels

- ✓ Create and install easy to read labels of plants to distinguish between native and non-native plants

Perimeter of Property

- ✓ Trim vegetation growing through property fence

Plant Inventory

- ✓ Undertake a tree, shrub, herbaceous plant inventory of EcoHouse property

Photographs

- ✓ Use EcoHouse camera to take photographs of plants, birds, insects and other wildlife utilizing EcoHouse natural areas, natural gardens and heritage gardens.

The volunteer will be provided with background information about EcoHouse and Green Venture, Green Venture's general mission, EcoHouse as a demonstration site.

Qualifications:

- ✓ Experience with native plant gardening
- ✓ Excellent native and non-native plant identification skills
- ✓ Ability to handle garden and landscaping tools
- ✓ Willingness to work in an outdoor setting
- ✓ Outgoing personality, willing to engage the visiting public
- ✓ Flexibility and self-motivation
- ✓ A general knowledge of environmental issues, particularly those of Hamilton and surrounding region
- ✓ Knowledge of Green Venture is an asset