



## Hamilton Tree Equity Project Inventory Student Job Posting

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Green Venture, a not-for-profit organization in Hamilton is seeking a student with experience in tree identification to help compile a database of trees along with providing engagement and outreach to the community. The position is in relation to the Hamilton Tree Equity Project, aimed to improve urban forest health and tree equitable distribution on City Housing Hamilton properties. In addition, working closely with Trees for Hamilton to increase urban canopy to foster a healthy and thriving urban forest for all residents.

### **Responsibilities:**

Reporting to the Program Manager of Green Infrastructure, the Tree Equity Project Inventory Student's main responsibility will be to conduct a tree inventory of selected City Housing properties accessing canopy cover, species delivery and tree health.

Tasks include:

- Conducting tree inventory including collecting data on tree species and health
- Developing and conducting tree education and outreach workshops
- Planning and participating in tree plantings
- Recruiting a team of volunteers to create a Tree Care Team for regular stewardship and maintenance of trees on housing property sites
- Completing a tree inventory report to assess and recommend future tree plantings
- Participating in community engagement activities including social media outreach and blog postings

### **Qualifications:**

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- A combination of post-secondary education/experience in a relevant field (e.g. arboriculture, forestry, environmental science)
- Introductory tree identification and diagnostic tree skills and ability to speak to the public about trees.
- Enthusiastic and creative self-starter, with demonstrated initiative and problem-solving skills.
- Excellent verbal and written communication, organization, and interpersonal skills.
- Proficiency with MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and in mobile data collection technology.
- Experience delivering education programs, community presentations, or workshops to children and adults is an asset.
- Knowledge of environmental issues in Hamilton and commitment to the environment as demonstrated through previous volunteer commitments and/or employment.
- Experience working with diverse groups and building community.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.

- Ability to work outdoors for extended periods of time.
- Class G driver's license and clean driving record and access to a vehicle.
- Valid Emergency First Aid + CPR an asset.
- Ability to attend training May 31 - June 1 in Toronto.

#### **Terms of Employment:**

- Start date is tentatively May 17, 2021 for approximately 16 weeks (ending September 3, 2021)
- Successful candidates will be required to complete a Police Reference Check.
- Occasional evening and weekend work will be required.
- Full-time (30-35 hours/week) contract position at a rate of \$16.95 per hour (commensurate with experience).
- Preference will be given to recent immigrant and/or refugee youth, Indigenous youth, youth from visible minorities, LGBTQ2 youth, and women in STEM.
- **PLEASE NOTE: The successful candidate must meet the criteria set out by federal youth funding authorities (see below).**
  - between 15 – 30 years old;
  - a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or someone who has been granted refugee status in Canada; and
  - legally entitled to work according to relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations.

#### **How to Apply:**

Qualified candidates are invited to email their **cover letter and resume in PDF** format to **contact@greenventure.ca**. Please put **Tree Inventory Student** in the email subject line. Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted, so applicants are encouraged to apply early. We thank all applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. **Apply by May 9, 2021 at 11:59 PM (EDT).**

#### ***About Green Venture:***

Green Venture is a community-based, non-profit organization which empowers Hamiltonians to implement greener practices in their home and community to make our city a climate champion. Green Venture has established EcoHouse, a 150-year-old historic farmhouse on a two-acre property, featuring environmental education programs, sustainable living displays, native species gardens, a community garden, seed library, and rain gardens.

#### ***About Trees for Hamilton:***

Trees for Hamilton is a charitable organization which plants native trees and shrubs in areas of need in the Greater Hamilton Area. All funds go directly toward buying native trees which are then planted by volunteer groups.

#### ***About City Housing Hamilton:***

The largest social housing provider in Hamilton, providing homes that are safe, well-maintained and affordable for people who live and work in Hamilton's diverse community