

# "Protecting the lakes, ponds, and streams of the Cobbossee Watershed through community engagement, conservation, and education."

## **Invasive Aquatic Plant Survey/Remediation Team Member**

**Description:** The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed is looking for candidates to conduct research and remediation of invasive European frog's-bit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*), Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*), and variable-leaf watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum verticillatum*) in Cobbossee Lake. The position will require knowledge of (or a passion for learning about) aquatic ecosystems, aquatic plant identification, invasive aquatic plant remediation, and natural resource management. Individuals will gather and enter data on invasive species locations and densities, as well as help develop best practices for removal and management. Additionally, this position will work on manual removal of invasive plants both above water and diving. Position will include opportunities for various trainings and participation in educational activities and events. Rate of pay will start at \$14.50/hr.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Survey Cobbossee Lake for Invasive aquatic species
- Research and conduct removal and control strategies
- Follow all safety protocols
- Work with volunteers
- Educate lakefront property owners & users
- Track & report data on field forms
- Develop educational materials
- Fulfill other duties as assigned to further mission of The Friends\*

### **Minimum Requirements:**

- Interest in Botany, Biology, Environmental Science, Ecology, Natural Resource Management
- Boating experience, towing and driving
- Comfortable interacting with the public
- Responsibility and maturity
- Clear communicator (verbal and written)
- Detailed record keeping
- Mapping (GIS) and GPS/Google Maps experience
- A passion for protecting Maine's lakes!

#### **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Diver certification (PADI *or* NAUI), snorkeling experience
- Plant identification or an interest & ability to learn quickly
- Comfortable operating motorized & non-motorized watercraft
- Familiarity with boater safety laws and best practices



\*Some weekend & evening work required. Must have own transportation & valid driver's license.

**To Apply:** Please send <u>resume</u>, <u>cover letter</u>, and <u>three references</u> to: alex@watershedfriends.com

