



**“Protecting the lakes, ponds, and streams of the Cobbossee Watershed through community engagement, conservation, and education.”**

## **Plant Survey Coordinator – Job Description**

The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed (Watershed Friends) was founded in 2001 as a citizen grass-roots effort to assist in the protection of local water quality. Within the 217-square-mile area of the Cobbossee Watershed, there are 28 major lakes and ponds; six of which are currently known to be infested with Aquatic Invasive Plants. Watershed Friends’ conservation programs aim to prevent the spread of, survey for, and manage known Aquatic Invasive Plants within the Cobbossee Watershed.

Watershed Friends’ ***Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)*** program utilizes plant surveys to detect invasive species early and methodically, to better coordinate rapid response and management efforts. The Plant Survey Coordinator works with the Director of Conservation to plan surveys of non-infested and infested waterbodies in the Cobbossee Watershed. This coordinator will lead a team of 6 to 8 individuals, assist with training, and maintain a positive attitude and team spirit. The coordinator can expect to start work in May and end in September schedule permitting. Some flexibility is available for the right candidate. On-the-job training provided.

The Friends are seeking a responsible and team-oriented person to fill the position of **Plant Survey Coordinator** at **\$18/hour** for approximately 20 to 30 hours/week.

### Qualifications:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, particularly with the public.
- Attention to detail in filling out data forms, creating reports, and following plant survey plans.
- Ability to lead a group positively, be a good role model, and encourage a good work ethic.
- Works with the Director of Conservation to cover priority survey locations and assist with team training.
- Available mid-May to August, work may be available into September.

### Responsibilities include:

- Communicating daily with the Director in scheduling surveys, planning activities, and coordinating transporting the team to each launch location.
- Representing Watershed Friends in a positive and friendly manner at all times.
- Submitting survey data and helping to promote the work done by the team.
- Overseeing care and maintenance of work equipment, such as kayaks, life vests, Aquascopes, etc.
- Fulfilling other duties as assigned to further the mission of the Watershed Friends.



### Additional skills:

- Familiarity with paddle craft and safe practices on lakes.
- Familiarity with botany and/or plant identification, aquatic species a bonus.
- High energy level with a positive attitude.
- A willingness to learn quickly, and lead by example.
- Knowledge of environmental issues, with a focus on watershed ecology and invasive species.
- Must have: a valid driver's license, clean driving record, and the ability to pass a background check.

**To Apply:** Please send a resume, cover letter, and three references to: Jennifer Peasnell, Director of Conservation, [jennifer@watershedfriends.com](mailto:jennifer@watershedfriends.com) or Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, PO Box 206, East Winthrop Maine, 04343