



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

Plant Survey Crew – 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 crew works with the Plant Survey Coordinator, Conservation Programs Manager, and Director of Conservation to survey non-infested and infested waterbodies in the Cobbossee Watershed. This crew of 6 to 8 individuals uses paddle craft to perform daily surveys weather permitting and can expect to start work in June and end in August schedule permitting. Some flexibility is available for the right candidates. On-the-job training is provided.

Watershed Friends is seeking a responsible and team-oriented person to fill the position of **Plant Survey crew member** at **\$16.00/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 work as a team and maintain a positive and friendly attitude.
- Works well with the team leads and Director of Conservation to cover priority survey locations.
- Available June to August, additional work may be available in September.

Responsibilities include:

- Communicating daily with the team leads about plant survey scheduling and location.
- Representing Watershed Friends in a positive and friendly manner at all times.
- Submitting survey data as a team and helping to promote the work done by the team.
- Assisting with maintenance and cleaning of daily equipment.
- Fulfilling other duties as assigned to further the mission of Watershed Friends.



Additional skills:

- Familiarity with paddle craft and safe practices on lakes.
- Familiarity/interest with botany and/or plant identification, aquatic species a bonus.
- High energy level with a positive attitude.
- Knowledge of/interest in environmental issues, with a focus on watershed ecology and invasive species.

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