



SHARPE RESERVATION LAND MANAGEMENT INTERN

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit youth development organization, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, The Fund continues to provide safe, fun, engaging and enriching experiences for New York City youth to keep the magic of summer alive through virtual and outdoor programs. Fresh Air children also participate in year-round leadership and educational programs. For more information, visit www.FreshAir.org.

The Fresh Air Fund also owns and operates the Sharpe Reservation which houses five of the six Fresh Air Camps, the Sharpe Reservation Environmental Center which serves over 18,000 visitors each year. The Fresh Aid Fund also operates Camp Junior, a camp for young people from the Bronx in Harriman State park.

Position Summary

The Fresh Air Fund (FAF) and Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) seek to fund two Invasive Species Management Interns for Summer 2022. The interns will also work remotely with a team of interns at the Vassar Ecological Preserve. The interns will perform invasive species inventories, assessment, monitoring, and control on the FAF Sharpe Reservation (2,000 acres) and the HHLT Granite Mountain Preserve (415 acres). Under supervision of the facilities managers, student intern(s) will assist in managing the diverse natural systems on the property to include: controlling and removing invasive plant species in target areas; monitoring wildlife populations of invasive pest of hemlocks and ash trees; completing assessments of specified areas; assistance in creation of an Invasive Species Management Plan; creation of educational outreach videos and materials. (See <https://www.hhlt.org/land-management-interns/> for examples.)

Interns will receive hands-on experience in natural areas management to further the development of the intern(s) towards their professional trajectory. This position is designed to ground the individual with professional skill sets related to ecological land management while improving ecosystem health in the Hudson Valley.

This is an in-person residential position based at Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill, NY. This role reports to the Associate Director of Sharpe Reservation.

Qualifications

1. Earning or recently completed a degree in Natural Sciences, Biology, Botany, Environmental Studies, Sustainability or related field.
2. Basic knowledge of ecology.
3. Good communication and interpersonal skills.
4. Ability to use hand tools.

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5. Ability to follow monitoring protocols, collect accurate data, and maintain data in an organized fashion.
6. Valid Driver's License and personal transportation.
7. Desire to learn.
8. Previous experience with invasive species management is desirable but not required.
9. Ability to perform tasks requiring physical exertion, outdoors, in all weather conditions and on difficult terrain.
10. Must be able to lift 50 pounds.
11. Ability to stand, stoop, bend and carry loads.
12. Must be able to work in rain, heat, buggy conditions, etc. and traverse steep ravine slopes.

Employment Period: 8 weeks, from the beginning of June through July 2022

Hours per week: Up to 40 hours per week with a flexible schedule.

Compensation: \$14.00 – \$15.00 per hour based on experience. Housing will be provided on-site as well as limited meals.

Benefits: None

Application Instructions

To apply please, submit an application by clicking on the **Sharpe Reservation Staff Application** link at: <https://freshairfund.workbrightats.com/jobs/>. **Please make sure you upload a cover letter in the application. Applications without a cover letter will not be considered.** We are hiring on a rolling basis and encourage interested applicants to apply as early as possible. No calls or recruiters, please.

The Fresh Air Fund is proud to be an equal opportunity employer, committed to inclusive hiring, and dedicated to diversity in its work and on its staff. We strongly encourage candidates of all identities, experiences, orientations, and communities to apply.