

Invasive Species Technician Position Available

North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (NCCISMA) is looking to hire an Invasive Species Technician to assist with the field and office work involved in invasive species management over a six county area including Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Osceola, and Wexford.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Study for exam and obtain MDARD pesticide applicator certification within first month
- Learn to identify invasive plant and animal species of western Michigan
- Conduct field surveys for invasive species
- Record field data using datasheets, GPS units, and the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) phone app or website
- Work with NCCISMA coordinator and other NCCISMA partner organizations to complete invasive species treatments using mechanical and chemical methods
- Under supervision of NCCISMA coordinator, help to organize and lead volunteer workdays
- Attend fairs and community outreach events to promote NCCISMA and invasive species awareness
- Assist NCCISMA with report writing and data management

Eligibility Requirements:

- Bachelors degree or significant progress toward a 4 year degree in environmental sciences or a related field
- Must hold a valid driver's license, have a good driving record, and a reliable vehicle
- Must be proficient in the use of Microsoft Office Suite programs
- Must be able to work independently in outdoor/natural areas and on office projects
- Must be an enthusiastic, self-starter and show initiative to take ownership of projects
- Willingness to learn how to identify native and invasive plant species
- Willingness to study for and pass exam for Commercial Pesticide Applicator certification
- Must be willing and able to safely work with handheld gardening equipment and herbicides to manage invasive plants

Terms and Benefits:

- Pay Rate: \$12 - \$14 per hour; based out of Wexford CD in Cadillac, MI - daily work location negotiable
- This is a grant funded position. Funding is secure for up to 18 weeks full-time during the 2017 field season. Part-time/full-time employment during the off-season is dependent on obtaining additional funding. Return to full-time employment for the summer of 2018 is anticipated.

Other Considerations:

- Should be able to carry a 25lb pack across uneven or saturated terrain
- Should be comfortable speaking to public at fairs or other education/outreach events
- Field work may take place in all weather conditions, where biting insects, poison ivy present
- Occasional evenings/weekends may be necessary to complete field work or attend events
- Use of personal computer or smartphone may be required

To apply, submit a cover letter, resume, transcripts and 3 references to Vicki Sawicki, NCCISMA Program Coordinator at vicki.sawicki@macd.org. Please contact NCCISMA with any questions via the above email or (231) 429-5072.

Please submit your application materials no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2017