



Community Forestry Intern Job Description

Overview: Beyond Housing strengthens families and transforming communities to create a stronger, more equitable, and prosperous St. Louis—once and for all. We begin with actual houses and housing preservation, focusing on quality and stability to give people a place to start. But there is more to a home than the house ~ home is about the life that happens in and around the house, as well as the life that fuels and draws out the best of the people within it. That life, in turn, is shaped by the community, its influences, its structures, and the people and dynamics that define it.

Beyond Housing helps entire communities become better places to live. We engage where we're needed, focusing on building consensus among leaders, providing and preserving housing, fostering community structures that shape lives, and guiding systems that make people's lives better.

We lead with vision for what a community can be ~ every community is different, but thriving communities tend to share the same basic set of positive traits regarding housing, safety, education, health, infrastructure, and access to basic human services.

We bring together leaders and resources, volunteers and citizens, and pursue a wide assortment of creative approaches to build stronger, healthier communities for life.

Finally, we are community builders, not kingdom builders. "It's their neighborhood, future, & dreams". Our objective is to help build and contribute the good things we do for the sake of adding value to the lives of the people we're honored to serve.

Beyond Housing was recently awarded an Environmental Justice Grant from the EPA. This grant will allow us to survey the tree canopy and develop plans to improve air quality in the 24:1 region, share the benefits of trees and engage residents in tree related activities that will provide sustainability for the region. Grant timeline is from 9-2020 to 8-2022 and all positions are part time and training will be provided.

Position: Community Forester Intern - assist 24:1 Community Forester with engaging communities and residents in EPA grant priorities and activities.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Promotes forestry/health programs associated with the EPA grant
- Participate in fieldwork activities including community engagement, canvassing/handing out information, signing up residents for training courses, assist Community Forester
- Learn about tree and other natural resource management
- Assist with consulting report writing, library research, diagnostic techniques
- Use of GIS inventory data
- Assist with tree and shrub watering, weeding and other maintenance
- Be a good steward for trees when interacting with public

LIFTING REQUIREMENTS:

- Able to lift 25-50 lbs regularly
- Able to lift 80 to 100 lbs periodically

Personal Qualities:

- Collaborative -- A dynamic personality that is collaboratively minded, can recognize and identify strengths, seek consensus around mutual goals, and build meaningful relationships.

- Creative and Curious -- A systems-thinker and builder, who is not afraid to be innovative in designing solutions and has skills in articulating these ideas and concepts.
- Methodical -- Strong analytical, systems, and problem-solving skills to evaluate performance, prepare reports, and recommend/implement solutions using independent judgment. Ability to move from concepts to action through strong program design and evaluation.
- Reliable -- Leadership skills that reflect and value a team approach, demonstrated integrity, effectiveness, efficiency, and the ability to deliver high quality service. Highly capable of handling multiple tasks, projects and timelines. Excellent oral and written communications skills.
- Trusted -- Ability to work with residents, partners, and staff of diversified backgrounds with a positive, optimistic, solutions-oriented attitude. Shares a deep respect for the community, its stakeholders and the residents that we serve.
- Driven -- Passion for the work and an interest in continuous learning and improvement.

Preferred Experience and Qualifications:

- Desire to seek a career in Urban Forestry/Community Forestry but not required
- Attending school (high school or college)
- Strong Communication and organizational skills
- Ease in diverse group settings
- Critical thinking
- A passion for trees/ improving the community
- Willingness to learn
- Must be dependable and punctual
- Possess valid Missouri Driver's License
- Able to walk long distances

Supervisor:

- 24:1 Community Forester

Supervises:

n/a

Salary and Benefits:

- Seasonal part-time, hourly position

Application Instructions:

Please send **resume, cover letter** in MS Word format to hr@beyondhousing.org.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this position. They are not intended to be a complete list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required. Beyond Housing is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

At Beyond Housing, we are committed to promoting ***Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity*** throughout our organization and culture. We strive to understand and appreciate the individuality of every employee and create a better place to work for all. We nurture a culture where everyone positively acknowledges equity through action and is aware, understanding, and appreciative of diversity.

Our vision is to go beyond simple tolerance and fully embrace the things that make each person unique. We recognize that our employees' differences support our ability to advance equity for the communities we serve. Further, we understand that equity is critical to the fulfillment of our mission to help entire communities become better places to live.