



## MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION – Summer Land Steward

### **Job Description:**

Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MHLC) is hiring a Summer Land Steward Intern to assist with a diverse set of tasks relating to land stewardship. This position will involve both field (90%) and office work (10%). Responsibilities include assisting Stewardship Staff to manage and maintain MHLC lands and recreational trails; assist staff with conservation land management projects; lead volunteer groups and interact with community members through trail work days and MHLC events; and provide office support as needed. The Summer Land Steward Intern has the opportunity to learn about the workings of a land trust, to become familiar with local ecology and land management strategies, and to gain experience with non-profit organizations and volunteer coordination. This is a non-exempt, hourly, seasonal paid position that reports to the Stewardship and Volunteer Coordinator.

### **Requirements and Basic Qualifications:**

1. Willingness to perform varied, strenuous manual labor in an outdoor setting
2. Valid driver's license, with use of vehicle to travel to MHLC properties desirable
3. Ability to work closely with and direct volunteers in a friendly, professional manner
4. Strong organizational and time management skills
5. Availability to work some nights and weekends
6. Positive work ethic and ability to motivate others
7. Ability to work independently and as part of a team
8. Effective verbal and written communication skills
9. Some trail building experience and knowledge and familiarity with the use of hand tools
10. Experience in carpentry and construction desirable
11. Knowledge of New York State native and invasive species desirable
12. Proficiency in ArcGIS, map reading, and navigating desirable

**Educational Requirements:** Enrollment in a college program majoring in biology, environmental science and studies, natural resources, forestry, planning, or related field; completion of course work in subjects that provides background to meet job responsibilities.

**Working Conditions:** The Summer Land Steward will often work outdoors and participate in trail construction, maintenance, boundary marking, and other stewardship activities. Activities will occur on varied terrain and in variable weather conditions. Knowledge of the Albany Region is helpful. MHLC serves a three-county area (Albany, Schenectady and Montgomery counties).

**Dates, Hours and Compensation:** The Summer Land Steward will work approximately 30-35 hours a week for 10-12 weeks between June and August. Exact start and end dates are flexible. Some weekend and evening hours are required and local travel is required. Wages will be based on skills and experience.

**To Apply:** Applications are due by March 1st, but will be reviewed as received. Applications should include a cover letter describing your interest and qualifications, a resume, and contact information for at least 2 references. Please send to Sawyer Cresap, Stewardship and Volunteer Coordinator, at [sawyer@mohawkhudson.org](mailto:sawyer@mohawkhudson.org) or Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy at 425 Kenwood Ave. Delmar NY 12054. No phone calls or faxes, please.

More information about Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy may be found at: [www.mohawkhudson.org](http://www.mohawkhudson.org)