



## **Internship Opportunity! Conservation Steward**

- Time Frame:** Spring, Summer, or Fall 2017  
**Deadline to Apply:** Rolling  
**Class Credit:** Available, but not required  
**Time Commitment:** 1-2 days (8-16 hours) / week (TBD)  
**Work Location:** Environmental Field Office - Ganondagan State Historic Site, Victor, NY

### **Position Description:**

The Environmental Field Team seeks a Conservation Steward to assist in the maintenance of a Seneca ethnobotany interpretive trail and Pollinator Grassland at Ganondagan State Historic Site. These projects aim to increase interpretive value of the site, enhance natural areas, and control highly invasive plant species. Project outcomes include enhancing interpretive trail and grassland areas, eradication and control of invasive plant species, and planting of native species.

Work duties may include working with agency staff to:

- Control target invasive species and restore natural areas within the Seneca ethnobotany interpretive trail and Pollinator grassland using native plant materials.
- Conduct ongoing monitoring efforts including vegetation surveys and photo reference points.
- Lead volunteer groups in invasive plant removal and replanting efforts.

Stewards will gain valuable field experience and learn organizational, leadership and communication skills that they will be able to apply in their personal and professional lives. The Stewards will also have the opportunity to network within NYS Parks and other state agencies, and learn the logistics of working at the state level.

### **Qualifications:**

- Experience with plant identification preferred, but not required.
- Stewards should have excellent communication and organizational skills, be reliable and self-motivated.
- Stewards must be comfortable working outdoors in varying weather conditions and capable of the physical requirements involved manual removal of invasive species and planting.
- Candidates must be able to provide their own transportation to and from work site.

### **If interested, please contact:**

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