



Land Stewardship Internship(s)

The **Waukesha County Land Conservancy (WCLC)** is celebrating 25 years of preserving and managing environmentally significant lands in Waukesha County. Since its origin in 1992, WCLC has preserved nearly 2,900 acres.

Land Stewardship Interns will assist the Executive Director, the Conservation Manager, and WCLC Land Management and Land Acquisition Committees with land stewardship activities. Interns should have a background in the natural sciences and/or Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Some expectations of this position include strong interpersonal and communication skills, as well as detailed recordkeeping according to policies and procedures. The internship is unpaid and preferred for credit.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work with the Executive Director and Conservation Manager to assist with various activities such as:
 - Write, manage, and report on grants.
 - Organize land stewardship records and assist with prioritizing land stewardship activities.
 - Engage in volunteer workdays to educate the public and remove invasive species.
 - Provide support to the Land Management committees to protect and care for owned properties and easements.
 - Assist with Wildlife Monitoring and Hunting programs.
 - Work with other interns and environmental professionals to create a 10 year Conservation Plan for WCLC.
 - Update properties and Focus Area lists and descriptions to identify environmentally-significant properties that should be protected.
 - Conduct site visits with the Conservation Manager to assess property condition and map invasive species present.
 - Create land management plans for owned properties.
 - Create maps and assist with GIS analysis of properties.
 - Identify better practices through research on other Land Trusts.
 - Create public education materials.
- Review project(s) with the Conservation Manager weekly.
- Commit 8-20 hrs/week with at least 4 hrs in the WCLC office in Waukesha, WI.

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL TRAITS:

- Pursuing a Bachelor's or master's degree with a major in the natural sciences, conservation, geography, wildlife or landscape ecology, or similar.
- Understanding of environment, land conservation, land stewardship, and natural resources.
- Working knowledge with GIS and other technology systems (Word, Access, Dropbox, etc.).
- Able to meet deadlines and timely execute multiple tasks.
- Self-starter; disciplined and motivated to further the mission of WCLC.
- Attention to detail, responsive and courteous communicator with strong interpersonal, verbal and writing skills.
- A team player; considerate and respectful of others.

Previous knowledge in invasive species identification and removal is strongly preferred.

TO APPLY:

Please e-mail Meghan Wersel, Conservation Manager, at mwersel.wclc@gmail.com stating interest and background. Be sure to attach a resume with relevant information.