



Job description

This unique position will play an integral lead role in a complex, multi-year ecological restoration project (and others that continue to evolve). These duties extend far beyond typical landscape contractor work. Although Villani Landshapers performs typical landscape company functions, this role is truly a separate division and should be viewed as such.

Villani Landshapers is seeking a **Field Biologist/Ecology Foreman** to conduct and lead field work crews on ecological restoration project sites. Job duties will include extensive field restoration work (clearing, pruning, planting, invasive species control) in addition to collection of ecological field data and assisting project managers with vegetation monitoring and report drafting. This position will be seasonal full-time

Primary Duties

Job duties will include carrying out tasks related to prairie, wetland, woodland, and other natural community restoration and land management. Specific job tasks include:

- Supervision of application of herbicides
- Mowing
- Installing erosion control procedures
- Restoring native seeds and plants
- Removing and treating invasive shrubs/trees
- Equipment operations may include chainsaws, brush-cutters, backpack herbicide sprayers, and various other mechanical devices.

Basic Qualifications

- Experience supervising field crews and reporting project details to senior staff
- Experience writing and communicating summary reports regarding project details
- Experience operating various types of implements and power equipment

- Must be able to lift 50 lbs. and able to perform physical work in a wide range of outdoor weather conditions and environments, including walking in rough and often steep terrain.

Preferred Qualifications and Skills

- B.S. in a Natural Resources field (Biology, Forestry, Soil Science, Botany, etc.)
- Two years of experience in ecological restoration or natural resource management
- Possess excellent oral and written communication skills and analytical and creative problem-solving skills

Requirements

- Valid drivers' license
- WI commercial pesticide application license (or ability to obtain one)
- Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite

Benefits and Compensation

Pay will be hourly TBD based on experience and qualifications.

Job Type: Full-time

Experience:

- natural resource management or ecological restoration: 2 years (Preferred)

Education:

- Bachelor's (Preferred)

License:

- current Wisconsin pesticide applicator license (Preferred)
- valid Wisconsin driver's license (Required)