

Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

University of Vermont

Perennial Summer Internship Program - 2024

Internship Title: Invasive Species Project Coordinator

Internship Site: Mad River Valley (Waitsfield, Warren, Fayston, VT)

Description:

Background – The world renowned biologist E. O. Wilson has stated that invasive species are the second leading cause of biodiversity loss. The Vermont Agency for Natural Resources confirms this finding, stating that the second greatest threat to biodiversity, in Vermont and across the world, is the proliferation of invasive species. According to Vermont Invasives “Vermont Non-native, invasive terrestrial plants are one of the gre

continue efforts to arrest the spread, using manual methods, of Japanese Knotweed in identified locations in Warren, Waitsfield, and Fayston

initiate limited/targeted work to control selected other terrestrial plant invasive species in the Mad River Valley

use social media, newspaper articles, or in-person educational events to educate community members, including young students, about invasive species and how best to manage them;

work alongside community volunteers in invasive species management

conduct an ecological assessment of terrestrial plant invasive species in Warren, Waitsfield and Fayston (involving identification and mapping of such species)

research on evidence-based management practices for controlling other terrestrial plant invasive species targeted for attention in 201 (mb *)1 (ive)3 (2 >>BDC /C2_0 1euw48()JTJ 0.001 Tc -0.001 Tw [(p)1 (la

Desired qualifications/skills/coursework:

Ability to work well with others and foster teamwork

Interest in people management and learning to be a leader in the conservation field.

GIS mapping and invasive species coursework.

Skilled communicator.

- If asked to log in: click “UVM Net ID Login” & login.
- Click the Favorite button to enable easier searches in the future.

Meghan Young – Tuesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm, Aiken 219 Emily LeForce – Thursdays, 1:00-3:00pm, Aiken 220 Hub Cathy Shiga-Gattullo – Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm, Aiken 220 Hub

8. If you are selected to interview for a Perennial Internship, you will be contacted by the site to set up an interview during late February to early March.