

FORTERRA

Land Management Planning Intern

(Location at which this internship is based: **Seattle**)

About Forterra

Forterra, formerly Cascade Land Conservancy, fills a unique niche as the largest land conservation, stewardship and community building organization in Washington State. For over 20 years, Forterra has led efforts to conserve more than 173,000 acres of forests, farms, shorelines, parks and natural areas. It has partnered with dozens of communities across the region to protect and restore our neighborhood trails and parks and helped cities make smart choices about future growth.

Spearheaded by Forterra, the Cascade Agenda and Olympic Agenda form an innovative new approach to conservation that encourages collaboration across all sectors; balances environmental, social, and economic needs; emphasizes the link between vibrant cities and healthy rural lands; and uses creative new ways to protect land on a scale never seen before.

More information can be found at www.forterra.org.

Summary of Position:

The Stewardship Department at Forterra cares for thousands of acres in the greater Puget Sound Region. Our responsibilities include property monitoring and reporting, habitat restoration, community engagement, volunteer leadership and much more! This position will assist the Stewardship Department by creating land management and habitat restoration plans for several of our properties that do not currently have management plans.

Specifically the intern will:

- Inventory properties for natural resource features such as wetlands, streams, rivers, tree snags, rare plants, forestry conditions, invasive non-native plants, etc.
- Use the inventory information to create land management and habitat restoration plans for these properties which will be used to guide our stewardship activities for the next several years.
- Set up monitoring plots within the properties so that we can gauge our success at plan implementation.
- Create maps and photo logs of specific features within the properties to help us track changes at the site over time.
- Other related land management planning tasks.

Required Qualifications:

- Junior in college (or higher), and studying a hands-on environmental field such as ecology or natural resource management.
- Strong interest (and preferably experience) in natural resource management field work and management planning.
- Excellent organization, communication (written and verbal) and time management skills.
- Flexible and willing to work both indoors and outdoors (in all weather conditions).

Desired year in school:

Junior in college (or higher), and studying a hands-on environmental field such as ecology or natural resource management.

Benefits:

This internship will provide the opportunity to independently create needed resource management plans for several protected properties that span a variety of habitat types. These management plans will be used to guide on-the-ground stewardship activities on the properties.

Start Date and Availability:

All interns will attend a group introduction and orientation session prior to starting their position. The actual position start date is flexible. Intern will be asked to make at least a 10 week commitment and work at least 12-16 hours per week.

TO APPLY:

Send a resume and cover letter of interest to the Internship Coordinator at intern@forterra.org.

The subject line should be in the following format: the name of the internship followed by your first and last name.