

FORESTRY AND TRAILS TECHNICIAN – CONTRACT (PARENTAL LEAVE), FULL-TIME

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority is looking to fill the position of Forestry and Trails Technician.

Who are we?

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) is one of Ontario's 36 conservation authorities dedicated to protecting, restoring and enhancing our local natural environment. GSCA is a community-based environmental agency which owns and manages 11,734 hectares (28,995 acres) of some of the most scenic and environmentally sensitive lands in Ontario. For over 60 years, GSCA has been offering local renewable natural resource programs and services to its watershed municipalities and landowners. We care for the five major watersheds and several lake fringe watersheds within Grey and Bruce Counties. We are inspired to make a difference and we work to inspire a strong appreciation for nature within our communities.

Who are you?

You are dedicated and enthusiastic about environmental management, ecological integrity, and a positive visitor experience. You have a strong understanding of property and resource management, and sound decision-making skills. You have an outgoing personality that allows you to work effectively with multiple partners, stakeholders, and team members. You want a career that allows you to make a difference in your community.

Why work for us?

GSCA's Administrative Office is situated on over 200 hectares of pristine natural wilderness, complete with over seven kilometers of hiking trails and one of southern Ontario's most magnificent waterfalls. We offer competitive public sector pay. With a small, closely knit staff, you will know your co-workers by name, will make fast friends, and will have direct access to the considerable knowledge of these individuals. This is a great opportunity to further your experience in forestry and property maintenance.

Summary of Functions

Reporting to the Forestry Coordinator, this position assists the Forestry Department with various tasks such as tree planting on private property and tree marking on GSCA lands. This position fulfills duties through our contract with Grey County to inspect and maintain their forest trail networks.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Graduation from a post-secondary institution in forestry, environmental science, natural resources management, or a similar discipline or have sufficient relevant experience
- Valid Class 'G' Ontario driver's license
- Working knowledge of forestry practices
- Familiarity with tree species identification
- Experience with trail maintenance, including wayfinding and clearing trails
- Ability to read maps, and operate GPS equipment
- Proficiency working with the Microsoft Office Suite of programs
- Well-developed communications skills, including the ability to draft and edit written materials and to articulate ideas in a clear and concise style to a variety of audiences
- Team player with good organization, interpersonal, and oral and written communication

skills

- Ability to work outdoors in many situations which may include extensive walking, rough terrain, and adverse weather
- Certifications considered as assets include:
 - Herbicide applicator license
 - Chainsaw license
 - First Aid Certification

SUMMARY OF MAJOR TASKS

- Forest resource inventories
- Tree planting by hand and machine
- General field tasks, including but not limited to gathering information on harvest operations, putting up signs, measurement of growth and yield plots and tree survival assessments
- Supporting work for GSCA forest management and external clients, including attending meetings, preparing cost estimates, drafting tree planting plans, supporting MFTIP preparations, supporting the preparation of forest product tenders and air photos interpretation
- Inspecting Grey County Forest Trails for hazard trees, trail conditions, signage needs etc.
- Marking trails (wayfinding) following Grey County Trail Standards Guidelines
- Using various equipment, such as hand tools and chainsaws to clear brush and debris
- Comply with all applicable Authority policies and regulations related to safety and personnel
- Supervise summer students
- Represent GSCA and Grey County in a professional manner

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This position works 35 hours, Monday to Friday with occasional evenings and weekends required.

Anticipated Start Date: May 17, 2021

Salary Starting at: \$25.59/hour

Forward resume by May 3, 2021, to:

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
237897 Inglis Falls Road
Owen Sound, ON N4K 5N6
jobs@greysauble.on.ca

Please quote "Forestry and Trails Technician" on resume/letter. Resumes/letters submitted electronically must be submitted in pdf format.

We thank all applicants for their interest. However only those selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls please. Late applications will not be considered.

GSCA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In accordance with AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005), GSCA will provide accommodations throughout the recruitment,

selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities. If you require disability – related accommodations, please inform GSCA Administrative staff. All personal information is collected under the authority of the municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.