

Wildlife biology assistant

The wildlife biology assistant supports, and is supervised by, the wildlife biology intern by performing environmental surveys and participating in the restoration grazing program on some 4000 acres of Martha's Vineyard conservation land.

*responsibilities*

1. Environmental surveys

For ±32 hours per week, the wildlife biology assistant:

- conducts lepidoptera, bat, amphibian and breeding bird surveys
- inventories grassland, shrubland and woodland vegetation
- monitors and removes invasive and exotic plant species
- collects GPS data and imports them into ArcMap
- collects water quality samples and inputs their data

2. Livestock management

For ±8 hours per week, the wildlife biology assistant:

- sets up energized fencing for livestock rotation and aids in general herd maintenance

*working conditions*

The wildlife biology assistant:

- works in a professional manner, pays close attention to detail, follows direction well and abides by protocols relating to the handling of confidential information
- works during the summer season and, perhaps, its shoulders (i.e., a pre-agreed term in May, June, July, August, September and/or October) and follows a schedule devised by the ecologist and goatherd, with rotations likely if not probable
- is eligible to reside in land bank housing at no expense, in exchange for working four additional hours per week
- has a half-hour unpaid lunch break each day
- keep logs of hours worked and submits these logs on a weekly basis to the ecologist for verification and the land bank commission office for payment
- is reimbursed by the land bank, at the current federal gasoline mileage reimbursement rate, when using a personal vehicle during the work day for land bank

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*remuneration*                      hourly scale "a"

This description generally portrays the work expected of the wildlife biology assistant. The assistant may, from time to time, be required by the wildlife biology intern and/or the ecologist or goatherd to perform tasks at a higher skill level or at a lower skill level than that described herein.

*approved by vote of the land bank commission:    March 7, 2022*