

Summer 2025
Stewardship and Outreach Intern (2 paid positions available)

About The Westport Land Conservation Trust:

The Westport Land Conservation Trust (WLCT) is a private, non-governmental organization dedicated to local land conservation on behalf of the Westport community. WLCT maintains trails on 11 public access properties and stewards over 1800 acres across Westport.

About the Position:

WLCT seeks two individuals to learn and apply conservation land management with WLCT's Land Stewardship and Outreach Manager in stewarding over 1800 acres of land currently held by WLCT. The Stewardship and Outreach Interns will be responsible for assisting with property maintenance, working with the volunteer trail team and helping with events. Each intern will be responsible for researching and presenting a relevant project at the end of their internship.

Purpose of Position:

To work closely with the Westport Land Conservation Trust's Land Stewardship and Outreach Manager in learning about the maintenance and management of our preserved properties throughout Westport and gain experience at a leading land conservation organization.

Work Location:

Westport Land Conservation Trust, 573 Adamsville Road, Westport MA 02790 and various properties across Westport.

Benefits to Intern:

The opportunity to gain an experiential knowledge of conservation land stewardship and the maintenance to properly care for the varied habitats that make Westport a unique natural area.

Reports to:

The Stewardship and Outreach Interns report to WLCT's Land Stewardship and Outreach Manager, Nate McCullin.

Primary Position Responsibilities:

Stewardship:

- Provide weekly maintenance at public access properties using hand tools, small motorized equipment, and ride-on mower/tractor
- Coordinate volunteer(s) for stewardship projects (e.g. trail clearing, invasives removal)
- Assist staff with the creation of the new hiking trails at Westport Woods Conservation Park and installing new wayfinding signs and bog bridging at public access properties
- Water and weed to maintain native plant gardens at Westport Woods

Community Outreach:

- Support the Tuesday Trail Team volunteers and lead as needed
- Assist with events and summer programs
- Present completed project to the community

Qualifications:

- Commitment to the conservation mission of Westport Land Conservation Trust
- Enthusiasm for working with the public and working outdoors
- Willingness to work as part of a team and ability to work independently and manage multiple tasks
- Physically able to perform duties of the position
- Familiarity with Westport and the South Coast of Massachusetts is a plus
- Valid driver's license (preferred but not required)
- Experience with landscaping equipment a plus

Hours, Salary & Benefits:

The Stewardship and Outreach Summer Internships are 24 hours per week for 10-week position. Typically, the workweek for this position will be Tuesday through Thursday depending upon weather conditions. Some work on weekends and evenings will be required for special events.

In addition to being an Equal Opportunity Employer, the Westport Land Conservation Trust aims to create a thriving, inclusive workplace that values each member of our team. We aspire to reflect and effectively serve the community of Westport, Massachusetts--which is at the core of our mission.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit their resume, cover letter and two references addressing the candidate's character, work ethic, and willingness to learn to:

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Accepting applications until April 16, 2025