



Volunteer opportunity

Position Title:

Amphibian Surveyor

Division/Program

Conservation Program, Metro Parks & Nature

Purpose:

To survey amphibian indicator species within Metro Natural Areas, assisting in the determination of the quality and extent of their habitat. All data collected is used to measure the effectiveness of specific restoration projects.

Key Responsibilities:

- Search for, identify, and count amphibian egg masses using specific protocols and data sheets.
- Guided mastery of identification keys and data collection tools.

Qualifications, skills and abilities:

- Self-directed and responsible with great follow-through on commitments.
- Methodical, organized, and able to follow data collection instructions.
- Must provide own transportation to assigned Metro sites, with certain exceptions.
- Experience, education, or interest in biology.
- Undeterred by inclement weather, knee-deep water, thorns, or mud.
- Comfortable working in small teams in remote, isolated locations.
- A commitment to the conservation goals of Metro's Natural Areas Program.

Background Check:

This position is [a Tier 1 volunteer opportunity](#). Applicants are not required to complete a background check.

Physical/Mental Demands:

- Capable of performing strenuous physical labor that includes bending, twisting, and lifting heavy objects.
- Ability to walk on uneven surfaces without defined trails, to wade in cold water up to 40 inches deep in ponds with muddy bottoms.
- Ability to use equipment such as digital thermometer, and metric system ruler.
- Ability to operate canoe or kayak at some sites.
- Ability to swim or wear a Personal Flotation Device

Time commitment:

Two to three month commitment required, between February and April. A minimum of four, 3-4 hour surveys required.

Training Provided:

On the job training provided depending on level of expertise. Resources are available to facilitate independent study. Egg Mass Volunteer orientation and training will be held in late January and/or early February, weather dependent.

Receives guidance from / reports to:

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