

Tree Planting Volunteer

Why this role is necessary: A tree planting volunteer assists in restoring and enhancing the health of ecosystems. Volunteers help restore areas impacted by disease, storms, pests, or human activity, ensuring that Pennsylvania's parks and forests continue to thrive and provide essential ecological benefits. Volunteer efforts support diversity, improve air and water quality, and combat climate change, while also fostering community engagement and environmental stewardship. By volunteering, individuals contribute directly to the long-term sustainability and beauty of Pennsylvania's natural landscapes.

When and Where: Statewide opportunities as needed

Description: As a Tree Planting Volunteer with the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation, you will engage in restoring and enriching the state's parks and forests by planting native trees and shrubs. Your responsibilities will include preparing sites, planting trees and diverse native flora, and providing post-planting care. This role is vital for enhancing diversity, supporting wildlife habitats, and improving overall environmental health. By working alongside fellow volunteers and staff, you'll gain hands-on environmental experience and contribute significantly to the conservation and beautification of Pennsylvania's natural landscapes.

Responsibilities:

- Assisting in preparing planting sites by clearing debris, removing invasive species, and ensuring soil conditions are suitable for planting
- Planting native trees and other native plants according to guidelines, ensuring proper depth, spacing, and placement for optimal growth
- Working collaboratively with other volunteers and staff, contributing to a positive and productive team environment
- Adhering to safety guidelines and protocols to ensure a safe and effective planting experience for all participants

Qualifications Needed:

- Ability to work outdoors in various weather conditions and terrains as well as carry-out physical work such as lifting, digging, and using a wheelbarrow
- Strong commitment to following safety guidelines and operational procedures

Tools Necessary: May vary based upon location

Benefits to Volunteer: Becoming a tree planting volunteer offers a range of rewarding benefits, including the opportunity to make a tangible impact on the environment by enhancing local ecosystems and improving ecosystem health. Volunteers gain hands-on experience in conservation practices and develop a deeper connection to nature. Additionally, the role fosters a sense of community and personal fulfillment through collaborative work and the visible results of your efforts in vibrant, thriving landscapes. It's a chance to build skills, enjoy outdoor activities, and be part of a meaningful cause that benefits both the environment and local communities.