



“Friends of” Member – Trail Stewards Position Description

Position Overview: Trail Stewards are members of Capitol Land Trust’s “Friends of” program which enables us to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience at CLT’s public preserves. Trail stewards visit their preserve at least once a month, complete basic tasks, and report their observations back to CLT using an online form.

Key Responsibilities:

- Walk the trails at your preserve at least once a month and submit the online form.
- Pick up and dispose of small pieces of garbage.
- Clear/cut small branches or other small pieces of debris from the trails.
- Report any problems/observations to CLT using an online form.

Optional Tasks:

- Walk the trails at your preserve more than once a month and submit the online form after each visit.
- Organize trail cleanup/maintenance events with the help of CLT’s AmeriCorps position.
- Engage with other Trail Stewards to coordinate your visits and work together on larger tasks.
- Attend CLT’s stewardship events at your preserve.
- Promote the “Friends of” program to help recruit new Trail Stewards.
- Be “on call” to help with storm damage cleanup.

Initial Impact: Trail stewards have an important role in ensuring that individuals and families can visit CLT’s public preserves and connect with nature. By volunteering with our “Friends of” program as a Trail Steward you make it possible for CLT to maintain our public preserves. As a Trail Steward you will get to give back to the preserves you already enjoy visiting and hiking.

Sustained Outcomes:

- Ensuring a safe and enjoyable hiking experience for individuals and families visiting CLT’s preserves.
- Enable CLT to catch potential problems at our public preserves before they become serious.
- Help individuals and families connect to nature.

Commitment: As a Trail Steward you commit to visit and hike your chosen public preserve at least once a month and report your observations back to CLT through an online form.

Skills and Qualifications:

- Willing and able to visit and hike your chosen public preserve at least once a month.
- Willing and able to pick up and dispose of small pieces of garbage.
- Willing and able to clear/cut small branches or other small pieces of debris from the trails.
- Access to a computer or smart phone to submit online form after you visit your preserve.

Benefits:

- Invitation to CLT’s annual volunteer appreciation event.
- Give back to the trails you love to visit and hike and help your community connect with nature.

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