

Supplement to NIIPP November Newsletter

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REGISTER!!! Invasive Plant Symposium in Milwaukee

Register now for the Invasive Plant Symposium co-hosted by the Midwest Invasive Plant Network and the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin and held at the North Central Weed Science Society Conference! This two-day symposium is packed with talks you won't want to miss. See the attached agenda for details. The deadline for the discounted early registration rate is Nov. 21st. Room reservations must also be made by Nov. 21st to receive the meeting rate at the Hyatt.

Dates: Dec. 14-15

Location: Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee, WI

Cost: \$150 two days, \$100 one day

Registration: online: <http://www.ncwss.org> or mail attached form

Pre-registration deadline: November 21st

Hotel reservations must be made prior to November 21, 2011 to receive the meeting rate (\$109/night for single, \$119/night for double), and can be made

online: <http://www.ncwss.org/meeting-page2.php>

Note, nearby hotels will accept federal and state rates and may be cheaper.

The final symposium schedule is attached.

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New Thousand Canker Disease of Black Walnut Website - www.thousandcankers.com This was developed by Purdue and USFS.

Emerald Ashborer (and other pests) Workshops Attached is the flyer for the St Charles and Rantoul Mutilizer workshops. While the catalyst for these workshops was centered around how to deal with the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer on municipal areas, other topics will also be covered including Thousand Cankers of Walnut Disease and Asian Longhorned Beetle. If you, your staff, or any one you know are at all interested in attending one of these workshops, especially the Rantoul event (this is the first downstate workshop of its kind), please register as soon as possible. We do not want to have to cancel the Rantoul workshop due to low registration. With severe budget cuts coming to many invasive species programs, workshops such as this may be limited in the future. These workshops cost only \$35 per person, include lunch, outreach materials, and CEUs for Certified Arborists.

Workshop flyer is attached.

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**LIAISON POSITION FOR SHENANDOAH BASED EXOTIC PLANT MANAGEMENT TEAM
NOW OPEN ON USAJOBS**

The vacancy announcement for the EPMT Liaison Position based at Shenandoah National Park is now open on USAJOBS.

Job Announcement No. GETT-12-06DEU. Below is the link:

<http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/301387600>

The vacancy announcement is open WED, Nov 2 and closes WED, Nov 23, 2011.

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Job Announcement: Regional Ecologist (Indiana)

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Nature Preserves has a full-time Regional Ecologist position open at this time. This position is an ecological specialist who works as a property manager of nature preserves within the watershed of the Grand Calumet River in northern Lake County, Indiana. The incumbent is also a consultant to public and private landowners regarding preservation and management options, performing technical and administrative functions related to the management of natural areas, the Natural Resource Damages Program, endangered species conservation, and conservation biology. The position is now posted on the Indiana Job Bank. A more detailed job description can be found in the attached document below. This position will remain open until December 1, 2011. To find the job posting, go to: <http://www.in.gov/spd> Once in the website, follow this trail: On the left side of the page under the heading "Job Seekers", choose "Employment Opportunities". On the next page that opens up, choose "Apply Now". On the next page, search for the following job title: "Regional Ecologist – Oak Ridge Prairie Park". It will have Job ID #576568. One must first go through the "register" process in order to proceed. Follow directions for submitting an application online.

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Job Announcement: Resource Ecologist FPD Cook County

<https://cookcountyil.taleo.net/careersection/400/jobdetail.ftl>

Resource Ecologist III Job Number: 00113453 Work

Locations : 536 N. Harlem (114) Chicago, IL

Job Posting : Oct 31, 2011

Closing Date : Nov 15, 2011

Shift Start Time : 8:00 A.M. Shift End Time : 4:00 P.M.

Collective Bargaining Unit : None Posting Grade-Step : 21 - 1

Posting Salary : \$67,496

Job Summary: Provides a high level of professional expertise and direction in the coordination of staff and operations in all aspects of ecological land management for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the District); assists in the development and implementation of land management policies that

accommodate the needs of the District's natural resources; supervises activities of the District's field personnel and trained volunteers engaged in on-the-ground maintenance and restoration that effectively restores the health, beauty and biodiversity of the District's natural lands; regularly confers with District staff on land management issues; supervises the preparation of site-specific land management plans, coordinates approved plans and supervises the implementation of plans performed by other District personnel, volunteers, interns, contractors and partner organizations; oversees staff scheduling, work assignments and budget preparation for land management activities; collaborates with Resource Management Department staff on the prescribed burning program. Builds relationships and confers with other conservation based governmental agencies on matters affecting District lands; coordinates land management projects with all participants; consults with and reports to the Director of Resource Management or his/her designee; and collaborates with the Resource Specialist III regarding on the ground work.

Resource Ecologist III-00113453

Qualifications-

Minimum Qualifications:

* Must possess a Bachelor's or higher level degree in Environmental Sciences, Natural Resource Management or equivalent area.

* Must have six (6) years professional work experience in the field operations of ecosystem management with a private, municipal, state or federal agency, at least three (3) years of which were in a supervisory capacity.

* Must possess a current valid Driver's License.

* Must possess a certificate of completion of the

National Wildfire Coordinating Group course work S130/S190 OR a certificate of completion of the Chicago Wilderness Midwest Ecological Prescription Burn Crew Member Training.

* Must possess a current Pesticide Applicator's License OR official documentation verifying that the examination has been taken and passed.

Proof of education, certifications and licenses will be required at time of interview.

Preferred Qualifications:

* Professional work experience in biodiversity-focused ecosystem restoration with experience in the incorporation of hydrology, botany and zoology into decision-making.

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics:

Ability to provide in-depth knowledge and expertise in all areas related to the preservation, management and conservation of natural resources as it applies to the District. Knowledge of current conservation practices as applied to forests, woodlands, wetlands, prairies and savannas. Knowledge in the care and

preservation of natural plant and animal species and the appropriate management techniques suitable for regional habitat restoration and management as it pertains to the District's needs and operations. Knowledge of the ecosystems of the Chicago area and the central Midwest. Skill in supervising, managing and coordinating staff, contractors and trained volunteers to fulfill management goals and objectives. Skill in maintaining a high level of efficiency and morale while supervising and interacting with staff, volunteers and the general public. Ability to effectively communicate (verbally and in writing) both professionally and to the general public. Ability to organize and execute with dedication the mission of the District. Ability to manage numerous projects at one time, skill in directing written and oral instructions effectively and the ability to follow safety procedures for prescribed burns. Ability to work outdoors in wilderness conditions and in inclement weather. Ability to perform various types of physical exertion, including, but not limited to, lifting, pulling, pushing, and moving objects of moderate to heavy weight. Ability to travel to work assignments for which the employee may be required to provide his or her own means of transportation. Ability to work extended, flexible, weekend and holiday hours as needed.

MUST BE A RESIDENT OF COOK COUNTY OR ESTABLISH RESIDENCY IN COOK COUNTY WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT AND REMAIN A RESIDENT AT ALL TIMES DURING EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DISTRICT

The duties listed are not set forth for purposes of limiting the assignment of work. They are not to be construed as a complete list of the many duties normally to be performed under a job title or those to be performed temporarily outside an employee's normal line of work.

<<https://cookcountyil.taleo.net/careersection/400/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&job=42742>>Apply online to this position.