



# Tree Care Volunteer

## Position Description

**Purpose of Volunteer Service:** To assist with the monitoring and maintenance of new tree plantings.

**Supervisors:** Restoration Ecologist, Volunteer Coordinator

**Typical Assignment:** Maintain recently established tree plantings by managing weeds, spraying deer repellent and monitoring animal damage and tree health.

### Qualifications/Skills:

- Ability to perform moderate physical activities, such as walking through preserves, weeding by hand and use of various tools.
- Capable of working independently in varying weather conditions throughout the year.
- Possess minimal plant identification skills or interest and willingness to learn them.
- Provide own transportation to assigned preserve within the county.

### Expectations:

- Commit to approximately 10 hours per month, year-round. Hourly commitment is dependent on volunteer group size and number of sites.
- Assist with documentation (using District protocols) of tree health and animal damage on recently established tree plantings and report findings.
- Manage weeds on and around trees on a monthly basis throughout growing season using hand pulling and tools.
- Spray trees with deer repellent on a monthly basis, year-round.

### Training:

Volunteers are required to attend one *Volunteer Orientation*. Additional educational classes are listed in the quarterly newsletter, *The Tree Line*, which can be viewed online at <http://www.kaneforest.com/publications/treeLine.pdf>. Training will also be provided in the field with the Restoration Ecologist and/or the Volunteer Coordinator.

