

## ***Invasive Species Technician Position Available***

North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (NCCISMA) is looking to hire an Invasive Species Technician to assist with the field and office work involved in invasive species management over a six county area including Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Osceola, and Wexford.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Study for exam and obtain MDARD pesticide applicator certification within first month
- Learn to identify invasive plant and animal species of western Michigan
- Conduct field surveys for invasive species
- Record field data using datasheets, GPS units, and the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) phone app or website
- Work with NCCISMA coordinator and other NCCISMA partner organizations to complete invasive species treatments using mechanical and chemical methods
- Under supervision of NCCISMA coordinator, help to organize and lead volunteer workdays
- Attend fairs and community outreach events to promote NCCISMA and invasive species awareness
- Assist NCCISMA with report writing and data management

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Bachelors degree or significant progress toward a 4 year degree in environmental sciences or a related field
- Must hold a valid driver's license, have a good driving record, and a reliable vehicle
- Must be proficient in the use of Microsoft Office Suite programs
- Must be able to work independently in outdoor/natural areas and on office projects
- Must be an enthusiastic, self-starter and show initiative to take ownership of projects
- Willingness to learn how to identify native and invasive plant species
- Willingness to study for and pass exam for Commercial Pesticide Applicator certification
- Must be willing and able to safely work with handheld gardening equipment and herbicides to manage invasive plants

### **Terms and Benefits:**

- Pay Rate: \$12 - \$14 per hour; based out of Wexford CD in Cadillac, MI - daily work location negotiable
- This is a grant funded position. Funding is secure for up to 18 weeks full-time during the 2017 field season. Part-time/full-time employment during the off-season is dependent on obtaining additional funding. Return to full-time employment for the summer of 2018 is anticipated.

### **Other Considerations:**

- Should be able to carry a 25lb pack across uneven or saturated terrain
- Should be comfortable speaking to public at fairs or other education/outreach events
- Field work may take place in all weather conditions, where biting insects, poison ivy present
- Occasional evenings/weekends may be necessary to complete field work or attend events
- Use of personal computer or smartphone may be required

To apply, submit a cover letter, resume, transcripts and 3 references to Vicki Sawicki, NCCISMA Program Coordinator at [vicki.sawicki@macd.org](mailto:vicki.sawicki@macd.org). Please contact NCCISMA with any questions via the above email or (231) 429-5072.

**Please submit your application materials no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2017**