



# NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT TEAM

WASHINGTON, DC

## STEWARDS INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS

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Stewards Individual Placements provides individuals with service and career opportunities to strengthen communities and preserve our natural resources.

Stewards, in partnership with the National Park Service, are seeking an intern to serve as Community Volunteer Ambassador.

## POSITION DETAILS

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- Length: position is 50 weeks, 40 hours/week
- Start Date: Monday, February 7th 2022
- Living Allowance: Baseline allowance of \$500/week\*
- AmeriCorps Award: \$6,345 (pre-tax)
- Application Due Date: **01/07/2022**, or Until Filled
- Members will attend a week-long, nationwide, National Early Service Training
- Members will receive Public Land Corps Hiring Authority upon completion

## ABOUT THE SITE

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The National Capital Area Invasive Plant Management Team (NCA IPMT) is a program in Natural Resources and Science (NRS). NCA IPMT plans and implements treatments for non-native, invasive plants in the parks of the National Capital Area. The team inventories and maps targeted invasive vegetation, develops control strategies, and, through partnerships, follows treatments with restoration of disturbed areas.

## POSITION SUMMARY

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The Community Volunteer Ambassador's (CVA's) primary responsibility will be to develop outreach and education materials and improve NCA IPMT's strategy to engage new audiences. This position will also assist the National Capital Region PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management) with coordinating Weed Warrior and Invader Detectives training events. Weed Warriors are volunteers trained to recognize and remove non-native, invasive plants, while Invader Detectives are volunteers who will help NCR PRISM detect new populations of Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) species. The CVA will also have the opportunity to join the NCA IPMT field staff and assist them with invasive plant control and surveys throughout the growing season.

## POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Provide support to NCA parks and NCR-PRISM with Weed Warrior training events
- Assist with training Invader Detectives, who's main role is to monitor EDRR species in the region
- Create outreach and education material for NCA visitors interested in invasive plants
- Create resource briefs that could be shared with NCA Information Sharing Specialist and distributed among NPS staff
- Provide assistance with Invasive Plant Prioritization Project
- Assist with creating Invasive Plant Control Best Management Practice (BMPs) briefs
- Other duties as assigned

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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- Strong communication skills (writing and oral) and attention to detail
- Independent
- Some experience with Mid-Atlantic flora or invasive plants in the DMV (DC, Maryland, and VA)
- Education: High School diploma/GED required
- Between the ages of 18-30 years old (35 years old if you are a veteran)
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Submit proof of a Driver's License and undergo a Federal Background Check, upon selection
- It is very likely that all participants will be required to be fully vaccinated to serve in the 2022 CVA Program. At a minimum participants will be required to get tested weekly if they are not vaccinated. Dates for implementing these requirements are not yet determined, but we expect that compliance will be necessary by the end of 2021.

## PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

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- Undergraduate degree in science related field or communications preferred
- Interested in natural resources related issues
- Local applicants
- Experience writing outreach and education material
- Critical thinker

## HOUSING

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Park housing will not be available.

\*If site is unable to provide housing at no cost, up to \$65/week may be allocated to support rent.

## HOW TO APPLY

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Apply online [HERE](#). In addition to your resume, please submit a one page cover letter highlighting why you are interested in this position and how your background and experience will help you succeed in this position.

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