

## Category 5: Citizen Science

### **BUTTERFLY MONITOR**

#### **Description of Position**

Butterfly Monitors have the opportunity to contribute to an integral part of the GRNA Natural Resources Management Plan, as volunteer-led efforts to sustain and monitor biological diversity is a key component of the management plan. Butterfly Monitors adopt a section of trail and walk it regularly throughout the summer, identifying and documenting butterfly populations for the Michigan Butterfly Network, a statewide program that aims to collect data on the distribution and abundance of butterflies across Michigan. Collected data is used to guide resource management decisions at GRNA.

#### **Qualifications**

- Knowledge of Grass River and/or natural environments
- Ability to work with other volunteers as well as unsupervised
- Ability to follow strict, standardized data collection protocols
- Ability to communicate both orally and in writing to GRNA, Inc. staff and the general public
- Ability to walk various distances over uneven surfaces or boardwalks
- Ability to work in varied temperatures

#### **Required before starting service**

Complete Volunteer Information Form

Volunteer Orientation

Volunteer Training: Attend a Michigan Butterfly Network training session, offered each spring

**Reports to:** Volunteer Coordinator and Education Director