

Category 5: Citizen Science

STREAM MONITOR

Description of Position

Stream 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 the health of our streams is a key component of the management plan. Stream Monitors take part in two stream sampling events each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Sampling involves working in a small team of volunteers to collect macroinvertebrates at a creek site and sorting through them for later identification by expert entomologists. 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: Attending Stream Monitoring Training, offered each May, is STRONGLY encouraged, and is required for team leaders

Reports to: Volunteer Coordinator