



Michigan Nature Association

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Newaygo Natural Areas Stewardship Worker

The Michigan Nature Association (MNA), a statewide land conservancy, is seeking to hire two hourly employees to conduct grant-funded stewardship work at MNA's Karner Blue Nature Sanctuary and the nearby Coolbough Natural Area. MNA protects a vast network of over 170 nature sanctuaries, totaling over 17,000 acres, in 60 of Michigan's 83 counties. Many of the sanctuaries house rare habitats and species and are managed to protect their viability. For more information on MNA, please see our website at michigannature.org.

Hourly Position: The employee shall be eligible to conduct short-term work between the dates of November 3rd, 2025 and August 28th, 2026. The employee shall not work in excess of 38 hours in any calendar week and shall not work in excess of 900 hours over the entirety of this position.

Compensation: \$17.00 per hour + mileage reimbursement at the rate of \$0.54 per mile for each day that the employee drives their personal vehicle and works onsite in excess of 4 hours on that day (mileage based on distance from their home).

Service Area: The position is based in Brooks Township, Newaygo County, Michigan.

Reports to: Western Lower Peninsula Conservation Coordinator

Duties:

- Working independently or with MNA staff to complete savanna restoration work at Karner Blue Nature Sanctuary and the Coolbough Natural Area, including practices such as tree felling, brush cutting, cut stump herbicide treatment, brush pile burning activities; firebreak construction, foliar application of herbicides with backpack sprayers, hand pulling of invasive weed species
- Submit bi-weekly timesheets, travel records, volunteer day records, and activity progress reports
- Work with volunteers and lead volunteer workdays
- Maintain stewardship equipment provided by MNA

Qualifications:

- Must be physically capable of walking long distances on uneven terrain, capable of lifting 50 lbs., and be willing to work in adverse weather conditions to complete work.
- Knowledge of the ecology, flora, and fauna of the Western Lower Peninsula
- Familiarity with the operation and basic maintenance of stewardship equipment
- Preference will be given to applicants possessing a Michigan pesticide applicator license and experience with chainsaws and brush cutters

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 references via e-mail to Andrew Bacon, Conservation Director, at abacon@michigannature.org or mail to Attn: Newaygo Stewardship Worker Application, Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Suite 100, Okemos, MI 48864. Applications will be accepted until the positions have been filled.

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