

Wetland Steward at Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands



At the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands (RBUFV), community members of all ages come together to learn how to grow food organically and restore a wetland ecosystem. For Seattle Tilth, creating a healthy wetland ecosystem reflects our commitment to environmental stewardship as the foundation of a local food system that is sustainable and equitable. Much of the wetland restoration at RBUFV is also part of a citywide effort, the [Green Seattle Partnership](#), which empowers volunteers to improve the ecosystem health of 2,500 acres of urban parklands.

Position Description

Wetland Stewards work together to lead environmental stewardship and learning activities related to watershed ecology and conservation. Alongside Seattle Tilth staff and community volunteers, you'll help restore a wetland ecosystem by removing invasive weeds and installing native plants. Wetland Stewards receive training on topics including restoration ecology and techniques, wetlands and forest ecology, environmental education and natural history, and volunteer and group management.

Responsibilities

- Participate in restoration activities (sheet mulching, invasive plant removal, planting, etc.)
- Support and lead work parties with neighbors, community and business groups, and schools
- Assist with other environmental educational activities, including school field trips
- Attend a Wetland Steward Orientation and participate in ongoing learning opportunities
- Represent Seattle Tilth to the public in a professional manner

Benefits

- Gain knowledge and experience related to forest and wetland restoration
- Develop and apply communication, environmental education, and group management skills
- Make professional contacts with Seattle Tilth staff, partner organizations, and volunteers
- Enjoy working with a team to accomplish common goals

Qualifications

- Interest in restoration ecology (prior experience is helpful but not required)
- Must enjoy doing physical work outside, in all types of weather
- Ability and desire to work with people from diverse backgrounds
- Ability to work independently and also as part of a team
- Available to attend monthly Saturday work parties (weekday opportunities are also available)

Time Commitment

Wetland Stewards commit to attend monthly wetlands restoration work parties and ongoing learning opportunities for at least 6 months. Restoration activities take place on at least one Saturday each month (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.), with additional day and evening opportunities available during the week.

Compensation

This is an unpaid volunteer opportunity, but service hours may count for school credit.

Work Site

Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands, 5513 S. Cloverdale St, Seattle, WA 98118.

Training Requirements

Wetland Stewards are required to attend a Wetland Steward Orientation (scheduled periodically), and attend ongoing learning opportunities (optional).

Application Process

- Please fill out a general application on our website: <http://seattletilth.nonprofitsoapbox.com/volunteer-registration-form> and attend a Seattle Tilth volunteer orientation: <http://www.seattletilth.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-orientations>.
- Email an introduction to chrishoffer@seattletilth.org for more information about how to start volunteering and to sign-up for the next Wetland Steward Orientation.

About Seattle Tilth

Seattle Tilth is a nationally recognized non-profit educational organization dedicated to inspiring and educating people to safeguard our natural resources while building an equitable and sustainable local food system. Our programs include community learning gardens, youth garden programming, small farm business development training, our volunteer program, classes and workshops, events, a children's garden program, the Master Composter program and the Garden Hotline.

Thank you for your interest in being a volunteer with Seattle Tilth!

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