<u>Job Category:</u> Natural Resources Asst.

Seasonal Position

Base Salary: \$14/hr.

Start Date: September 7th, 2024

End Date: Until completion of 1200 hours

Description:

A natural resource professional is needed to assist with the City of Mentor's Natural Resource Division with fall migratory bird banding, white-tailed deer management, and invasive species. The preferred candidate will have experience in the identification, banding, ageing, sexing, and handling of passerines. The candidate will also have experience in the set-up of mist-nets and show proficiency in the safe extraction of birds. We are seeking an individual who is open to changes and can deal with unexpected situations calmly. The preferred candidate will continue employment into the winter. Work duties shift to invasive species management and white-tailed deer management and harvest.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Completed degree or continuing education in wildlife biology, wildlife management, ecology, or similar field.
- Basic knowledge and identification skills in the fields of ornithology and mammalogy
- Must be physically fit to walk up to 7 miles and willing to work in all weather conditions.
- Must be able to lift 40Ibs.
- Willingness to operate chainsaws and/or use hand tools such as loppers and handsaws.
- Proven as a cohesive member of a team.
- Valid driver's license and willingness to work some weekends.



Preferred Qualifications:

- Proven ability to safely extract passerines from mist nets (~500 birds extracted)
- Experience handling, banding, and taking biological measurements on passerines such as wing chord, tarsus, weight.
- Proven ability to safely extract passerines from mist nets (~500 birds extracted)
- Skills in ageing passerines and understanding of passerine molt strategies.
- Experience educating the public on migratory bird species and/or invasive plant species.
- Experience managing invasive plant species and using herbicides.