

Service Position Title: Conservation Steward, AmeriCorps Position Full-time
Immediate Supervisor Ben Nanny, Ijams Nature Center Grounds Manager

Service Position Summary

Ijams Nature Center is committed to setting an example of environmental stewardship in our community. We accomplish this by maintaining a thriving greenspace for residents and visitors.

- The Conservation Steward will assist with the maintenance, care, and repair of 12+ miles of hiking trails, visitor service areas, play areas, gardens, and planted areas throughout the 300-acre park.
- In addition to ongoing maintenance, the Conservation Steward will be responsible for working with the Volunteer Coordinator to organize workdays for these gardens and supervise the work of these volunteers, including scout groups and other youth organizations.
- The Conservation Steward will work with the Grounds Manager to develop and implement an invasive species management plan for the Park.
- As part of Ijams Nature Center's annual River Rescue clean-up, the Conservation Steward will serve as a zone captain at one of 40 clean-up sites along the Tennessee River. In this capacity the position will supervise 25 volunteers for litter pick-up, tree plantings, and/or other shoreline conservation efforts.
- The Conservation Steward will serve an important role as a front-line interpreter, educating visitors about conservation efforts at Ijams Nature Center and interpreting the cultural and natural resources of Ijams Nature Center

Essential Functions of Position

1. Assist with planting, weeding, and maintaining gardens and planted beds throughout the park
2. Coordinate invasive species removal efforts
3. Train and manage volunteers (groups and individuals) to assist with landscaping needs
4. Assist with maintenance of Ijams' Organic Garden and Greenhouse
5. Assist with scout projects (trail improvement and park enhancements) as needed
6. This position will be Tuesday through Saturday to accommodate volunteer groups