

Land Savers United
Stewardship Specialist
Roanoke, VA

Closing date: Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, 5 pm Eastern time

Land Savers United (d/b/a the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy, Central Virginia Land Conservancy and Southern Virginia Land Conservancy) is hiring a stewardship specialist. This individual will ensure that all conservation easement and fee simple properties held by LSU are monitored annually, resolve any easement violations with the help of their supervisor, and provide GIS support for all projects. The stewardship specialist is assisted by outside staff in two offices, as well as volunteers.

Hours per week/rate: Full time (37.5 hours/week)/\$36,000 - \$40,000 per year depending on experience

Benefits: Annual leave, sick leave, paid holidays and other benefits per personnel manual

Reports to: Emily Bender, Assistant Director

Job duties:

Stewardship

- Ensure that all easements held and properties owned by Land Savers United are monitored annually with assistance from staff at the Central Virginia and Southern Virginia Land Conservancies
- Maintain good relationships with all landowners, partner organizations and other stakeholders
- Ensure that landowners are given a report following each visit
- Address any concerns or minor violations with landowners in accordance with LSU policy
- Work with assistant director to address any significant/major concerns or violations
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date stewardship records for all easements and owned properties
- Provide stewardship committee and/or board with reports of monitoring progress as requested
- Engage volunteers in stewardship activities regularly

GIS/land management software

- Prepare and maintain mapping files and records in ArcGIS and Landscape
- Assist with the creation of Baseline Documentation Reports
- Provide GIS support for other projects as needed

Other

- Assist with file maintenance and record retention to ensure compliance with LSU and LTA policies
- Other duties as assigned

Desired qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in a related field
- Classroom or work experience with ArcGIS Pro software; ability to learn and use other land management tools
- Comfort working outdoors in a variety of conditions
- Must obtain FAA drone operator licensure and Wilderness First Aid certification within six months of hire (paid for by LSU).

Compensation includes:

- starting salary of \$36,000 to \$40,000 DOE with planned annual cost of living increases
- full, 100 percent employer-paid medical, vision and dental benefits
- paid sick and annual leave
- paid and unpaid family leave and medical leave
- paid personal days
- paid holidays
- flexible schedule including some options to work remotely
- opportunities for professional development including seminars, conferences and professional certifications paid by company
- company cell phone for work purposes
- company vehicle for all travel

Land Savers United is an accredited land trust covering 16 counties in western, central and southern Virginia. Founded in 1996, it protects nearly 30,000 acres of land today. Locally-focused, it does business as Blue Ridge Land Conservancy, Central Virginia Land Conservancy or Southern Virginia Land Conservancy, with counties broken into service areas for each entity. Land Savers United maintains websites for each of its services areas: brlcva.org, cvalc.org, and svalc.org.

The closing date is **5 pm Eastern time, Friday, Oct. 28, 2022**. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and three professional references to:

Emily Bender
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Questions should be sent to Emily Bender, Assistant Director
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