

## Job Description – Clean Leadership 2019 Program

### Summary of the Program

The Clean Leadership program (formerly Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps or Youth Corps) was established in 1989 to provide Nova Scotian youth with training and employment opportunities in the environmental field. This program engages community partners across the province to hire students to carry out work in the summer months that fosters environmental stewardship. The Clean Leadership program provides Nova Scotian youth with green sector work experience, an enhanced appreciation of the environment and their community, and develops skills for life-long learning (including team-building and leadership skills, increased knowledge for future employment and/or education ventures, program evaluation techniques, and the ability to give back to their community and their environment.

### Job Title - Watershed Project Assistant

Wage - \$13.25/hr

### Summary of Position

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Clean Leadership program will be Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Society, reporting to **the Watershed Project Coordinator**. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for conducting stream assessments and helping with the installation of restoration structures in the Shubenacadie Watershed. The successful candidate needs to have an interest in working outdoors and in streams. Pursuing a degree in water, environmental, biology or related field would be an asset.

### Community Partner

The Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Protection Society (SWEPS), in Fall River, NS, is a volunteer organization concerned with the quality of life and the environment in the Shubenacadie Watershed. These activities include water quality, habitat protection and trail construction.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Conduct stream surveys and assessments to prioritize future stream restoration projects
- Visit old restoration sites to assess maintenance needs on installed restoration structures
- Organize the installation of a stream restoration structures in Annand and Skerry Brook with the help of SWEPS volunteers
- Survey and commence a stream bank/bed cleanup project near Laurie Park
- Perform task involving physical labor at stream restoration projects
- Maintain a clean job site; pick up all waste materials, tools and equipment and secure job site each day
- Conduct water quality testing using a YSI multi-meter and enter data into a database
- Organize community events (stream clean-ups, rock-throwing events, BBQ's, etc.)
- Assist in community outreach and education (workshops with youth and community groups)
- Maintain SWEPS's social media platforms (email, Facebook and Twitter)
- Attend training courses

## **Requirements/Qualifications**

*These are the qualifications that are necessary for someone to be considered for the position.*

- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 15 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2019;
- Is not a member of immediate family of community partner;
- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multi-task in a busy work environment;
- Be able to work productively as part of a team while responding to feedback;
- Demonstrated interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset;

## **Working Conditions**

The successful candidate will be required to work in an office environment on some days and in the field on other (streams and brooks). Some scouting of field sites may also require work in forests and on roadsides (culvert assessments). It is important that you also have an aptitude for safe work practices.

## **Physical Requirements**

Stream surveys often requires scrambling over rocks, in fast-moving water, in varying water depths, on uneven terrain and on steep bank slopes. Stream restoration often requires the movement of debris and the construction of rock structures.