

Riparian Monitoring & Stewardship 2019 Volunteer Job Description

Position Title	Riparian Monitoring Steward
Supervisor	Shana Barbour, Program Coordinator (shana@friendsoffishcreek.org)
Riparian Restoration & Stewardship Program Description	The Friends of Fish Creek Riparian Restoration & Stewardship Program is intended to raise awareness about issues impacting the health of Fish Creek as well as to engage the community in meaningful activities that contribute to improved watershed health.
Overall Role of Riparian Monitoring Steward	Use of the Riparian Health Assessment tool (developed by Cows & Fish) to actively assess riparian health along Fish Creek. The data collected contributes to the Friends of Fish Creek's ReWilding project by determining candidate locations for future restoration work.
Desired Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riparian health scores that will inform the Friends' plans for ReWilding • Improved ability to measure and monitor the success of riparian restoration fieldwork • Improved riparian health along Fish Creek • Heightened public awareness of local impacts to the watershed • Increased opportunities to work together with various partner organizations and in support of common organizational goals (eg. Cows and Fish, Alberta Parks)
Tasks & Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for shifts using <i>MyVolunteerPage</i> • In teams of two or more, use the Riparian Health Assessment tool in areas indicated by Friends' staff, to assess new sections of Fish Creek as well as monitor the state of previous restoration sites • Designate a point person for each team to communicate with FoFC staff (shifts, etc.) • Professionally represent the Friends during outings • Be aware of and work to mitigate the potential hazards of working in Fish Creek Provincial Park; conduct hazard assessment at start of each outing
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign and submit Friends of Fish Creek Volunteer Agreement • Acknowledge the Friends of Fish Creek Volunteer Handbook on MVP profile • Basic computer/internet literacy and email access • Friendly and professional interpersonal skills • Physically fitness level sufficient to handle moderate walking in varied weather and diverse terrain with vegetation, uneven ground, slopes, downed trees, rocks, etc. • Ability to identify native and invasive plants and/or a background in ecology or environmental science an asset
Time Commitment	Depending on your availability, commitment can range from 2-4 hours per outing, with your choice of the number of outings you want to attend. Assessment and monitoring work will occur between June and September.
Training	Two training sessions hosted by Cows and Fish and Friends' staff.
Evaluation	Ongoing. We welcome feedback from volunteers throughout the season and volunteers will be invited to complete an end-of-season Volunteer Experience Survey to provide feedback to the organization.
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get involved in the Friends of Fish Creek community; meet new people • Play an active role in the stewardship of Fish Creek Provincial Park • Receive <i>Voice of the Friends</i> newsletter to stay informed about upcoming events & happenings in Fish Creek • Invitation to optional First Aid training • Invitation to Volunteer Appreciation events