



Crew in Your Community

Youth Conservation League Stewardship & Service Day Request for Proposals

Overview: The Rhode Island Natural History Survey (RINHS) seeks proposals from communities across the state for “Crew in your Community: Youth Conservation League Land Stewardship Day.” Up to 3 land organizations (e.g. towns, land trusts, watershed organizations, etc.) will be selected for one day of Youth Conservation League (YCL) labor during July 2015.

The 2015 YCL follows a successful annual pattern developed since 2010. The 2015 crew consists of 6 Rhode Island high school students, directly supervised by an adult crew leader and assistant crew leader. Crew members are competitively selected and paid for their time and therefore expected to work hard for the partner organizations. They get things done!

Examples of past crew projects include:

- Invasive plant removal to create river access for the Friends of the Blackstone in Cumberland
- Trail boardwalk construction to minimize wetland disturbance for The Nature Conservancy in West Greenwich and Narragansett
- Invasive plant removal/ trail clearing to a historic site, Narrow River Land Trust in South Kingston

Requirements:

- Completed 1-page application (see below)
- **Match:** Applying organization must agree to commit:
 - at least **24 volunteer hours** working with the YCL crew during the service day (e.g. 4 volunteers, each working 6 hours, etc.) to share conservation values intergenerationally
 - **\$400 cost share** will be invoiced by RINHS
 - **pitch a story to your local press** (e.g. a newspaper article about the project)
- Land trusts, towns, watershed groups, etc. are eligible to apply but submit only *one* site per group
- Sites should have a clear public resource (e.g. trail-way, vista, etc.) and/or ecological resource (e.g. rare species, natural community, etc.) with a stewardship concern. Sites with invasive plant-related or wildlife habitat-related stewardship concerns are *especially encouraged*.
- The YCL is equipped with basic hand tools (loppers, hammers, shears, rakes, shovels, etc.) along with safety equipment. Partner organizations are expected to contribute any additional material, power tools, or heavy equipment necessary for the proposed project.
- You must be able to accommodate an available work day: the crew works M-Th 8 am to 3:30 pm and is not available the week of July 20.

Timeline:

- **Application Due — 4 p.m. Monday, April 27**
- Notification by May 15
- Work Day will be scheduled to fit your needs, Mon-Thurs in July except not on July 20-23.

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Youth Crew Stewardship & Service Day
2015 Application

Organization:

Contact Person:

Email:

Phone:

Site Name:

Address:

Please answer the following questions, 4 sentence max for each

General Site Description:

Stewardship Concern:

What kind of work would the YCL be doing? What would your "match" volunteers be doing?

What's Your Press Idea?:

Is your organization able to commit 24 volunteer hours during the service day? Y / N

Is your organization able to commit to the \$400 cost share? Y / N

Which Work Day Do You Want the Crew?

1st choice:

2nd choice:

3rd choice:

Attach a Map or link to a Google Map:

Attach Management Plan for the Parcel if One Exists:

For questions contact David Gregg at RINHS (401-874-5800, dgregg@rinhs.org)

Submit applications by email to kstillwell@rinhs.org

Emailed applications should have the subject header:

"Crew in your Community"

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