Job Opportunity with the Southwest Nova Biosphere Region Association

Position: Project Manager – 2 Billion Trees Program

Project Description:

The 2 Billion Trees program is committed to tackling climate change and biodiversity loss by planting two billion trees across Canada over a 10 year period. The project manager will be responsible for the planning and building of capacity to implement this program in Kespukwitk (Southwest Nova Scotia). The first phase of the project will include outreach to municipal units, private landowners, indigenous communities and provincial government agencies to identify and document sites that are suitable for planting of native trees, creating agreements with landowners and government departments to support the planting and nurturing of trees, and increasing the supply of native trees. This phase of the project will last from December 2022 to March 2023 with opportunity for renewal.

The Project Manager should have background in forest ecology and project management. They will be tasked with identifying and mapping areas for potential tree planting activities and habitat restoration, investigation of property titles, negotiation of planting agreements and working with legal support to develop legal frameworks for those agreements. The project manager must work to secure additional project funding through grant applications to ensure the continuation of the project. Successful completion of a grant application for phase 2 of the project will create an additional field worker position under the management of the project leader.

Other tasks include networking with multiple levels of government and NGOs, and promotion of the project to the public through events such as bio-blitz activities and outreach through the SNBR Interpretive Centre and Newsletter.

The ideal candidate for this position should have the following skills and qualifications:

- Post secondary degree or equivalent in forestry/biological/environmental science.
- Oral/written communication and networking skills.
- Able to work as a team member as well as independently.
- Proven grant writing and project management skills.
- Comfort with ArcGIS mapping software
- Passion for restoration and enhancement of natural environments
- Demonstrated ability to work towards a goal and report on work completed within given timelines
- Ability to oversee and motivate other staff towards achieving project goals
- Comfort with field work in wilderness areas.
- Knowledge of English and French
- Driver's license and vehicle access

Timelines: Hiring immediately for work starting in November 2022

Starting salary: \$54,000/year

Office location: Southwest Nova Biosphere Region Interpretive Centre, 90 Water Street, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

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