



Title: Garden Steward Volunteer

Location: Prairie Crossing Farm, 550 Harris Rd, Grayslake IL, 60030

Role Summary: Stewards help build and care for garden spaces and grounds of the Living Laboratory

Reporting to: the Volunteer Manager

Mission: To build bridges and pathways toward land, human, and local economic health.

Objectives Include:

- Plant care including planting, pruning, and watering
- Maintenance tasks such as weeding, deadheading, pruning, and brush removal
- Greenhouse work including seeding, thinning, and cleaning
- Assistance in maintaining compost areas
- Prep tasks including digging, turning soil, edging, and raking
- Harvest and plant processing
- Creative projects
- Community engagement duties such as connecting the public with Liberty Prairie programs, communications, and resources
- Other tasks as assigned

Desired Skills/Experiences:

- Basic knowledge of horticulture or a willingness to learn
- Enthusiasm for gardening, education, and community care
- Interest in holistic land management, sustainability, organic farming/gardening, and native ecosystems
- Ability to perform physical tasks and work outdoors in various weather conditions
- Strong communication skills and a positive attitude
- Reliability and a commitment to the garden's success
- Interest and knowledge of Liberty Prairie, Prairie Crossing, and the [good food movement](#)
- Multi-lingual

Additional Expectations:

Service as a Garden Steward involves physically challenging work. Volunteers will be expected to freely lift up to 40 lbs, and up to about 75 lbs with tools and/or assistance (i.e. wheelbarrows). All reasonable accommodations will be taken into consideration. At this time, we are seeking volunteers that can offer occasional support at least once a month.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB)

Liberty Prairie NFP works to create an environment that welcomes folks from a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, cultures, skills, and experiences, knowing that the more inclusive we are, the more successful and creative we will be. We recognize that the people we serve are unique in their backgrounds, beliefs, opportunities, and challenges. We strive to embody and embrace that in our work, acknowledging and celebrating the differences within each other. We value accountability and hold ourselves and others to high standards of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. We learn and grow collectively and create opportunities for others to join us on this journey.

Acceptance of Volunteer Opportunity

The role of Garden Steward Volunteer is being offered to _____ (*printed name*) by the Volunteer Manager, Penny Burke on _____ (*today's date*). Your signature indicates your agreement for volunteer service, and your understanding of the aforementioned responsibilities.

Volunteer Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (if volunteer is under 18)

Volunteer Manager Signature