

BEZAK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE OF POSITION: Marsh Steward

POSITION REPORTS TO: Director of Education

VALUE OF THIS VOLUNTEER POSITION: Habirshaw Park, where Beczak Environmental Education Center is located, contains a man-made tidal marsh. The tidal marsh requires daily upkeep to keep the soil, plants, and animals within it healthy. The marsh processes our storm water runoff and provides habitat for a unique community of plants and animals. Tidal marsh health is a factor in improving the health of the entire River. The Marsh Steward will help Beczak keep our marsh healthy. The linkage between marsh health, river health, and the public's role in this connection is a key concept that Beczak teaches to the public.

JOB ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1) Attend at least one hour long Marsh Steward training.
- 2) Inspect and maintain the fences that wind through the marsh and prevent damage from the geese that frequent the Habirshaw Park.
- 3) Sawing and hauling drift wood to designated areas of the park where it will be picked up by the parks service.
- 4) Picking up and disposing of trash brought in through the storm drains or carried in by the tide.
- 5) Digging out soil from any collapsed or filled in areas of the fresh water zone.

TIMEFRAME:

DURATION OF THIS COMMITMENT: Minimum commitment 3 months

FREQUENCY OF ACTIVITY: 2-4 times per month

EXPECTED TIME ON DAY OF ACTIVITY: 1-1 ½ hours

QUALIFICATIONS SOUGHT:

- 1) Comfortable working alone or with a group of people.
- 2) Enjoys working outdoors.
- 3) Ability to lift 20 pounds and be moderately active continuously for an hour (this is not necessary for every task).