



Volunteer Position Description: **Riparian Rangers**

Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering with the Alliance! Long term volunteer positions are invaluable in how they help accomplish work in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and we could not do it without you.

About the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Since 1971, we've brought together communities, companies, and conservationists to improve our lands and waters. We strive for clean streams and rivers flowing through resilient landscapes, cared for by the people who live, work, and play in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Our shared goal is to build resiliency among our communities and landscapes to continually adapt to a changing world.

Position description:

A **Riparian Ranger** is a long-term volunteer that visits assigned riparian forest buffer planting(s) monthly over the growing season, from March-October. During these monthly checks, they analyze their site for any concerns to report back to the Alliance while completing hands-on maintenance.

Specific Duties of the Position:

- Conduct maintenance at assigned site(s) including but not limited to
 - removing bird nets
 - fixing fallen stakes
 - ensuring tree shelters are on properly
 - removing and reporting invasive plants
 - making sure the trees are not being smothered by weeds
- Fill out monthly report forms promptly to insure accurate data and planning for the care of the buffer.

Qualifications:

- Passion for trees and forests, improved watersheds, and natural land management.
- Able to walk over uneven ground, bend, stoop, kneel, dig, hammer, and do some minor lifting.
- Is prepared to be outside in various weather conditions and elements at their own discretion.
- Manages their own transportation to and from volunteering locations.
- Uses report forms and email to communicate work with the Alliance.
- Has attended a Riparian Ranger training, and signed a release and volunteer agreement.

Supervision: Riparian Rangers report directly to the Pennsylvania Forests Projects Manager.

Benefits of participation: In this role, volunteers will have the opportunity to learn more about forestry, engagement efforts, native plant knowledge, plant care, and more. Volunteers are actively encouraged to develop new skills in ways that are relevant to their interests.



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Volunteers will be a key part of local conservation efforts and have the chance to get to know like-minded people and be an active part of the Lancaster conservation volunteering community. Work with Riparian Rangers can be credited towards other volunteer programs (e.g. Master Watershed Stewards) or service hour program requirements

Hours and Location: Riparian Ranger volunteers and work are based in south-central Pennsylvania. They visit assigned riparian forest buffer planting(s) monthly over the growing season, from March-October on their own schedule. Most Riparian Rangers spend 4-8 hours per month checking on their sites.