



## Volunteer Position Description: Garlic Mustard Pulling

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**Report To:** Regional Natural Resource Steward

**Goal of Position:** Locate and pull outlier plants and isolated small patches of garlic mustard in prioritized areas and do follow-up pulling at locations previously pulled during workdays.

**Timeframe:** April through the end of June

**Time Required:** Varies by your location and site. There is no limit to how much time you could spend on this project. Please plan for a minimum of 5 hrs per site, including travel time.

**Equipment Needed:**

- Garbage bags to collect the plants
- Gloves, sturdy shoes, and bug repellent – as desired

**Position Requirements:**

- Ability to work independently
- Know how to identify garlic mustard in various growth stages.
- Pull garlic mustard from specified locations.
- Dispose of garlic mustard appropriately.
- Complete and email all required project paperwork in a timely fashion.
- Ability to comfortably walk/hike long distances occasionally, depending on site.
- Ability to work in variable, sometimes adverse site conditions (biting insects, mud, etc.)

**Training Required:**

- Learn how to identify garlic mustard plants. Plant identification information will be provided.
- Beginning Pullers will need to attend an organized workday first.

**How will a volunteer benefit from this position?**

Volunteer Stewards can take pride in protecting our natural resources for future generations! Individual volunteers also have the flexibility to do so on their own schedule while enjoying fresh air, exercise and the reward of protecting our native landscapes. Volunteers will assist the DNR in natural resource management and become more familiar with their favorite parks and recreation areas while gaining valuable experience.

**How will this help our state parks and recreation areas?**

Pulling garlic mustard will limit the spread of this invasive, non-native plant and preserve native ecosystems. The Stewardship Unit focuses on restoration in Michigan's unique ecosystems and preservation of our native species. Volunteers can have a big impact on sustaining these natural resources for future generations to enjoy.