



**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**STEWARDSHIP SPECIALIST**

**Organization:** The Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) is a local elected park agency in Oakland County in southeast Michigan. The PRC is responsible for 1100 acres of Township park land as well as the Oakland Township portion of the Paint Creek Trail, a regional rail trail and green space corridor. The PRC manages a 10-year park millage as well as a 10-year land preservation millage. These two millages fund all Township park/natural area acquisition, planning, development, operation and maintenance.

As one of the first communities in the state to place conservation easements on local parkland and to devote funds to natural areas preservation, Oakland Township has been ahead of its time in the identification, preservation, and protection of natural areas.

Oakland Township has demonstrated its long-term commitment to the identification and preservation of natural areas through the purchase of parks to protect these resources. Most of the parks acquired by the Township contain defined high-priority natural areas, including glacial lakes, prairie remnants, oak-pine barrens, and Clinton River tributaries. Conservation easements have been dedicated to protect key parkland natural areas.

**Position:** The Stewardship Specialist will provide technical expertise and coordinate staff and volunteers to effectively conduct ecological stewardship activities in Oakland Township parks. Duties include management of park natural areas under the direction of the Natural Areas Stewardship Manager. Must be familiar with current conservation issues and have knowledge of general biological and ecological principles as they relate to natural areas management; able to identify Great Lakes region plant and animal species; able to operate GPS units and interpret maps; skill in field data collection and management; able to use and maintain power tools and hand tools safely; able to operate tractors and other equipment safely; possess an ability to perform physical work in harsh conditions and inclement weather; and able to work under minimal supervision. This position will require cooperation with PRC staff, partner organizations, volunteers, and the general public.

**Please see the Parks and Recreation page of the Oakland Township website, [www.oaklandtownship.org](http://www.oaklandtownship.org), for a complete list of specific responsibilities and required qualifications.**

**Pay Rate, Starting Date and Work Schedule:** This is a permanent, part-time, hourly position. Pay will be commensurate with education and work experience. Anticipated start date is April 1, 2017.

**To Apply:** Submit resume and three professional references to Ben VanderWeide, Natural Areas Stewardship Manager:

Electronically:                [bvanderweide@oaklandtownship.org](mailto:bvanderweide@oaklandtownship.org)

By Mail:                         Stewardship Specialist  
Oakland Township Parks and Recreation  
4393 Collins Road  
Rochester, MI 48306

**Resume and professional references must be received no later than February 17, 2017. Anticipated start date is April 1, 2017. For more information visit the Parks and Recreation page of the Oakland Township website, [www.oaklandtownship.org](http://www.oaklandtownship.org), or contact Ben VanderWeide, Natural Areas Stewardship Manager, Oakland Township Parks and Recreation, at [bvanderweide@oaklandtownship.org](mailto:bvanderweide@oaklandtownship.org).**

The Charter Township of Oakland is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
Pre-placement physical exam at department's expense will be required.