



WESTERLY LAND TRUST

CALL FOR LAND STEWARDSHIP INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS

2026

Westerly Land Trust Mission and History

The Westerly Land Trust (WLT) conserves open space, revitalizes culturally significant properties, and provides environmental programs for the enduring benefit of our community. Since incorporation in 1987, WLT has permanently protected 33 properties totaling more than 1,800 acres in Westerly and including a variety of landscapes such as forest, wetlands, river frontage, marsh, and farmland.

In 2023, the Board and staff created a strategic plan that will guide our work through 2028. The four main pillars of this plan are: 1.) Protect the land we cherish, 2.) Steward our lands for future generations, 3.) Enhance green space for every neighborhood, and 4.) Nurture lifelong love of nature. Essentially, we strive to strengthen our community through open space.

For more information, please visit westerlylandtrust.org.

Internship

Applicants will work with the WLT as interns to assist the organization with projects and activities in Land Stewardship.

Internship Term: 20-25 hours per week for ten weeks (June 8- August 14, 2026). Start/end dates flexible.

Award: \$5,000

Description - Land Stewardship Intern

The Land Stewardship Intern will help build the long-term capacity of the Westerly Land Trust by working closely with WLT's Land Stewardship Manager to support WLT's land conservation and land stewardship efforts. Collaborate to resolve any emergent issues on protected properties with high sensitivity and professionalism. Document, record, and file pertinent information relating to stewardship visits, issues, and activities on WLT properties. Support WLT's plan for ecological land management, including control of invasive species, native habitat monitoring, and custodial land management (trail and equipment maintenance, groundskeeping, photo monitoring, mapping). Engage and support stewardship volunteers and other interns.

For candidate to be considered, two forms must be completed

1. Land Stewardship Internship [Application Form](#)
2. [Recommendation Form](#) (*form must be sent by candidate and completed by recommender*)



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Qualifications

- Minimum of one year of college for students working towards a degree in environmental science, biology, or a related field. Equivalent professional/career experience considered.
- Basic knowledge of southern New England ecology.
- Basic GPS and map skills – familiarity with ArcGIS is a plus.
- Willingness to use hand tools and basic power equipment (string trimmers, mowers, brush cutters, etc.). Operation and safety training provided.
- Comfortable working outside, sometimes in adverse conditions.
- Ability to lift up to 25 lbs and walk 3-5 miles through uneven terrain
- Ability to work independently and as part of a diverse team.
- Strong organization and time management skills.
- Diligent notetaking and observation skills
- A positive, upbeat attitude and ability to anticipate needs.
- A reliable means of transportation.
- Demonstrated interest or experience in environmental conservation and biological field sciences.

Application Deadline: 5:00pm EST on Friday March 9, 2026

Award Notification Date: Friday April 3, 2026

NOTES

- Upon completion of the internship recipients are required to write a summary of their experience and submit to WLT.
- Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

*Questions about the specifics of the internship may be directed to WLT Land Stewardship Manager,
Marc Doherty (401) 315-2610, mdoherty@westerlylandtrust.org.*