

Job Title: Tree Planter
Contract type: Temporary – Full Time
(Summer 2024)
Location: Ottawa, Ontario
Apply by April 19, 2024



Host company: Forêt Capitale Forest

Forêt Capitale Forest is a not-for-profit organization with a vision that by 2030 we will create an additional 1,000 hectares of tree cover in Ottawa to contribute to climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation. We have launched a full lifecycle program around the establishment of new forested areas, tailored to Ottawa. Our vision mirrors the mandates of the National Capital Commission and City of Ottawa and aligns with the federal government's pledge to plant 2 billion trees by 2030. Our plan of afforesting 1,000 hectares roughly equates to 1 million trees and is scalable.

Our goal is to be the organization of choice to carry out community-based tree planting efforts. We want to use our first planned planting sites in 2021 to serve as a springboard from which to demonstrate our capabilities with the various government agencies as well as community and corporate partners wanting to plant trees and establish forests within the eastern part of Ottawa. Our goal is to have expanded, thriving forests, stewarded by the communities they are growing in, and you can help!

Job Description:

We are looking for a seasonal Tree Planter to assist with on-site field work to sustain and maintain our tree nursery area and food forest. We also need to water new tree deliveries and prepare them for redeployment to projects around the city. During your summer placement with us, you will act as an ambassador, engaging with potential community groups and other representatives by assisting with tours through our base of operations and tree nursery, assist with tree planting activities, and help us build relationships by participating in various outreach events (e.g. local farmers markets, community events, etc).

The seasonal Tree Planter plays a big role in the retention of existing customers (community groups, tree planting partners or volunteer or service groups and public and private landowners) who are then more likely to be involved in repeat tree planting activities organized by Forêt Capitale Forest.

We are looking for a candidate who is interested in or has experience with field work related to care and maintenance of trees as well as planting and repotting small trees, as would be expected in a tree nursery.

We have several projects underway and will rely on the successful candidate to help information flow fast. Organized candidates with project coordination experience and strong communication skills for volunteer outreach, content creation for social media platforms, and other marketing tools are valuable assets.

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply before the deadline. Start date is expected to be in early May 2024 with a typical work week of 35 hours. Though this is generally a Monday to Friday position, some evening and weekend work will be required.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and 2-page resume to shelley.crabtree@foretcapitaleforest.ca by April 19, 2024 (5 pm EST) deadline. References will be requested for short-listed candidates.