



*Cultivating passion for the natural and cultural resources of Piscataway Park...*

## Stewardship Director

### **About the Accokeek Foundation**

For 65 years, the Accokeek Foundation has cultivated a passion for the natural and cultural heritage of Piscataway Park and commitment to stewardship and sustainability. In partnership with the National Park Service and affiliated communities, the Foundation stewards 200 acres of Piscataway Park while honoring the Indigenous people and values that shaped this land. Park visitors will experience the interconnectedness of all life as they come to know the historical and cultural significance and regenerative potential of the indigenous landscape that is Piscataway Park. The park is open daily to visitors of all ages who enjoy a quiet landscape for recreation and reflection. Annually, thousands of school children visit for land-based education, learning about environmental stewardship through a historical lens.

### **Position Overview**

The Accokeek Foundation is seeking an experienced leader to direct park operations and resource stewardship at Piscataway Park. With a new strategic vision, the Foundation offers public stewardship and education activities for more than 100,000 visitors annually. Our intended impact is that those who visit experience the interconnectedness of all life, as they come to know and understand the cultural and historical significance and regenerative potential of the Indigenous landscape that is Piscataway Park. Reporting directly to the President, the Stewardship Director will play a critical role in partnering with the senior leadership team in strategic decision making and operations.

### **Responsibilities**

- Builds, develops, and manages staff and budgets for facilities, agriculture, and resource stewardship.
- Plans, leads, and participates hands-on in stewardship and agricultural projects as needed to teach, demonstrate, and support field staff and program development.
- Works with managers to write, update, and implement standard operational plans.
- Develops and implements Native Youth Corps internship program.
- Responsible for the cultivation of collaborative working relationships with staff across the organization and with stakeholders in federal, state, and local agencies, National Park Service, tribal partners, and community stakeholders.
- Participates on the leadership team to direct all stewardship towards a future guided by an indigenous values-based land management plan.
- Responsible for compliance with regulatory agency requirements, specifically NEPA and Section 106 NHPA.
- Develops grant proposals, oversees grant funded projects, and prepares program and funder reporting.

### **Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree (B.A./B.S.) from four-year college or university; or four to six years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Experience in pasture management, natural resource stewardship, indigenous ecological and/or public land management practices, in a park environment a plus.
- Experience working with federal agencies and/or the National Park Service desired.

- Experience with supervisory and personnel management.
- Comprehensive project management experience in full life-cycle project management on a variety of complex project assignments varying in complexity, scale, and cost.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Detail oriented and highly organizational skills.
- Proficiency with office computing applications, including proficiency with GIS, Microsoft Office 365 work environment.

### **Physical Demands**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand, walk, use hands, and talk or hear. The employee is frequently required to sit, reach with hands and arms, climb or balance, and stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. The employee is occasionally required to taste or smell. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, and depth perception.

### **Compensation and Benefits**

This is a **full-time, exempt position**. Compensation will commensurate with experience ranging from \$60,000 - \$70,000. The Accokeek Foundation provides eligible employees a comprehensive benefits package including flexible paid time off, cost share benefit, paying 50% of health insurance premiums, retirement matching, and paid disability and life insurance.

**To apply:** Send a resume and cover letter describing how your experience, skills, and interests intersect with the Foundation's mission work. Please send an email with the subject line "Stewardship Director" to [info@accokeek.org](mailto:info@accokeek.org).

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