

Position Description

Title: Keystone Cooperator

Term: One year - longer if desired

Duties: To provide local community leadership in promoting the stewardship and conservation of forestland and wildlife by:

1. successfully completing the 3-day Keystone Training
2. publicizing within the community that you have completed this training and are available to answer questions about, or assist with projects promoting the conservation and stewardship of forestland
3. implement a forest conservation project of your choosing that could include using one's own property as a demonstration area, working with neighbors on a cooperative management project, publishing articles in local media, improving conservation on local lands, organizing programs for community or civic groups, or any other productive outreach activities **limited only by your own imagination**. Alternatively, you can organize a "**Woods Forum**" program in your community, to be delivered by UMass Extension.
4. refer landowners, conservation organizations, or municipal officials to resources and professionals when they are in need of help
5. Willingness to provide evaluation and an occasional report of activities.

Qualifications: A firmly held belief in the importance of the stewardship and conservation of forestland. Good communication skills and an interest in working with people as well as in the woods. Sense of humor essential. Conservation experience or background with community groups or commissions a plus.

Compensation: Largely commensurate with the ability to derive satisfaction from the knowledge that one is making a difference in forest and wildlife conservation. Participation in a Keystone Training Workshop. Free set of reference materials. Introduction to a number of other community leaders and conservation professionals during the training workshop. Valuable experience with a variety of potential future benefits and applications. Annual training opportunities, access to new information as it becomes available, access to the Keystone list serve.