



***Emerald Necklace Urban Forestry/Invasive Pest Manager Trainee  
Positions***  
**Available Immediately**

Amigos de los Rios / The Emerald Necklace Group is a legacy 501(c)3 nonprofit urban greening and environmental justice organization committed to planning and implementing convergent natural infrastructure to benefit residents of the Los Angeles Metro Area. This “Emerald Necklace” vision, inspired by the 1930 Olmsted Bartholomew plan for L.A. Basin, protects and integrates nature within the city in direct response to climate change challenges. Our proposed “Mountains to the Sea” interconnected watershed-scale system of multi-objective parks, green spaces, trails, and natural infrastructure school campuses stretch from the San Gabriel Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. It will protect and enhance the environment while improving equitable access to recreation opportunities and public health outcomes for urban residents.

Urban Forestry/Invasive Pest Manager Trainees will work under the supervision of the Habitat Restoration Director, Field staff and in collaboration with a team of professional experts in Urban Forestry, Shot Hole Borer Pest & Invasive Plant Management. Trainees will learn about Emerald Necklace Landscape Scale Conservation, critical role Healthy Forests play within our Greater La Basin Watershed to make public health and life in urban environments possible. Trainees will be paid to gain practical skills in urban forestry: from tree identification, best practice planting, tree health assessment, tree indexing (Tree Plotter), identification and treatment of invasive plants and pests that threaten tree health. You will study and practice removal of invasive and study diagnosis of ISHB in trees, including degree of infestation, and best response to infestation.

**SKILLS to MASTER –**

Trainees will comprehensively 1. ID and Index trees in Plan it Geo – (Tree Plotter), 2. Study ISHB infestation and treatment, 3. Learn methods and practice of invasive plant management to protect ecological integrity of Emerald Necklace, 3. Plant & Care for Trees, 4. Learn about carbon sequestration - biomass protection and urban wood recycling. 5. Explore all aspects of career in Urban Forestry

Amigos’ Emerald Necklace team is passionate about environmental justice and nature-based urban infrastructure, expanding green space and training next generation environmental leaders throughout L.A. County. Through this Forestry Trainee Position, we seek to train like-minded individuals with strong work ethics and a desire to create



sustainable civic spaces in Los Angeles. This is an excellent opportunity for a paid training opportunity if you are interested in the field of urban forestry.

*Paid Training -12 week program:*

Project area includes Whittier Recreation area and associated upstream Emerald Necklace River Corridors

These learning opportunities include but are not limited to:

- *Field Reconnaissance, Measurements, Note taking*
- *Planting & Hand watering trees in habitat restoration areas*
- *Staking trees, Minor pruning of trees and shrubs, mulching*
- *Tool Management and Maintenance of all tools*
- *Irrigation systems and repairs – both PVC and Netafim Drip Lines as needed*
- *Invasive plant management and control / removal*
- *Tree Canopy Management - Recording tree data into digital device = Plan-it Geo Tree Plotter Index*
- *Nursery Stock procurement - Receiving and verifying accuracy of orders: trees, shrubs, mulch and stakes/ties*
- *Community Engagement - share info with volunteers on how and why to plant & care for trees \* shrubs*
- *Best Practices for Polyphagous Shot hole borer '123 Assessment' and Management*
- *Urban Forestry Education- Benefits of Trees/Natural Infrastructure*

**Qualifications:**

- *Passionate interest in a career in urban forestry*
- *Responsible, Safety Minded & Well Organized.*
- *Ability to lift and carry up to 50 lbs.*
- *Knowledge of digital devices, either phone or tablet*
- *Current, valid driver's license*

We encourage interested applicants to apply for this competitive fellowship by emailing your **Resume or Work History, Letter of Interest and 3 References** to [info@amigosdelosrios.org](mailto:info@amigosdelosrios.org).

Please CC Claire Robinson, Managing Director, at [Claire@amigosdelosrios.org](mailto:Claire@amigosdelosrios.org).

**Our Projects: River Greenways, Green Schools and Green Streets for benefit of underserved communities.**

***We look forward to hearing from you!***