

# Conservation Corps

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## BACKGROUND

I worked for the Conservation Corps in Mankato, MN this past summer.

Their mission is to serve the community by completing habitat restoration and conservation projects. During these projects, you get to work with local, state, and federal organizations.

I found this job on Handshake.

## JOB DESCRIPTION

During this internship I worked in different state parks and wildlife preserves to remove invasives, promote native species growth, and maintain trails. During these projects we worked outdoors all day on labor intensive projects. We worked with park workers, US Fish & Wildlife workers, state DNR, and other environmental organizations on these projects.

Plant ID and herbicide knowledge are gained as well as field work experience.

Some weeks of work require camping in the parks that we worked in.

### A site that we worked on:



Bluffs that we removed invasives from

### Purple Prairie Clover

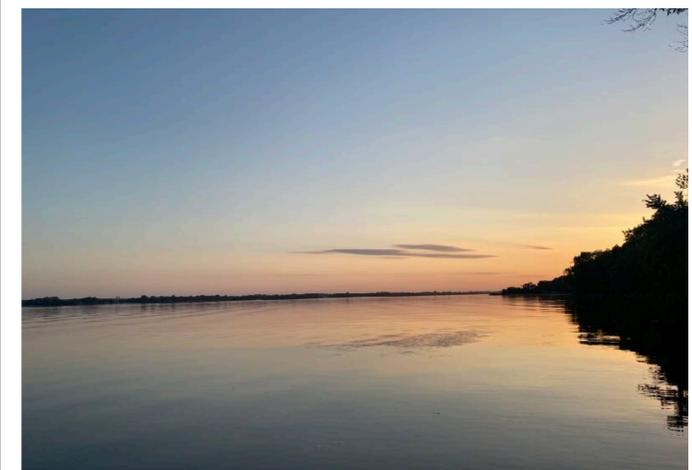


## REFLECTION

This experience showed me what park work can look like. It relates to what I wanted to do as I wanted to gain experience in actual field, hands-on work to better understand my career options.

While I am thinking that I will go in another direction with my career, this job was a great experience to learn about the environmental field, make connections with environmental professionals, and gain experience.

This is a good internship to take for someone looking for insight into what the environmental field looks like.



A state park where we camped for work