

Goatherd: (2)

Job Dates: full-time seasonal employment from: 5/29/18-9/4/2018

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Job Description:

Goatherd: The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank seeks two individuals to assist during the summer season in the ecological goat grazing program. The Land Bank has established a goat grazing program with approximately 170 goats to reclaim old fields and manage invasive and aggressive plant species. The goatherds will work with the Land Bank Ecologist and Staff to implement summer grazing rotations.

Typical Goatherd Duties Include:

- Setting up and taking down moveable electric fence at specific grazing locations
- Cutting fence line ahead with a walk behind mower
- Bringing water and minerals to goats daily with water tank in truck
- Assessing the goat herd's health daily
- Assisting Land Bank Staff with moving the goats to properties on trailers
- Assisting in hoof trimming and worming if required

Skills needed:

Successful applicants must demonstrate good communication skills; ability to work both independently and as part of a team; **have own vehicle transportation**; and enjoy working outside in all weather with livestock. Successful applicants will also have experience working with goats or other similar livestock, as well as experience driving small to midsize trucks, moving trailers, cutting grass/brush with a walk behind mower, and setting moveable electric fencing.

Pay/Housing:

Salary is +\$13.50 per hour (40 hours/week). Furnished housing is available with shared kitchen and bath; an additional 4-8 hours of evening caretaking responsibilities is required of all tenants in exchange for housing.

To Apply:

Your completed application packet should include: 1) land bank employment application; 2) attendant questionnaire; 3) current resume; 4) a cover letter; and 5) the names and contacts for three references.

Application for employment with the land bank and attendant questionnaire are located on the land bank website at www.mvlandbank.com under employment opportunities.

Send completed application packet to Ian Peach at the **Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission, P.O. Box 2057, Edgartown, MA 02539** or e-mail it to ian.peach@vineyardlandbank.com (**subject line – Land Bank Goatherd**). Interviews will be conducted in person or by telephone. Please contact Ian Peach via email or by phone (508) 627-7141 if you have questions or require additional information concerning this announcement.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 06, 2018

