

Volunteer Job Descriptions

The CIB offers a variety of volunteer opportunities. Below is a list of activities with which volunteers are providing assistance:

Citizens' Advisory Committee

The CAC is a standing committee of the CIB Board of Directors and has two working subcommittees; the Outreach/Education Committee and the Public Policy Committee. If you want to help us restore "fishable, swimmable Inland Bays please attend one of our CAC meetings and see what we are doing. All meetings are open to the public and announced on the home page of the website.

TERP (Terrapin Education and Rescue Project)

The Diamondback Terrapin is native to our watershed. Many try to cross the highway to reach their nesting grounds, and are often killed by the high speed traffic on Route 1. If you would like to be a part of our TERP patrol, check our website in early May for information.

Schoolyard Habitat Project

Become the Community Volunteer Leader for one of our "Schoolyard Habitat" schools, or come out to help plan and build a new schoolyard habitat. We can use your help getting plants into classrooms and at our all-day planting days, as well as summer maintenance of the habitats.

Represent the CIB at Community Events

Represent the Center for the Inland Bays at our exhibit at various festivals and events throughout the year.

Mowing and weed whacking

Mow open field areas and trim around gardens and sheds. This is an on-going need during the growing season. Volunteers will be given safety and equipment instruction before starting the job.

Trail Inspection and Maintenance

Assistance is needed to assure that the trails at James Farm are safe. Volunteers are needed to walk the trails and report any problems they discover. Volunteers may also assist in repairs as needed.

Tree Care

Reforestation is under way in some areas of James Farm. Help is needed pruning and clearing weeds from around young trees. In December help will be needed with new tree planting.

Gardening

Volunteers are needed to help keep Native Plant Demonstration Gardens looking their best. This will include weeding, mulching, and pruning plants as needed.

Assisting with visiting groups

This is the job for volunteers who like to be outdoors and meet people. May include working with a school group visiting James Farm for a specific lesson or a group of adults taking a trail walk.

Fence and Boardwalk Repairs

The fences, boardwalks and observation platforms at James Farm often need repairs. If you have carpentry skills this may be the job for you.

Work on the Demonstration Oyster Reef

Work with U of DE to maintain and collect data from the demonstration oyster reef at James Farm.

Oyster Gardening

Volunteers are needed to help us raise young oysters in bay waters off your waterfront property. This opportunity also involves water quality monitoring and collecting data on oyster growth and the conditions in which it occurs.

Species Count

Help us determine what species live or stop over at James Farm. Good observation skills are needed as well as a willingness to be outdoors.

Habitat Enhancement

Help improve habitat for the animals at James Farm. This project will involve habitat enhancement and making habitat enclosures.

Environmental Education Assistant

Assist environmental teaching staff with scheduled 7th and 8th grade classes at James Farm. This may involve helping with equipment and supervising the students as they walk the trails.

Bi-lingual Speaker (Spanish)

We occasionally need help with Spanish speaking students who come to James Farm for school trips. This is an opportunity for to help a student gain more from their visit by translating the lesson and helping them complete lesson activities.

Library Management

Help keep our small research library well organized and accessible. Help us maintain an updated file of newspaper articles that pertain to the inland bays and the work of CIB.

Administrative /Clerical Help

Help is needed at the CIB office. This may include copying, collating, and phone answering.

Wetlands Project Field Crew

Collect vegetation, soils, hydrology, and land use data in wetlands as a part of field crew for a scientific assessments wetland condition in the Inland Bays Watershed.

Scientific Data Entry

Support the research efforts of the CIB. Volunteers are needed to enter data into Microsoft Excel or Access from field datasheets. This task also includes checking for accuracy and performing data management such as backup, sorting, and simple calculations.