

JOB NOTICE

Forest Legacy Technician

The Rhode Island Natural History Survey (RINHS) seeks to hire a full-time Forest Legacy Technician (the “Tech”) to work in close coordination with RI Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) staff and contractors to assist with all aspects of implementation of the RI Forest Legacy Program (FLP). This position will work under the day-to-day direction of the RI FLP Coordinator, and in coordination with the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee and the State Land Conservation Program Manager, to assist in implementation of the RI FLP. The Tech will help identify and communicate with diverse stakeholders, promote the FLP, and compile and prioritize FLP applications. In addition, this position will assist with annual monitoring of land and drafting of Baseline Documentation Reports. The Tech will also meet with private landowners, governmental officials, community planners, decision makers, and other stakeholders and will prepare informational materials for print and electronic dissemination. In preparation for the 2030 RI State Forest Action Plan (SFAP) update and the RI FLP Assessment of Need (AON) revision, the Tech will prepare forest conservation data and mapping products, and assist in writing, compiling, and implementation. The Tech will also participate in other RINHS programs and tasks from time to time.

The successful candidate will:

- evidence prior success in managing and facilitating participation of diverse stakeholders in a planning task
- evidence a strong ability to work productively with diverse individuals and groups
- demonstrate an ability to work systematically towards long-term goals using independent initiative as well as by working collaboratively with the State, partners, and peers;
- have an academic background in forestry, natural resource management, wildlife ecology, biology, or related discipline and significant experience in community land use planning, or land conservation planning;
- demonstrate significant familiarity with biota, habitats, and natural communities that occur in RI;
- demonstrate significant prior experience and familiarity with GIS software, data, and mapping applications;
- evidence strong writing and organizational skills and an ability to work to deadlines;
- have a valid driver's license and ready access to a vehicle (mileage will be reimbursed);

The Forest Legacy Technician will work at the RIDEM offices in Providence with regular visits to RIDEM and RINHS in Kingston but will also travel throughout the state in the course of work. Occasional out-of-state travel may also be required. Fieldwork requiring substantial physical exertion and/or physical strain, sometimes in remote locations, difficult terrain, and inclement weather and having a possibility of injury and/or exposure to tick-borne disease may be required from time to time.

This position is full-time starting at \$62,500.00 annually and eligible for RINHS's competitive benefits package. The Forest Legacy Technician reports to the RINHS Executive Director and the RI FLP Coordinator.

Review of applications will commence July 27, 2026, and continue until the position is filled. To apply, send a cover letter, *resume*, and reference names and contact information, including email and phone number, of three persons whom RINHS may contact regarding your experience and qualifications to FLP Tech Search, P.O. Box 1858, Kingston, RI 02881, or email the same to kstillwell@rinhs.org.

The RI Natural History Survey is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1994 to facilitate communication among people, agencies, and organizations interested in the ecology of Rhode Island and to gather and disseminate information on Rhode Island's animals and plants, geology, and ecosystems. RINHS manages biodiversity databases and hosts events to highlight biodiversity and the work of researchers and naturalists. For more information visit www.rinhs.org. RINHS is an equal opportunity employer.