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**SAN JUAN
PRESERVATION
TRUST**

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Announcing the San Juan Preservation Trust's 2024 Fred E. Ellis Summer Internship

The Fred E. Ellis Summer Internship is named in honor of the Preservation Trust's longest serving board member. In addition to his work on our board, Fred and his wife, Marilyn, were responsible for the protection of more than 1,000 acres of woodlands, wetlands, farmland, and shoreline on Shaw and Lopez Islands, including the Marilyn and Fred Ellis Preserve on Shaw Island.

TIME COMMITMENT: This is a six-week, in-person internship program (i.e., short-term temporary employment) requiring approximately 32 hours per week. Evening and weekend work may occasionally be required. Start and end dates are negotiable.

COMPENSATION: \$3,000 cash compensation (subject to employment taxes) paid in two equal installments, in addition to six weeks of housing provided on San Juan Island.

LOCATION: Based in our Friday Harbor office on San Juan Island, but will require significant interisland travel by ferry and car or bicycle.

SUMMARY OF POSITION: This summer internship program is designed to expose the Intern (age 18+) to a range of activities performed by a conservation land trust, while providing the Preservation Trust with needed assistance in reaching its goals. This year, most of the Intern's time will be spent assisting our Stewardship group as they perform restoration, monitoring, and maintenance work on SJPT-protected lands. The remainder of the Intern's time will be spent working on a variety of projects assigned by our CORE (Communications, Outreach, and Education), Conservation, Philanthropy, and Operations groups.

QUALIFICATIONS: The successful SJPT Intern is a self-motivated person who is: A) at least 18 years old and B) has a passion for exploring, protecting, and restoring local island ecosystems while working within a collaborative professional environment. Educational and/or experiential background in one or more of the following areas is desirable: field biology, environmental studies, ecocultural studies, GIS/GPS mapping. Also important are an ability to deal well with a wide variety of people, including donors, volunteers, landowners, youth, and the general public, and a willingness to work both independently and as part of a team in performing a variety of tasks, including travel to other islands over land and water.

DUTIES:

- Support stewardship field work as assigned
- Support our Education Specialist in organizing and leading youth service-learning outings

- Support Outreach and Philanthropy staff with events and outings, such as our Summer Social
- Assist other staff with miscellaneous tasks, as assigned.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Work is performed both in the field and in an office setting. Fieldwork often requires walking over varied terrain and the ability to do strenuous work, such as trail clearing and post-hole digging. Preservation Trust preserves and conservation easements are located throughout the San Juan Islands, and travel is required to visit many of these properties. The Preservation Trust provides boat transportation to islands not served by Washington State Ferries. Some flexibility is required to work around travel schedules. Occasional evening and weekend work may be required.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: Candidate must be able to thrive within a small nonprofit office environment, possess a strong belief in land conservation, and demonstrate a passion for protecting the San Juan Islands. Valid driver's license is required. Having your own car is highly desirable but not required. (Mileage for work use is reimbursed.)

TO APPLY: Submit résumé and cover letter by email to: jobs@sjpt.org (please include "Summer Internship" in the subject line).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 8, 2024

ABOUT US: *The San Juan Preservation Trust (www.sjpt.org), founded in 1979, is a private, nonprofit, nationally accredited land trust dedicated to helping people and communities conserve land in the San Juan Archipelago of Washington State.*

Together with our landowner partners and member/supporters, the Preservation Trust permanently protects more than 300 properties, 50 miles of shoreline, 25 miles of trails, and nearly 19,000 acres on 22 islands, including land now managed as public parks, nature preserves, wildlife habitat, and working farms and forests.

The Preservation Trust—a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization—is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and employs approximately 25 full- and part-time staff. Our headquarters are on San Juan Island, which is served by the Washington State Ferries system. Financial support comes from the charitable contributions of some 3,000 individuals, families, and private foundations.

Our MISSION is to:

- **CONSERVE** the natural beauty, vital ecosystems, and unique character of the San Juan Islands for future generations;
- **CARE** for the lands and waters under our protection, with our partners; and
- **CONNECT** people to nature, to each other, and to the Preservation Trust.