OUTREACH NOTICE

Urban Field Station Coordinator
Northern Research Station
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USDA Forest Service
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Forest Service’s Northern Research Station (NRS) will soon advertise to fill the permanent full time position of Urban Field Station Coordinator, GS-401-12/13. The person in this position reports directly to the Research Work Unit Leader for NRS-08, “Urban Forests, Human Health, and Environmental Quality.” The position is located at the office of the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society in center city Philadelphia, PA. The Coordinator for the Urban Field Station (UFS) will work to help improve the scientific contributions in urban natural resources stewardship for the tri-state (PA; NJ; DE), 13-county area through a comprehensive program of management, discovery, and science-based technology development and transfer.

Urban Field Station Coordinator Duties
The Coordinator for the UFS will help develop a wide-range of partnerships to help sustain and expand urban natural resources in the Philadelphia metropolitan region; advance a science-based understanding of urban natural resources stewardship to link environmental and community health; help generate, manage, and apply information about urban natural resources leading to predictions to address contemporary conservation issues; promote economic development and diversification leading to new jobs and career opportunities; promote environmental literacy leading to a more informed citizenry; and, enhance environmental justice.

We expect to formally advertise this position within 90 days on the website www.usajobs.opm.gov. Potential candidates are encouraged to contact Sue Barro, Management and Program Analyst, at the Northern Research Station Headquarters in Newtown Square, PA by telephone (610-557-4062) or e-mail (sbarro@fs.fed.us) to express their interest in applying for the position.

About the Northern Research Station
The Northern Research Station, headquartered in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania., serves a 20-state region composed of states in the Northeast and Midwest. Established in September 2006, it brings together the scientific and administrative work previously carried out by the North Central and Northeastern Research Stations. We develop practical solutions while advancing fundamental science that improves people’s lives and sustains natural resources. Our five science themes are Forest Disturbance Processes, Sustaining Forests, Providing Clean Air and Water, Urban Natural Resources Stewardship, and Natural Resources Inventory, Monitoring and Assessment.
About the Location
Philadelphia, founded in 1682, served as the first capital of the U.S., making it home to numerous historical landmarks, such as Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. Philadelphia is the largest city in Pennsylvania and the fifth-most-populous city in the United States. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the population of the city proper was 1,526,006. The Greater Philadelphia metropolitan area has a population of 6.1 million and is the country's fifth-largest metro area. The city, lies about 80 miles (130 km) southwest of New York City.

Recreation. Greater Philadelphia is a sanctuary for professional and collegiate sports. The city is one of 13 U.S. cities to have all four major sports. The city contains many art museums, such as the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and the Rodin Museum. The city's major art museum, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, is one of the largest art museums in the United States. Philadelphia's largest park, Fairmount Park, encompasses 9,200 acres (37 km²) and includes 63 neighborhood and regional parks. The largest tract of Fairmount Park is on the west side of the city along the Schuylkill River and Wissahickon Creek and includes the Philadelphia Zoo.

Education. Philadelphia has the second-largest student concentration on the East Coast, with over 120,000 college and university students enrolled within the city and nearly 300,000 in the metropolitan area. There are over 80 colleges, universities, trade, and specialty schools in the Philadelphia region. The city contains three major research universities: the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, and Temple University and is home to five schools of medicine.

Healthcare. Philadelphia is an important center for medicine, a distinction that it has held since the colonial period. The city is home to the first medical school in what is now the United States, at the University of Pennsylvania (Penn). Penn, the city's largest private employer, also runs a large teaching hospital and extensive medical system. There are also major hospitals affiliated with Temple University School of Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University, and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Philadelphia also has three distinguished children's hospitals: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the nation's first pediatric hospital (located adjacent to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania), St. Christopher's Hospital, and the Shriners' Hospital. In the city's northern section are Albert Einstein Medical Center, and in the northeast section, Fox Chase Cancer Center. Together, health care is the largest sector of employment in the city. Several medical professional associations are headquartered in Philadelphia.

More information about Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Metropolitan can be found on numerous websites.