

FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE: *Job Openings, Summer 2026*

Title: Assistant River Steward

Where: The Upper Wild and Scenic Farmington River (Hartland to Canton, CT)

Job Description:

The Farmington River Coordinating Committee (FRCC) is seeking to fill several *Assistant River Steward* positions to help protect the beautiful Upper Wild and Scenic Farmington River. This is a terrific opportunity to be outdoors, make a difference in the community, and for college students to gain experience in related fields of study while getting paid. We are looking for enthusiastic, motivated individuals who can instill an appreciation for the river in others, help reduce litter, work on various river related projects, be a source of information to river users, and create safe and enjoyable experiences on the water.

This weekend position (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) is for the summer of 2026 – May 30th through August 16th when the river is most busy. Assistant stewards will have some flexibility in scheduling their hours each week, and will have the choice of committing to either a 16 or 24 hour work week for the summer. Saturday May 30th will be a mandatory training day at the start of the season.

Job Duties and Responsibilities

- Interact with river users to educate, and be a source of information
- Participate in user count studies and surveys
- Be a role model for proper etiquette on the river
- Paddle the river with provided kayaks
- Help promote the Junior River Ranger Program
- Report problems to the proper authorities or river steward
- Visit local businesses, keep them supplied with flyers and maps
- Staff informational booths at the river and local events
- Assist with other FRCC projects such as signage installation and invasive plant removal
- Create engaging videos or in-person educational talks related to the outdoors
- Teach people about 'No Glass, No Trash' and 'Carry Out what you Carry In'
- Post frequently to social media
- Submit bi-weekly reports
- Occasional trash pick-ups

Requirements for this Position

- Be at least 16 years of age with own transportation
- Must have internet, cell phone and email access
- Ability to work with people from different backgrounds and be a good teacher
- Great communication skills are required
- Majoring in conservation or similar outdoor field is preferred
- Skilled in kayaking, canoeing or fishing is a plus
- Be able to work both independently and also as part of a team
- Comfortable working outdoors in sometimes hot or rainy conditions
- A fair amount of walking and some lifting may be required

How to Apply

- 1) Fill out the online form at <https://forms.gle/xJaFMsodhaQZLgDo7>
- 2) Email your resume to mailus@planetzerogravity.com.

The application deadline is Friday March 27, 2026.