



Research Department – Volunteer Opportunities

Ecological monitoring at the *rare* Charitable Research Reserve provides invaluable data about the health of our ecosystems.

Volunteers are welcome and appreciated!

Program: Forest Health Monitoring



Overview: Participate in *rare's* annual forest monitoring program by identifying and measuring trees, shrubs, and herbaceous vegetation, while assessing the health of our forest canopy.

Where: We have 12 monitoring plots distributed amongst three forest stands located close to the main *rare* office (1679 Blair Rd, Cambridge). Carpooling to sites is available.



When: Plots will be monitored sequentially and are expected to be completed by end of August. Depending on weather conditions, surveys can take place anywhere from 1-3 times weekly and will be roughly 4-7 h in length (though volunteers may also choose to leave after the morning only). Sampling is scheduled a week in advance and will likely still occur in the event of rain (aside from thunderstorms).

Preparation: Dress and pack for an off-trail, excursion, considering weather, sun, ticks, mosquitos and other biting insects, etc. Bring lots of water, snacks, and a field lunch if necessary. *No prior experience is needed to participate!*

If interested, please email research@raresites.org for more information and scheduling. Thank you!