

TENNESSEE WARS COMMISSION

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Wars Commission Conservation Easement Volunteer Program Application

Job Title: Volunteer Easement Monitor

Preferred Qualifications:

- Ability to walk long distances in varied terrain and in varied weather conditions.
- Is comfortable navigating in the outdoors, sometimes off trail.
- Can read maps.
- Has the ability to take photos on their phone or tablet.
- Ability to carry up to 25 lbs.
- Willingness to participate in easement monitoring and the dedication to see the monitoring and reporting process through.
- Has good oral and written communication skills.
- Is organized with strong attention to detail.
- Is reliable.
- Interest in historic preservation, conservation, history, and the Civil War.
- Ideally, volunteers will be knowledgeable of the history of the area during the Civil War.

Duties: The primary role of a monitor is to walk the property observing its conservation resources and values and its current conditions in relation to the provisions and restrictions outlined in the easement. The monitor records their observations using a standard form, photographing the site, and via a map.

Requirements:

Volunteers will be required to:

- sign a liability waiver.
- Volunteers must attend one workshop and shadow a Wars Commission staff member on at least two separate easement site visits.
- Volunteers must review the easement file prior to scheduling the site visit.
- Volunteers must complete the required post-visit report and must schedule a debriefing meeting with the monitoring coordinator.

Volunteer Application Form:

Why do you want to volunteer to be a conservation easement monitor? Is history, historic preservation, or open space conservation important to you? Is giving back to your community a factor in your decision making?

Using the list above, please indicate all the preferred qualifications you meet?

Do you have any previous experience with conservation easements or land surveys? What is that experience? Are you comfortable reviewing legally binding documents?

Are you comfortable navigating in the outdoors using a map and compass?

Are you prepared to participate in all three stages of the monitoring process? Meaning, are you prepared to perform a site visit to the property, walk the site and complete the in-field paperwork, and follow up with a Wars Commission staff member in a debriefing meeting to discuss findings?

Will you attend the workshop and the two associated training sessions?

Will you sign a liability waiver?

Signature:_____ Date:_____