



Volunteer Opportunity: Woodlands Committee

Craneridge Woodlands Committee is looking for a volunteer who can play an important role in working with us to create a step-by-step action plan based on the recent DEC (*Department of Environmental Conservation*) Craneridge [Woodlands Stewardship recommendations](#).

For more than fifty years, the residents of Craneridge and the Board of Directors have desired an actionable woodlands management plan (more than cutting down trees). Recently, the Woodlands Committee has made strong headway toward this goal, but we now need help to take the next step.

This role will be a crucial one that helps with the success of our multi-year journey. Working with the Woodlands Committee, our DEC forester, and other volunteers, we are seeking someone who has:

- Project management skills
- Basic understanding of Craneridge woodlands and habitat – our challenges and opportunities
- Ability to connect with other Craneridge residents who will serve as volunteer stewards to help make the multi-year plan come to life – starting with 1-2 pilot areas on common property
- Willingness to gather neighbor feedback and questions related to our plan and actions
- Good computer skills (e.g., programs like Microsoft Office and Dropbox)

Time estimate and duration: Initial time commitment is 5-8 hours a week for the next 2-3 months or until we have a plan approved by the Woodlands Committee. After plan approval, this volunteer may opt to continue with less time commitment for as long as they wish.

We are also pursuing a grant opportunity with NYS, and if approved, an initial “project” may be funded at 80% of the cost.

If you have interest in joining the Woodlands Committee, we have 1-2 openings. Or, if you prefer to serve strictly in a volunteer role, that’s fine too. Please join us to help ensure Craneridge remains a beautiful, wooded community. **Want more details? Contact Gwen at gwenalegre@gmail.com.**