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Beth Craighead
Senior Land Steward
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P.O. Box 395, Pennington, New Jersey 08534

Dear Mrs. Craighead,

I am writing to apply for the Land Steward Intern position in Pennington, New Jersey. As a Geography and Biology graduate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, I'm enthusiastic to apply my technical skills and enthusiasm for conservation to Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space's mission. What drew me to FoHVOS was your company's interest in land preservation and inspiring future conservationists. I was also enthused by the opportunity to contribute to invasive species tracking and habitat protection through geospatial data, as these areas closely align with both my academic training in biology and geography.

Throughout my degree, I have completed coursework in ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Online, and QGIS, where I learned not only technical GIS skills but also problem-solving skills. I also have experience using R Studio for data analysis, including spatial data processing and visualization. I've also completed a course in web mapping where I learned to create interactive web maps with JavaScript, HTML, and CSS. Through my research projects, I learned how to collect geographic data in the field using tools like differential GPS and Survey123, and how to manage that data for analysis and public presentations.

I am experienced in conducting fieldwork in a variety of climates, as my research projects have led to collecting geographic data in the hot, humid weather of North Carolina and the rugged terrain of the Galapagos highlands. I have learned about invasive species removal through my coursework in biology as well as through volunteer work with Rewild Earth, a local organization that works to remove invasive species. I am also willing to become a Certified Pesticide Operator and am open to use herbicides for invasive species management.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me at +1(704) 980-7936 or emmaor44@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
Emily Ormond