

VEDA O'HANLON

Environmental Science | Urban Forestry | Conservation

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Environmental science professional with diverse experience in urban forestry, wildlife care, GIS mapping, conservation outreach, and landscaping. Recently completed a 1,700-hour AmeriCorps term with the City of Rochester Forestry Division, where I led tree inventory, community planting efforts, and climate education projects. Now continuing in a seasonal Forestry Assistant role with the same department. Strong foundation in ecological fieldwork, native species support, and sustainable resource management. Passionate about applying science in practical, community-based settings.

EXPERIENCE

Forestry Assistant (Seasonal)

City of Rochester Parks & Recreation – Forestry Division, Rochester, MN | July 2025 – Present

- Support urban forestry operations including tree planting, pruning, and removal
- Assist city arborists with DBH measurements, high-risk tree assessments, and marking trees for removal
- Select proper planting locations and mark sites according to city planting guidelines
- Utilize GIS tools and ElementsXS software to document tree inventory, maintenance, and removals
- Conduct public outreach and environmental education at community events and tabling efforts
- Engage residents on topics such as tree care, urban canopy benefits, and sustainability programs

Climate Impact Project Coordinator

AmeriCorps / Climate Impact Corps / Ampact, Rochester, MN | August 2024 – July 2025

- Completed 1,700-hour AmeriCorps service term (Certificate and satisfactory status)
- Inventoried and supported care for over 27,000 trees in Rochester
- Helped organize volunteer tree planting events and engaged 6,000+ residents

- Created outreach materials and used ArcGIS Pro, TreePlotter, i-Tree, and Elements XS for urban forestry planning
- Promoted environmental education and climate resilience through community-based projects

Concierge Supervisor – VIP Service

Hilton Rochester Mayo Clinic Area, Rochester, MN | December 2022 – May 2024

- Managed guest services, events, and concierge operations
- Developed scheduling systems and trained team members

Turf Grass / Landscaping Department Manager

Meyer Outdoor Services, Rochester, MN | August 2018 – December 2022

- Supervised landscape crews and managed planting, turf, and tree care jobs
- Provided client consultations and maintained equipment
- Trained workers in horticulture, pruning, and safe tool use

EDUCATION

B.S. in Environmental Science (Natural Resource Conservation concentration)

Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH

Expected Graduation: March 2026 | GPA: 3.82

Honors Society | Dean's List | President's List

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Tree Inspector (Minnesota DNR)
- CPR / First Aid / AED
- Paddle Safety Guide (National Park Service)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Wildlife Rehab Volunteer – Oxbow Park & Zollman Zoo | [Dec 2024 – Present](#)

- **Provide animal care, habitat cleaning, and enrichment activities**

Contact: Clarissa Schrooten – Naturalist

clarissa.schrooten@olmstedcounty.gov

Paddle Guide – National Park Service, Vermillion River | [May 2024 – Present](#)

- **Guide paddling trips, teach safety, and interpret natural features**

Contact: Rhys Joaquin - Interpretation & Public Programs

ManagerRhysReynaldo_Joaquin@nps.gov

Weed Warrior – Quarry Hill Nature Center | [June 2023 – August 2024](#)

- **Support invasive species removal and native plant restoration**

Contact: Jill Daniels - Program/Volunteer Coordinator

jidanielsen@qhnc.org

SKILLS

- Urban Forestry & Tree Health
- Tree & Wildlife Identification
- GIS & GPS Mapping (ArcGIS Pro, TreePlotter, i-Tree)
- Project Planning & Coordination
- Environmental Education & Outreach
- Volunteer Leadership
- Native Habitat Support
- Landscaping & Equipment Operation
- Data Analysis & Field Surveys
- Microsoft Office Tools