



Washington Conservation Corps Individual Placement

Volunteer Program Associate WCC & Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust Starting October 2014

Position Highlights

- Engage and educate the public through single and multi-day land stewardship-based volunteer events.
- Volunteer coordination, outreach, and recognition.
- Work with a successful and passionate team in an energetic, highly-productive and fast-paced Stewardship Program.

Position Description

The Volunteer Program Associate will be heavily involved in the maintenance and growth of public involvement and stewardship in the Mountains to Sound Greenway. The Greenway Trust Volunteer Program currently coordinates a year-round series of tree planting, invasive plant removal, trail construction and maintenance, and other enhancement projects on public lands in the 100-mile corridor from Puget Sound to central Washington. The Volunteer Program Associate will be integrally involved in volunteer coordination and support, and will lead mid-week and weekend volunteer events for youth groups, schools, corporate teams, and members of the community.

This position is ideal for an outgoing, energetic, organized and detail-oriented individual with experience working with the public and a passion for the outdoors.

- Temporary, full time, 12 month AmeriCorps position.
- Based out of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust office in downtown Seattle, WA.
- Tuesday – Saturday schedule (40 hrs/week).
- Physically demanding; must have the ability to hike to semi-remote worksites, carry heavy loads, move rocks, and work in all weather conditions.
- Regular work engaging and educating the community through volunteer events.

Responsibilities

- Event Leadership: Lead field events in the Greenway on weekdays and Saturdays. Includes developing relationships with, and educating volunteers about the Greenway, site history, and other relevant information.
- Recruitment/Outreach: Research and attend volunteer recruitment fairs at schools, businesses, community festivals, and other locations. Advertise events through canvassing event flyers in local communities, mailings, internet postings, and other avenues as needed.
- Program Assistance: Support volunteer recognition program, track volunteer involvement in the Greenway database, and monitor the volunteer program email address.
- Field Base Support: Assist with the Greenway Trust's field base organization and maintenance including the native plant nursery, tools, and volunteer event supplies.
- Working with the Restoration Coordinator and other staff on various projects as needed.
- Other tasks as requested.

Qualifications

- Demonstrated experience working with the public in an outdoor setting.
- Verified experience in coordinating and supervising volunteers.
- Proven personal initiative and ability to handle multiple tasks and projects in a fast-paced environment, to prioritize, use good judgment, and problem solve.
- Familiarity with hand tools.
- Ability to work effectively both independently and in group settings.
- Must be between the ages of 18 to 25 on day of hire with limited exceptions made for recently returning military veterans and participants with a sensory or mental disability.
- Proven oral communication skills and ability to represent the program in a professional manner.
- Provide personal transportation to Greenway Trust's field office in Lake Sammamish State Park.
- A valid driver's license, clean driving record, and the ability to drive Greenway Trust vehicles.
- Wilderness First Aid and CPR certification recommended.
- Must successfully pass a criminal history background check.
- Associate's or Bachelor's degree preferred.
- Three to six month conservation corps or other related outdoor work experience (preferred).
- Experience and familiarity with the basic components of trail construction and maintenance (preferred).

Compensation/Benefits

- Salary is \$9.32/hour in 2014
- Receive a \$5,645 AmeriCorps Education Award upon successful completion of 12 month term (1,700 hours).
- Two weeks of paid formal training on topics including Wildland Firefighter (Red Card), Ethnobotany, Wilderness First Responder and Wilderness Advanced First Aid, Hazardous Waste Operator (Hazwoper) and other topics.
- Basic medical benefits are provided.
- Educational loan forbearance is available on qualified loans while in the WCC.
- Opportunity to strengthen skills relating to public natural lands management and leadership and interact with a wide variety of groups and individuals.
- Opportunity to gain experience, work on, and complete projects on lands managed by multiple municipal, county, state, and federal agencies.
- Hands-on and formal training which include: trail maintenance and construction, ecological restoration, volunteer management and other topics related to conservation and public natural lands management.

How to Apply

Email cover letter, resume, references and any materials you wish to share to:

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More information on the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust can be found at:

www.mtsgreenway.org

More information on the Washington Conservation Corps can be found at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wcc/index/html>

About the Washington Conservation Corps

The WCC was established in 1983 as a job-training program for young adults from the ages of 18-25. The WCC is a continuation of the legacy left by the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s. The program provides work experience and skills for projects that support conservation, rehabilitation and enhancement of the state natural, historic, environmental and recreational resources. This position is a signature partnership between WCC, DOE, and the Greenway Trust.

About The Mountains to Sound Greenway and the Greenway Trust

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance the landscape from Seattle across the Cascade Mountains to Central Washington, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature. Founded in 1991, the Greenway Trust works to promote public land acquisitions, connect a continuous regional trail system, teach people of all ages about the importance of conserving forests and wildlife, improve recreation access, create new parks and trails and mobilize thousands of volunteers.

The Greenway is working with the U.S. Congress to designate the Mountains to Greenway as a National Heritage Area to recognize its scenic, cultural and historic significance. In the Greenway, alpine peaks, wilderness lakes, and lush forests are connected by road, rail and trail to rural towns and high rises, where local residents live, work and play in communities deeply rooted to the land around them. Twenty years of conservation have conserved much of the natural heritage of the Greenway. Today, this network of parks, forests, farms and cities is both our history and our way of life.