



## TERRACORPS

**TerraCorps** is an AmeriCorps affiliated start-up environmental non-profit preparing and mobilizing emerging leaders to help communities gain access to and conserve land for people and nature. Working at the intersection of the land conservation and urban agriculture movements, our vision is to create a future where land is the foundation of health and well-being for ALL people in EVERY community.

This year's TerraCorps program will support up to 60 full-time AmeriCorps Members across Massachusetts and Rhode Island each serving in one of five positions: Land Stewardship Coordinator (LSC), Land Conservation Coordinator (LCC), Community Engagement Coordinator (CEC), Youth Education Coordinator (YEC), or Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator (SAC). Members will serve in full-time, 11-month terms (August 29th, 2022-July 28, 2023) in which they complete at least 1,700 hours of service with one of our partner organizations. Members receive a living allowance, education award, and additional AmeriCorps benefits (see full list at end of announcement).

The Woonasquattucket River Watershed Council will host a Community Engagement Coordinator for the 2022-23 service year. Information about all TerraCorps positions is available at <https://terra Corps.org/>.

### **Community Engagement Coordinator with the Woonasquattucket River Watershed Council**

#### **Woonasquattucket River Watershed Council**

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The Woonasquattucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) sparks economic development through our work restoring the Woonasquattucket River and communities around it, and by enhancing, extending and bringing people to the [Woonasquattucket River Greenway](#). The WRWC is a successful model of community revitalization that helps people discover this local American Heritage River and its natural resources, channeling life and economic development into neighborhoods.

**Community Engagement Coordinators (CEC)** build the long-term capacity of their Service Sites by developing and leading culturally inclusive programming, events, and volunteer opportunities that provide broad social and environmental benefits to underrepresented beneficiaries. Member projects address inequities in public health, economic opportunity, education, land accessibility, and environmental sustainability. Through engaging diverse peoples and collaborating with community partners, CECs build bridges that reinforce the connection between land and a sustainable social, economic, and environmental future for all people.

TerraCorps Members engage with their supervisors to develop and carry out three or more capacity building projects over the course of the service year. Some of these projects will involve recruiting, training, and/or managing community volunteers. **WRWC has proposed the following potential project(s) for their Community Engagement Coordinator:**

- 1) Collaborating directly with our Nuevas Voces Program Coordinator on the Nuevas Voces / New Voices program: an adult education cohort focused on the Olneyville neighborhood of Providence. The program has been around for two years and will be a continuation of projects started by past service Members. The new Service Member will participate in the recruitment, organization, and development of the Year 3 program.
- 2) Collaborating directly with our Nuevas Voces Program Coordinator to create inclusive, equitable programming for the communities living in the watershed. This will include participation in our current recreation and community events, development of new programming, participation in our flood resiliency planning, and assisting with community meetings. This Service Member will expand existing curriculum and collaborate with community members at parks along the Woonasquatucket River Greenway.
- 3) Developing inclusive, outdoor events in partnership with other local organizations to bring community members to the parks and resources along the river. Planning these events will include securing grants and funding, collaborating with other organizations, bringing in food/art/music, and publicizing events.

Development of these and other projects will occur during the first two months of service and consider the Member's interests and skills.

#### Required AmeriCorps Qualifications

- A US citizen, US national, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the U.S.
- At least 18 years old
- A minimum of a high school diploma or GED
- No more than three previous terms as an AmeriCorps Member
- Pass a criminal history background check, for recurring access to vulnerable populations, including a search of the National Sex Offenders Public Website, a Rhode Island criminal record check, state of residence if different than Rhode Island, and a finger-print based FBI background check

#### Desired Qualifications

- Strong writing and verbal communication skills
- Able to serve both independently and as a member of a team
- Comfort navigating computer software programs (Microsoft Word and Excel, Google Drive, Google Sheets, Google Docs, Google Forms, Canva)
- Training and experience pertinent to the Community Engagement Coordinator position and projects outlined above
- Experience training and/or educating community members and volunteers
- Spanish language proficiency (comfortable having conversations with Spanish-speaking community members, sending Spanish language messages, creating Spanish flyers)
- Experience creating or running programming accessible for low-income / immigrant / communities of color, especially Latin American immigrants.
- Experience doing community outreach, which includes but is not limited to: canvassing (electoral or otherwise), phone banking, event organizing, networking.

For questions about the WRWC's service positions, contact Sharad Wertheimer at [swertheimer@wrwc.org](mailto:swertheimer@wrwc.org)

### **AmeriCorps Member Eligibility Requirements**

All Members are expected to serve full-time, commit to serve for the entire 11-month term, and complete at least 1,700 hours of service, including time spent in trainings and several service days with the full TerraCorps cohort. Weekly service averages 38 hours and commonly includes some night and/or weekend activities.

AmeriCorps programs provide equal opportunities. TerraCorps will recruit and select persons in all positions to ensure a diverse and inclusive climate without regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, color, political affiliation, creed, national origin, marital status, or any other status as protected by federal, state, and local laws. We encourage applications from individuals with disabilities and will provide reasonable accommodations for interviews and service upon request.

### **Member Compensation and Benefits**

- TerraCorps Members will receive a living allowance of up to \$18,500 (pre-tax) over the 11-month term of service, which is \$740 (pre-tax) per 25 biweekly pay periods.
- TerraCorps assists Members in obtaining health insurance coverage. Reimbursement of costs may be available.
- Childcare assistance may be provided in cases of financial need.
- Upon successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps Members receive a taxable \$6,495 education award that can be used for future education or to pay off existing school loans. See <http://www.americorps.gov/members-volunteers/segal-ameri-corps-education-award> for info and restrictions.
- TerraCorps Members are eligible for forbearance of most federally-guaranteed student loans, as well as payment of interest accrued during service.
- TerraCorps Members will receive mentorship, training, and career development opportunities while serving directly with community-based nonprofits.
- TerraCorps Members experience the personal rewards of national service and community engagement.

**Note:** TerraCorps Members are responsible for their own housing and must have access to reliable transportation.

### **How to Apply**

To apply for this position and to learn more about other TerraCorps Service Member opportunities, please visit the following page on the TerraCorps website at <https://terracorps.org/member-position-listing/>.

**Note:** A complete Member application includes a resume and two professional or academic references that you will upload as part of your application.

Member applications will be collected by TerraCorps and shared with Service Sites. **Do not send applications directly to a Service Site.**

We strongly encourage interested individuals to apply as soon as possible once applications are posted in May 2022. Position offers and acceptances will be made on a rolling basis. The program aims to fill all positions by mid-July, but Service Sites will continue interviews as needed until all positions are filled. For questions about TerraCorps please email [spollock@terracorps.org](mailto:spollock@terracorps.org).

### **Additional Information About this Program**

**TerraCorps** seeks to create change by achieving a broader, more authentic engagement of the diverse peoples living in our communities. When we do this, resources will grow, access to land will increase, the pace of land conservation will accelerate, and whole communities will achieve more resilient futures. To learn more about TerraCorps, visit: <https://terracorps.org/>.

**AmeriCorps** engages more than 75,000 people in intensive service each year through more than 15,000 nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country. AmeriCorps Members help communities tackle pressing problems and, also leverage their service by mobilizing volunteers to help address community needs for environmental stewardship, health, education, economic opportunity, disaster services, and support to veterans and military families. [To learn more about AmeriCorps, visit americorps.gov](https://americorps.gov).

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