



AmeriCorps Project Conserve 2023 – 2024 Service Description



AmeriCorps Position Title: Watershed Coordinator
Host Site: RiverLink

Service Term: September 5, 2023 – July 31, 2024

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Host Site Mission Statement:

RiverLink promotes the environmental and economic vitality of the French Broad River and its watershed as a place to live, learn, work and play.

Summary of Position:

The Watershed Coordinator works to improve water quality in the French Broad River Watershed through on-the-ground projects and community engagement. This is accomplished through watershed restoration projects (e.g., stream & habitat restoration, watershed planning studies, and green stormwater infrastructure); educating others about watershed health; and collaboratively addressing community concerns about water quality and quantity issues. In this position you will have opportunities to assist with outreach and volunteer engagement, project management, and grant writing.

Qualifications – Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Basic knowledge of watersheds, water quality and quantity issues, and stormwater best management practices.
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and justice.
- Solid written and verbal communication skills.
- Experience with ArcGIS desired, but not required.
- Social media skills are required (Instagram and Facebook).
- Ability to work on a team and receive constructive feedback.
- Comfortable speaking in front of small and large groups or motivated to develop this skill.
- The ability to walk over uneven terrain, work outside in a variety of weather conditions, and use standard landscaping and hand tools.
- Valid driver's license
- Eligible applicants must be at least 18 years of age, be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States, and consent to a criminal history check.

Preferred Service Hours / Weekly Schedule:

Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm, with occasional evening and weekend events. Typically, there will be one Saturday event per month during the busy season (Sep-Nov and Mar-Jul).

Position Responsibilities and Duties

Conservation Education: 40%

- Develop public service-learning opportunities on topics such as water quality, stream restoration, and riparian habitat restoration.
- Conduct workshops associated with our WaterRICH program, which teaches individuals how to design and construct stormwater control features, such as rain gardens and rain barrels.
- Assist with the Name that Creek Program by maintaining an online StoryMap, organizing naming campaigns, and submitting all supporting documentation to the USGS.
- Create outreach materials and social media content related to water conservation topics.
- Member will collaborate with RiverLink's AmeriCorps Education Coordinator, when needed, to conduct youth environmental education programs.

Volunteer Infrastructure Program (VIP): 20%

- Recruit and train volunteers for the Adopt-A-Storm Drain program.
- Work with volunteers on grant funded conservation projects, such as stream restorations, stormwater control measures, and watershed planning studies.
- Member will collaborate with RiverLink's AmeriCorps Stewardship Coordinator, when needed, to organize volunteer events.

At-Risk Ecosystem Impacts: 40%

- Work with volunteers to develop and maintain stormwater control measures.
- Assist with riparian habitat and stream restorations on public and conserved lands.
- Conduct water quality monitoring, often utilizing citizen scientists to help collect data.

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to fulfilling host site service responsibilities, all Project Conserve members are required to fully participate in team trainings, service projects and statewide AmeriCorps events. Project Conserve team events will occur approximately twice per month in locations throughout the service area and may require up to three overnight stays.

Essential Functions

Equipment / Software Used: ArcGIS, Survey123, Microsoft Office Suite

Physical Demands: Must be able to work outdoors in variable weather, doing strenuous activity and walking over uneven terrain. Will need to sit for extended periods of time at a computer.

Transportation Needs: Must have a reliable personal vehicle

Setting/Location of Service Activities: 170 Lyman Street Asheville NC 28801

- Ability to effectively work with a diverse range of people in field-based and office settings (ex. broad range of age groups from youth to adults, BIPOC residents, government and non-profit partner organizations).
- Developing and implementing educational programs and events related to the WaterRICH program (presentations, workshops, social media content, etc).

- Conducting field-based monitoring, assessment, and management of stormwater features on public lands, and water quality monitoring.
- Using GIS mapping software and other computer programs to create basic maps, surveys, and reports.