

AMERICORPS PROJECT CONSERVE MEMBER SERVICE DESCRIPTION

September 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011 Service Year

Position Title: AmeriCorps Land Protection Assistant, 40 hours per week, typically from 9AM to 5PM M-F; occasional weekend and evening hours required

Host Site's Name: National Committee for the New River, PO Box 1480 West Jefferson, NC 28694, www.ncnr.org

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National Committee for the New River Mission Statement:

to advocate for policies that protect the river and defend the river from inappropriate development and major polluters; to restore eroding stream and river banks and enhance riparian habitat; and to permanently protect land throughout the watershed with long term management plans.

Main purpose of this position:

To assist the Stewardship Coordinator with mapping, monitoring and to assist our Advocacy Coordinator with River clean ups including the Big Sweep.

General Summary:

Accompany NCNR staff on sometimes physically demanding annual monitoring visits to conservation easement properties and then follow up with a written report, photo documentation, and necessary mapping; Assist in Baseline Documentation Report & management plan creation, including: field work, assess properties for management recommendations, mapping, & research/review of regional conservation planning documents & tools; Possess the necessary interpersonal skills to "take ownership" of a project while also taking into consideration the input of many individuals. Utilize GIS tools to perform mapping and analysis for strategic conservation planning, site visits, management plans, and conservation project implementation; Research for & create bi-annual stewardship newsletters & stewardship information resources for landowners; Gain field skills which include natural resource assessments and GPS-GIS mapping tools; Work systematically to maintain the organization's stewardship records; Help prepare materials for review by Land Management Committee and Board; Gain knowledge about techniques for talking with landowners and the general public about land conservation in this region and help prepare materials for community outreach and presentations; Have the opportunity to network with a variety of conservation partners including other land trusts, local, state, and federal governmental agencies, and other for-profit and non-profit groups working in the conservation field; Assist in restoration projects and water quality monitoring projects as assigned.

Special conditions of service (if any): All members will participate in AmeriCorps Project Conserve sponsored events, service days, and training days. Training days will require a minimum of two overnight stays.

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities & Qualifications:

- Should be comfortable in the outdoors and be able to operate with a minimum of supervision.
- Be able to coordinate volunteers and be an effective communicator.
- Candidate should be able to write and utilize MS Word in order to develop written management plans.
- Some familiarity with land navigation and ability to use GPS and maps would be important.
- Must be willing and capable of physical work throughout the year.
- Degree or background in natural resource mgmt, environmental sciences, natural sciences, GIS, or Geography.
- The candidate for this position should have some background or knowledge of ecological systems, stewardship, and land management.
- Working knowledge of ArcGIS
- An eligible member must be 18 years of age and have documentation of citizenship / naturalization / resident alien status. A B.S. or B.A. degree in environmental science, ecology, forestry, botany, zoology, or other biological sciences is desired but not required. Driver's license required. An eligible member must be 18 years of age and have documentation of citizenship / naturalization / resident alien status. Driver's license required.