



To preserve and protect our natural and historic heritage

Job Title: Delaware River Watershed Fellowship

Overview:

Heritage Conservancy is working with other local environmental centers in an effort to build a network focused on constituency building and stewardship of the Delaware River Watershed. This network of 23 environmental centers, spread across the Delaware River watershed, is interconnected by The Circuit, the regional trail network of multi-use bike/pedestrian trails and waterways (rivers, streams, creeks.) The Centers network seeks to hire 23 young people (one at each center,) for a 12 week summer fellowship designed to advance our collective impact across the watershed. This program will foster watershed stewardship by establishing a team of ambassadors and building capacity for a network of centers.

Heritage Conservancy's mission is to preserve and protect our natural and historic heritage. By engaging communities throughout Bucks and Montgomery Counties we work to help everyone become empowered stewards of our land. With over 350 species inventoried, Bristol Marsh provides unique outdoor classroom and recreational opportunities in a highly urbanized area. Through community outreach, partnerships, trash cleanups and other stewardship activities, Heritage Conservancy works to improve the Bristol Marsh watershed and promote community education surrounding this unique resource.

Position Summary:

The Delaware River Watershed Fellow will serve as an ambassador for Heritage Conservancy and the Delaware River watershed by engaging our watershed community, emphasizing the importance of watershed stewardship and helping Heritage Conservancy reach and engage new and underserved audiences. By the end of the 12 weeks of service, Fellows will have become local watershed experts and ambassadors to their community and will have introduced many new people to their local trails, waterways, and environmental center, as well as the steps they can take to help restore and protect the Delaware River Watershed.

Position Location: Bristol Marsh, Approximately 350 Basin Park, Bristol, PA 19007 and Aldie Mansion, 85 Old Dublin Pike, Doylestown, PA 18901. The Fellow will spend part of the time at Bristol Marsh and part at Aldie Mansion.

Duties:

- Engage target communities in the Bristol Marsh watershed and Delaware watershed through stewardship, education, recreation and civic engagement.
- Assist with water quality monitoring at Bristol Marsh.
- Inventory recreational use of the preserve through observations and surveys.

- Fellow will work with Heritage Conservancy staff to engage the community and local businesses to develop partnerships surrounding stewardship at the Marsh and conduct educational outreach on the importance of watershed health.
- Additional work will involve assisting on a storm drain project and further development of summer programs at the Marsh.
- Greet visitors and the community on behalf of Heritage Conservancy.
- The Watershed Fellow will become a local expert on Heritage Conservancy, Bristol Marsh and urban storm water issues.
- Fellows will engage the Bristol Marsh community, talking with trail users in and around the marsh.
- Lead (or assist with) environmental education and programming at the marsh.
- Assist with daily office tasks as needed.
- Participate in a 3 day Watershed Stewardship Training at Pocono Environmental Education Center (overnight, June 14-16.) <http://www.peec.org/>
- Complete a required Capstone project to be presented at the end of season Watershed Fellowship Summit, August 18. This individual project should help enhance network goals, deepen the connection and engagement of trail and water users and expand watershed protection and restoration.
- Fellows will be expected to participate in regular online interaction with the other Watershed Fellows through an online discussion platform.
- Fellows will be required to visit at least two other Environmental Centers in the network in order to gain a more complete understanding of the Delaware River watershed.
- Represent yourself in a professional and respectful manner throughout the internship as you are representing Heritage Conservancy.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Age 18-24 by June 6 start date.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; superior interpersonal skills with a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity also necessary.
- Must be people oriented, have a team-focused attitude, and the ability to professionally represent Heritage Conservancy and the network to the public.
- A positive attitude and good sense of humor, as well as comfort working independently as a leader and part of a team, when needed.
- Ability to work in a dynamic fast-paced environment and juggle multiple, changing priorities; strong time and project management skills needed. Must be self-motivated and willing to work in a flexible, non-structured environment.
- Detail oriented, ability to take direction and complete tasks.
- Must be eager to work and learn.
- Ability to endure potentially variable factors associated with outdoor work.
- Enthusiasm for natural and historic preservation.
- Occasional evening and weekend hours required.
- Valid state driver's license and own transportation required.
- Able to lead walks/hikes through varied terrain.
- Heritage Conservancy is dedicated to building a culturally diverse organization and strongly encourages applications from minorities and women.

Essential dates

- June 6: Fellows start date at Heritage Conservancy.

- June 14 - 16: Required Watershed Stewardship Training (overnight) at Pocono Environmental Education Center. (Food and accommodations provided.)
- August 18: Watershed Fellowship Summit at John Heinz NWR, Philadelphia.
- August 25: Last day of Fellowship

Compensation: This position pays \$12/hr. Fellows will serve 35-40 hrs./week for 12 weeks.

How to apply:

Please send a cover letter and resume to:

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Application Deadline: March 24, 2017