



Student Employment Opportunity PRWC Youth Conservation Corps Members

TITLE: Youth Conservation Corps Member

TERM: Planned for July – August (6 weeks); Candidates must be able to work for the entire term

LOCATION: Various works sites within the Pomperaug River Watershed

WORKWEEK / HOURS: Tuesday through Friday, generally 24 hours/week (4 days a week, 6-hour days)

WAGES: Minimum Wage (paid bi-monthly)

REPORTS TO: Youth Conservation Corps Lead; coordinates with other staff, as needed

OVERVIEW

The **Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition** (PRWC) is accepting applications to hire Youth Conservation Corps Members for the 2021 summer season. PRWC's mission is to promote the use of science and education to ensure the availability of clean water and the sustainable use of water, both groundwater and surface water, in the Pomperaug Watershed communities.

The Youth Conservation Corps consists of four students (ages 16 and up) who work together outdoors for six weeks during the summer on projects that protect and enhance natural resources in the Pomperaug Watershed communities. YCC projects may include but are not limited to water quality sampling, streamwalk surveys, river clean-ups, community outreach, riparian habitat improvement, invasive species removal, erosion mitigation, stormdrain marker installation, culvert assessments and more.

Youth Conservation Corps members are selected through a competitive application process to work under a trained leadership team. Candidates should demonstrate a solid work ethic, positive attitude and a commitment to the environment. Successful members receive a bi-monthly wage plus hands-on education and employment experience. Daily access to a personal vehicle is required (mileage reimbursement for non-commute, personal vehicle travel will be provided).

EXPECTATIONS

Member expectations include, but are not limited to the following abilities:

- Respectfully represent Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition and work as a productive team member in the completion of various conservation projects.
- Adhere to all staff, safety, and program procedures and policies including applicable elements of the PRWC employee handbook.
- Maintain a positive attitude and enthusiasm to learn more about conservation and natural resource management

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Member responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Work safely in a team of 4 members while completing priority conservation projects
- Complete high priority conservation projects such as water quality sampling, streamwalk surveys, river clean-ups, riparian habitat improvement, invasive species removal, erosion mitigation, stormdrain marker installation and more
- Complete tasks that involve heavy lifting (40+ pounds), repetitive motion, walking/hiking while carrying packs/tools/gear over uneven terrain and in the stream channel
- Perform physical labor that includes lifting, bending, kneeling, working with hand tools, and walking in the stream channel for 2- to 3-hour intervals
- Working outdoors in various weather conditions including hot and cold temperature, sun and rain
- Other assignments that support PRWC's scientific research, community outreach, and environmental advocacy initiatives

QUALIFICATIONS & ELIGIBILITY

Candidates should possess, at a minimum, the following:

- Interest in developing skills and experience in natural resource conservation and management
- Commitment to protecting and improving the quality of the environment for human and natural communities
- The ability to work responsibly and cooperatively as a member of a team
- Experience in conservation, environmental science, landscaping/gardening, or farm/woods work a plus
- Ability and willingness to perform physical labor and work outside in variable weather conditions
- Candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 18 by June 15, 2021
- Preference given to full or part-time residents of Southbury, Woodbury, Bethlehem, Watertown, Morris, Middlebury, Washington, Roxbury, or Oxford

HOW TO APPLY

Qualified and interested applicants should fill out the Youth Conservation Corps Member Application information completely and accurately. In addition to the application questions, please submit **one letter of reference written by someone other than a relative** (with their contact information included). Completed applications should be submitted by email to outreach@pomperaug.org or by mail to:

ATTN: Youth Conservation Corps
Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition
319 Sherman Hill Road, C103
Woodbury, CT 06798

Applications must be postmarked on or before by **May 15, 2021** to be considered.

Questions pertaining to the program may be directed to outreach@pomperaug.org.