



Washington Service Corps Individual Placement

Restoration Associate

WSC & Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

Starting Date: October 4th, 2017

Join our team! The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust is sponsoring three seasonal Restoration Associates through the Washington Service Corps (WSC) AmeriCorps program. Serving with the Greenway Trust offers an opportunity to gain natural resources management experience in a blend of forest and aquatic ecosystems from Seattle to Central Washington. As part of our Stewardship Team, you will serve closely with our partners and volunteers to combat invasive weeds and install native plants throughout the Greenway. Your hard work will result in improved forest and ecological health for Greenway natural areas.

POSITION SUMMARY

As a member of the Greenway Trust Stewardship Program, you'll have the opportunity to work with a highly successful team in an energetic, productive, and fast-paced environment. Through extensive hands-on involvement in a wide variety of projects and agency partnerships, you will learn about ecological issues on public natural lands, and build skills in public land management.

To support many of our environmental stewardship efforts, the Greenway Trust recruits and engages more than 4,000 community volunteers each year. These volunteers provide support for trail maintenance, invasive weed removal, and native tree and shrub planting efforts. Our interactions with community volunteers provide a unique opportunity to discuss the Greenway, the landscape, the challenges faced in stewarding and caring for public land, and gives volunteers a chance to "give back" to the lands where they live, work and play.

Serving as a Restoration Team and occasionally individually, the Restoration Associates will be responsible for assisting with community engagement efforts (recruiting and managing volunteers, tracking volunteer information, tracking volunteer accomplishments and recognizing achievements, and helping to broaden the reach and depth of the program), and will also assist Greenway Trust staff with other core projects, including invasive plant removal, native plant installation, trail maintenance scouting, operations at our Native Plant Nursery at Lake Sammamish State Park and logistics at our field office.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serve as a Restoration Team alongside Greenway Trust, agency, nonprofit, and other staff, other AmeriCorps members, and the public to complete environmental restoration and trail enhancements, including: tree planting, manual and chemical invasive weed control, logging road restoration, erosion control/slope stabilization, routine trail maintenance (clearing, brushing, tread and structure repair), and new trail construction/renovations.
- Assist the Restoration Projects Manager and Restoration Specialist with oversight and management of restoration projects; including collecting monitoring data at past restoration

sites, providing education to landowners along three primary knotweed control campaigns; invasive weed survey and control efforts across the landscape; tree planting site preparation and plant layout; and other restoration projects as assigned.

- Lead volunteer land stewardship events within the Greenway on weekdays and Saturdays, which includes developing relationships with and educating volunteers about the Greenway, site history, and other relevant information.
- Maintain the Greenway Trust's Native Plant Nursery, including monitoring inventory, organizing plant potting events, overseeing irrigation systems, and other tasks.
- Assist with the Greenway Trust's field base maintenance, which includes hand and power tool repair and maintenance, vehicle inspections, tool inventory management, and other items related to tools used for volunteer projects.
- Strengthen public understanding of the Greenway through education at volunteer and other events and provide a safe and fun environment for volunteers.
- Assist the Greenway Education Program with service learning volunteer event leadership for participating schools.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Proven personal initiative and ability to handle multiple tasks and projects in a fast-paced environment, to prioritize, use good judgment, and problem solve.
- A general interest in environmental restoration and volunteer engagement.
- Ability to serve as part of a team in an outdoor field setting, in inclement weather. This position requires a tolerance for long days in cold, hot and wet conditions while using tools.
- Ability to acquire, upon employment, a Wilderness First Aid certification (part of Greenway Trust training, and will be provided during the service term).
- Ability to apply pesticides to non-native plants, and, upon employment, ability to test for and receive a Washington State Pesticide Applicator's License (part of Greenway Trust training, and will be provided during the service term).
- Proven oral communication skills and ability to represent the Greenway Trust in a professional manner.
- Provide daily, personal transportation to Lake Sammamish State Park in Issaquah, WA.
- A valid driver's license, clean driving record and the ability to drive agency vehicles.
- Must successfully pass a criminal history background check.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Strong Pacific Northwest plant identification skills.
- Experience using herbicides to control invasive weeds.
- Washington State herbicide applicator's license.
- Wilderness First Aid certification.
- Experience surveying vegetation and using GPS.
- Experience with ArcGIS 10.3.
- Associate's or Bachelor's degree.
- Three to six months or more conservation corps or other related outdoor work experience.

COMPENSATION

Living stipend of \$1,203 per month provided by WSC (before taxes). After successful completion of AmeriCorps term, receive a \$5,815 Education Award.

LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

The Restoration Associates are based out of the Greenway Trust's Field Office, located at Lake Sammamish State Park in Issaquah, WA. Transportation from the Field Office to project sites on surrounding public land and other project locations will be provided. The position operates on a four ten-hour days schedule, Wednesday through Saturday service week. The position is scheduled to run from October 4, 2016 to August 15, 2017.

TO APPLY

Complete application on the Washington Service Corps listing at:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=74548&fromSearch=true>

AND attach cover letter and resume to your application or email directly to:

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These positions are contingent on successful funding from the Washington Service Corps program.

ABOUT THE GREENWAY TRUST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The Greenway Trust Stewardship Program provides long-term stewardship of the 1.5-million-acre Mountains to Sound Greenway, which includes over 900,000 acres of public lands stretching from Seattle to Central Washington. This program works on federal, state, county and city lands completing tree plantings, invasive plant removal, riparian restoration, forest road removal, trail maintenance and construction, and a host of other stewardship activities. The involvement and education of thousands of volunteers yearly is a major component of the program.

ABOUT THE MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance the landscape from Seattle across the Cascade Mountains to Central Washington, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature. Founded in 1991, the Greenway Trust works to promote public land acquisitions, connect a continuous regional trail system, teach people of all ages about the importance of conserving forests and wildlife, improve recreation access, create new parks and trails and mobilize thousands of volunteers.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway is the scenic landscape that stretches from Seattle to Central Washington. The Greenway connects the working farms, forests, natural areas and communities that surround us. The Greenway Trust celebrates this heritage and brings people together to restore habitat, connect trails, and build a sustainable future.