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Join The Buzzards Bay Coalition and Wareham Land Trust as our 2019-2020 TerraCorps Member

This year we are looking for a TerraCorps members to join the Buzzards Bay Coalition and Wareham Land Trust teams! As a member you will be part of the 2019-2020 TerraCorps program and join 48 other members to serve with nonprofit partner organizations across Massachusetts.

Members serve in full-time (38 hour/week) position from August 26th, 2019- July 31st, 2020. These 1,700-hour AmeriCorps positions receive a living allowance and are eligible for an education award and additional AmeriCorps benefits. Application specifics, position descriptions, and additional information about how to apply can be found at www.terracorps.org/become-a-member/.

Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. Interviews begin late-April, and we aim to fill all positions by mid-July.

AmeriCorps programs provide equal service opportunities. TerraCorps will recruit and select persons for all positions to ensure a diverse and inclusive community. We welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds and varying experiences, including people with disabilities, people of color, and LGBTQIA individuals. We will provide reasonable accommodations for interviews and services upon request. TerraCorps is a grant program of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

2019 Land Stewardship Coordinator Position Opening
with Buzzards Bay Coalition and Wareham Land Trust

Buzzards Bay Coalition

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The Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) is a membership-supported nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration, protection, and sustainable use and enjoyment of our irreplaceable Bay and its watershed. The Coalition works to improve the health of the Bay ecosystem for all through education, conservation, research, and advocacy. The Watershed Protection Department within BBC advances land conservation, land stewardship and habitat restoration activities throughout the watershed of Buzzards Bay. BBC holds a total of 42 conservation easements (2,272 acres) and owns and operates a series of 5 publicly accessible river and bay reserves totaling over 700 acres.

The Wareham Land Trust (WLT) safeguards about 550 acres of conservation land throughout the Town of Wareham. The WLT owns 136 acres and hold conservation restrictions on 406 acres. Most of these properties allow public access with trails that are ideal for walking and wildlife viewing while others offer canoe and kayak access to Wareham's exceptional water resources

Land Stewardship Coordinators (LSC) Build the long-term capacity of their service sites by creating networks of volunteers to support hands-on stewardship of community lands. They organize, train, and collaborate with municipal boards, neighborhood and civic associations, community members, youth groups, and schools to care for, improve access to, and support the long-term resiliency and sustainable use of community lands.

LSCs may assist their service site by: surveying and monitoring conservation land, building and maintaining recreational trails, monitoring and maintaining urban farmland, restoring wildlife habitat, mitigating erosion, and improving public access to open spaces. By providing training and organizing collaborative land-focused projects, they increase resources for community projects, demonstrate environmentally responsible land management, help individuals build skills, and nurture an inclusive sense of public ownership in the local landscape. LSCs spend roughly 40% of their time in the office and 60% in the field.

TerraCorps members engage with their supervisors to develop and carry out three or more capacity building projects over the course of the service year. Some of these projects will involve recruiting, training, and/or managing community volunteers. Buzzards Bay Coalition has proposed the following potential project for their Land Stewardship Coordinator:

- 1) Complete baseline documentation reports for conservation land properties.
- 2) Creation and maintenance of trails and public access facilities along a complex of conservation lands protected by the WLT, BBC and Town of Wareham within the lower Weweantic River corridor.

3) Develop and implement property specific public engagement plans for interpreting the natural and cultural history for one of Buzzards Bay Coalition's sites. To do this, the member will help to develop and implement: natural history hikes, interpretive kiosks, short videos, content for property specific web pages, short pieces for local newspaper and radio, etc.

4) Recruit and train volunteers to conduct stewardship and citizen science projects such as trail maintenance, invasive plant inventories and salt marsh/river habitat restoration activities.

5) Onset Bay Reserve Land Management assistance, including public access and habitat improvements at BBC's Wickets Island and Burgess Point properties.

Development of these and other projects will occur during the first two months of service and consider the member's interests and skills.

Essential Qualifications:

- BA/BS in natural resources, forestry, land use planning or other scientific related field (experience may be substituted for education)
- Knowledge and direct experience with ArcGIS mapping software
- Ability to navigate independently in the field utilizing map, compass, and GPS units
- Ability to read and interpret various maps such as surveys, aerial photos, and USGS topographical maps
- Experience working with natural systems and identifying plant and wildlife species
- Comfortable working independently in both an office and field setting
- Able to walk 3-4 miles a day over uneven terrain and work in a range of weather conditions
- Comfortable utilizing computer programs such as Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint) and have the ability to quickly learn new programs

Desired Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with people from a variety of backgrounds
- Ability to write detailed technical reports
- Knowledge of the principles of natural lands management and water resource protection
- Experience with the flora and fauna of coastal New England
- Experience using and/or working around a variety of hand and power tools such as brush cutters, chainsaws, drills, hammers, etc.
- Experience driving and operating 4x4 pickup trucks
- Experience giving presentations and/or trainings to diverse audiences
- Experience recruiting, training, and managing volunteers
- Experience developing and completing projects both independently and with others

For questions about BBC's Land Stewardship Coordinator position, contact Jack Sidar, sidar@savebuzzardsbay.org.