



Delaware River Watershed Fellowship 2020

at Heritage Conservancy at Bristol Marsh

Heritage Conservancy is a member of the Alliance for Watershed Education, (AWE), a coalition of 23 environmental education centers focused on constituency building and stewardship of the Delaware River Watershed. Centers in the Alliance are connected along Circuit Trails, the regional trail network of multi-use bike/pedestrian trails and waterways (rivers, streams, creeks). The Alliance, now in its fourth season, is again seeking to hire young people at each center for a 12-week summer fellowship designed to advance their collective impact across the watershed.

With over 350 species inventoried, Heritage Conservancy's Bristol Marsh provides unique outdoor classroom and recreational opportunities in a highly urbanized area. Through community outreach and education, partnerships, trash cleanups and other stewardship activities, Heritage Conservancy works to improve Bristol Marsh, nearby Croydon Woods, and the surrounding watershed to protect these unique resources. The work at Bristol Marsh aligns with Heritage Conservancy's mission 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.

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, the Watershed Fellow will have become local watershed experts and ambassadors to their community and will have introduced many new people to their local trail(s) and waterways, as well as the steps they can take to help restore and protect the larger Delaware River Watershed.

Position Location: Heritage Conservancy offices are located at Aldie Mansion, 85 Old Dublin Pike, Doylestown, PA 18901, where the fellow will spend much of the time. The Fellow will spend part of the time in the Bristol/Croydon area at community events, at Bristol Marsh (approximately 350 Basin Park, Bristol, PA 19007), Croydon Woods, and other preserves throughout Bucks County.

Duties:

- Engage communities with Heritage Conservancy and the Delaware River watershed through stewardship, education, recreation and civic engagement.
- Participate in a 3 day supportive watershed stewardship training at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (overnight, June 10-12.) <http://www.peec.org/>
- Fellows will be expected to participate in weekly webinars and check-ins with Fellows at other AWE centers.
- Fellows will attend two in-person regional meetings.
- With guidance from their supervisor, complete a Capstone Project and present their work at the end



of program Summit (August 14). This individual project should align with program goals, deepen the connection and engagement of trail and water users and expand watershed protection and restoration.

- Assist with development, planning and execution of environmental education and community outreach programs and events.
- Assist with stewardship needs at Bristol Marsh, Croydon Woods and other preserves in Bucks County.
- Assist staff in work with the Lower Bucks Environmental Stewardship Team (LBEST), a group of community members working to advance environmentalism and Heritage Conservancy's work in the Bristol/Croydon area.
- Plan, recruit for, develop, and lead a training session for LBEST volunteers to activate the members to become environmental stewards and ambassadors for the watershed and trails.
- 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.
- Assist with daily office tasks and other events as needed.
- Represent yourself in a professional and respectful manner throughout the internship as you are representing Heritage Conservancy and AWE.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Age 18+ by June 1 start date.
- Must be people oriented, have a team-focused attitude, and the ability to professionally represent Heritage Conservancy and the Alliance for Watershed Education to the public;
- Strong oral and written communication skills; superior interpersonal skills with a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity also necessary;
- Detail oriented, ability to take direction and complete tasks; Must be eager to work and learn;
- Strong time and project management skills needed;
- Must be self-motivated and willing to work in a flexible, non-structured environment;
- 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 endure potentially variable factors associated with outdoor work; Able to walk/hike through varied terrain;
- Knowledge of and experience in the Bristol/Croydon community a plus;
- Occasional evening and weekend hours required;
- Valid state driver's license and own transportation required;
- Experience presenting to community groups, leading trainings, or conducting education programs is beneficial;
- Enthusiasm for natural and historic preservation; Knowledge in these areas a plus;
- Heritage Conservancy is dedicated to building a culturally diverse organization and strongly encourages applications from minorities and women.

Essential dates:

- June 1, 2020: Fellow start date at Heritage Conservancy
- June 10-12: Required Watershed Stewardship Training (overnight) at Pocono Environmental Education Center. (Meals, transportation and accommodations provided.)
- July 9: Region 3 meeting



- August 6: Region 3 meeting
- August 14: Watershed Fellowship Summit (location to be announced).
- August 21: Last day of Fellowship

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

How to apply:

Email a resume and cover letter to:
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Application Deadline: Wednesday, April 15, 2020