

Chesapeake Conservation Corps
Corps Year: 2019-2020

About the Chesapeake Conservation Corps

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is seeking applications for the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program where young professionals can gain vital green jobs skills and build a network of connections in the environmental field.

This one-year term of paid service places young adults (ages 18-25) with nonprofits or government agencies to work full-time in the environmental field in the Chesapeake watershed. Throughout the year this program provides hands-on professional and leadership experience through on-the-ground work leading and assisting with projects and programs, extensive trainings, and other service-learning opportunities including grant writing. This initiative is supported by the Trust, BGE an Exelon Company, the National Park Service and the state of Maryland.

The purpose of the Corps Program is 1) to enable young adults to work with organizations and communities on issues impacting the Chesapeake Bay, and 2) to better prepare young adults pursuing careers in the environmental field. Corps Members will work on projects and programs that fall into at least one of six categories (environmental restoration, community engagement, environmental education, energy conservation, sustainable agriculture or forestry), gain career and leadership skills, and become more engaged through meaningful community service.

About the Accokeek Foundation

The Accokeek Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in a national park located on the Potomac River in southern Prince George's County. The Foundation provides high quality educational programs for diverse audiences at Piscataway Park that promote environmental stewardship and restoration. The Foundation's stewardship goals are to regenerate, revitalize, and protect the park's natural resources. Its agriculture program focuses on regenerating food forest, savanna, and meadow spaces using native plants and trees, and integrating heritage breeds of livestock in land management to ensure healthy animals, healthy people, healthy soils, and healthy water. The Foundation looks at all of its environmental and agricultural programs through the lens of history, to help audiences understand the ways that land shapes people and people shape the land.

Position Abstract

The Natural Resource Coordinator will lead a native plant revitalization project in Piscataway Park by engaging the community in native and invasive plant identification, mapping, and management. The Coordinator will lead outreach efforts to recruit and train volunteers in the stewardship of the park's

natural resources, lead volunteer workdays, and assist in the development of public educational opportunities. Due to the public nature of the park and its regular interpretive programs, the Coordinator will have the opportunity to interact with visitors through educational programs and/or tours.

Position Overview – Natural Resource Coordinator

The native plant revitalization project will be implemented in three stages:

- Site planning
- Outreach
- Removal activities

The Natural Resource Coordinator will:

- Assist in the evaluation of the site to determine target species by location
- Develop and implement an invasive management plan according to National Park Service standards
- Coordinate outreach efforts to recruit volunteers to support ongoing stewardship
- Coordinate and execute volunteer training and workdays
- Interface with the public regarding the natural resource stewardship and regenerative agriculture programs to demonstrate best practices

Field to Office Ratio: 60/40. Note that the Accokeek Foundation conducts background checks to ensure the safety and well-being of the organization's staff and visitors. The Foundation is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

To apply:

The Chesapeake Bay Trust anticipates placing around 35-40 Corps Members, young adults 18-25, with nonprofit organizations and government agencies throughout the Chesapeake Bay region for a paid year of service (\$18,500) beginning on August 20, 2019. To find the application go to <https://cbtrust.org/prospective/>.

Applications must be submitted through the Trust's online system by **March 14, 2019 at 4:00 pm**.

For any questions about becoming a part of the Chesapeake Conservation Corps, contact Senior Program Officer Tara Drennan, tdrennan@cbtrust.org or 410-974-2941, ext. 102.