

Massachusetts Land Initiative for Tomorrow
East Quabbin Land Trust
AmeriCorps Position with *MassLIFT*

Position: Service Learning Coordinator

MassLIFT Partner: East Quabbin Land Trust
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Organization Description: The East Quabbin Land Trust envisions a regional community that continues to care for its natural environment and supports a sustainable local economy, ensuring a high quality of life for generations to come. The East Quabbin Land Trust works to foster the sustainable use of our natural and historic resources for the benefit of all generations through the conservation and stewardship of the farmlands, woodlands and waters in our region of Massachusetts.

Service Position: The Service Learning Coordinator works to foster an ethic of community service and civic engagement among young people, and to increase the connections that children and young adults feel to the land. The coordinator designs projects that allow young people to learn about working lands while contributing to the protection and stewardship of farms, forests, wildlife habitats, watershed areas, community gardens, and parks. The coordinator develops service learning opportunities for hands-on conservation such as: (1) trail creation, mapping or clean-up on protected lands; (2) exploring local vernal pools and learning about their protection; (3) clean-up and planting in community gardens and parks; (4) making and painting signs for conservation lands; (5) invasive plant control and monitoring; (6) developing educational brochures and outdoor adventures for conservation or park lands, (7) monitoring grassland breeding bird populations; (8) working on rail trail clearing and maintenance projects.

Required Qualifications:

- familiarity with Microsoft Office programs
- strong writing, communication, and networking skills
- a strong interest in land stewardship and hands-on conservation projects
- able to work both independently and as a member of a team

Desired Qualifications:

- experience managing volunteers
- experience working with young people
- experience leading outdoor programs

AmeriCorps Member Requirements

The 2010 *MassLIFT* program will run from October 6, 2010 until August 31, 2011. *MassLIFT* is supported in part by the Massachusetts Service Alliance through a grant from AmeriCorps, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service. "All *MassLIFT* AmeriCorps members are expected to work full-time, serve for the entire 11-month term, and complete 1,700 hours of service. Hours are flexible and may include some evenings and weekends. This 1,700 hour commitment includes time spent in trainings and in meetings with the full *MassLIFT* team. Applicants must also:

- be a US citizen, US national, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien
- be at least 18 years-of-age and a minimum of a high school diploma or GED
- have served no more than one previous term as an AmeriCorps member
- pass a criminal offender record information check.

AmeriCorps programs provide equal employment opportunities. *MassLIFT* will recruit and select persons in all positions to ensure a diverse and inclusive climate without regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, color, political affiliation, creed, national origin, marital status, or any other status as protected by federal, state, and local laws. We welcome applications from individuals with disabilities and will provide reasonable accommodations for interviews and service upon request.

Compensation: Members will earn a stipend of up to \$11,800 over the 11-month term of service. Upon completion of the program they will receive a \$5,350 education award which can be used to pay off existing school loans or apply to future education. AmeriCorps covers members' health care insurance. Childcare assistance may be provided in cases of financial need. Pending continuation of the *MassLIFT* grant, members may continue to serve in this program for up to two years.

Application Procedures:

Send a resume and a 1-2 page cover letter via email to Cynthia Henshaw *MassLIFT* Site Supervisor at chenshaw@eqlt.org, "CC" your message to Dee Robbins, *MassLIFT* Program Manager, at robbins@mountgrace.org. Please mention in your cover letter what you hope to learn/experience. For further information call Cynthia Henshaw at 413-477-8229.



AmeriCorps is a federally funded program that supports a broad range of local and national nonprofit groups by engaging thousands of Americans in intensive service to meet critical community needs. In 2010 more than 325 organizations across the country were awarded AmeriCorps grants to help them address pressing social and environmental issues, and foster an ethic of civic engagement.



The Massachusetts Service Alliance established in 1991, is a private, nonprofit organization that serves as the state commission on community service and volunteerism. Its mission is to catalyze the innovation and growth of service and volunteerism by creating partnerships that maximize resources, expertise, capacity, and impact.