



Now accepting applications!

Join our 2024-25 cohort for the Central Ohio Collaborative for Conservation AmeriCorps program!

One-year, Full Time commitment starting September 9, 2024

Benefits

- Living stipend of up to \$22,984 (distributed biweekly as \$884 throughout the service term)
- Segal Education Award of up to \$7,395 (contingent on completion of service)
- Student loan forbearance while serving
- Healthcare & childcare availability
- Professional trainings & certifications in the environmental field to prepare you for your future career!

Make a difference by serving at one of 7 different host sites to improve conservation efforts in local communities!

- Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW)
- Green Columbus
- Grange Insurance Audubon Center
- Stratford Ecological Center
- Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District
- Licking Soil and Water Conservation District
- Preservation Parks of Delaware County



To apply, complete an online application via the link or QR code!

<https://arcg.is/1bPOK4>

For questions, please contact the AmeriCorps Program Coordinator,
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About the Program

The Central Ohio Collaborative for Conservation is an AmeriCorps program supported by AmeriCorps, the U.S. federal government agency for national service and volunteerism. The Collaborative consists of 7 conservation-focused groups based in Central Ohio with the goal of advancing natural resource conservation and environmental education in the region. The 2024-25 program cohort will host 12 AmeriCorps members.

Description of Service Activities

Individuals selected to serve as AmeriCorps members will primarily report to one of the 7 different host sites. Specific duties performed by each member will vary across host sites, but all members are expected to be able to perform on-the-ground conservation work and engage the public in environmental education. The whole cohort will also occasionally come together for professional trainings, team building activities, and large conservation project workdays.

A more detailed description of the different types of service work is listed below:

Conservation Implementation

- Perform on-the-ground conservation work:
 - (1) Invasive species removal;
 - (2) Planting native trees, shrubs, and forbs;
 - (3) Stream, wetland, and habitat restoration;
 - (4) Litter cleanups; and
 - (5) Growing trees at local nurseries
- Lead volunteers to participate in the conservation activities listed above
- Learn outdoor workplace safety and how to use field equipment & tools
- Perform water quality monitoring
- Assist with natural resources GIS data collection and management

Education and Outreach

- Facilitate educational workshops, presentations, and field trips/tours
- Develop content for community outreach programs, including school programs and public education programs
- Develop and distribute outreach materials, such as brochures and flyers, as well as social media content
- Communicate the importance of land stewardship, conservation, and sustainability at outreach events
- Assist with annual host site events, such as Annual Meetings and tree sales