



National Park Service – Community Assistance Fellows

Length	Term of positions is 47 weeks; full-time commitment 5-days per week.
Location	Detroit, Michigan
Living Allowance	\$465 week, health insurance provided if desired
AmeriCorps Award	Community Assistance Fellows are eligible for an AmeriCorps education award upon successful completion of the program. Value of education award is \$5,645 (pre-tax).
Educational Status	Holds an Undergraduate Degree in Landscape architecture, Graphic Design, or in a related field; maximum age is 30.
Start Date	Positions starting January 19, 2015
Specific training	Hands-on mentored work experience; individual training available to meet specific interests and needs.
Application Due Date	Preference will be given to applications received on or before Nov. 21 st .

How to Apply

Apply on-line at: <http://www.environmentalstewards.org/join/current-openings/>
(please upload or update your application at the above link, before November 21, 2014)

For More Information

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Program Basics

In addition to protecting and managing America's 401 national parks, the National Park Service (NPS) also operates programs that extend throughout the nation to connect all Americans to their parks, trails, rivers, and other special places. The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program helps community groups, nonprofits, state and local governments, and tribes plan parks and trails, conserve and improve access to rivers and natural areas, and create recreation opportunities through locally led partnerships.

NPS - Community Assistance Fellows will be placed with participating RTCA and related program sites and will be provided opportunities to receive training and experience. The NPS-Community Assistance Fellows Program introduces Fellows to NPS-RTCA sites to work in a mentored environment for a full year. Fellows will help RTCA staff provide technical assistance to communities to plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on the ground success on conservation and outdoor recreation projects.

Fellows will receive an AmeriCorps educational stipend at the end of their term. AmeriCorps is a national service organization, connecting thousands of Americans of all ages and backgrounds with the opportunity to serve their communities.

Southeast, Michigan RTCA Fellowship

The position is stationed in the Detroit metro area with an NPS-RTCA partner (Detroit Parks Department, River Raisin National Battlefield Park, University Center (U of M or MSU). The Fellow will be provided a professional space, internet and lap top computer. Administrative support will be provided by the NPS Midwest Regional Office. Lodging and per diem will be provided for official overnight travel. Housing for this position will not be provided.

Fellows will be supervised by National Park Service Outdoor Recreation Planners and Landscape Architects from the Midwest Region and Michigan Field Office. The Fellow will work with Senior RTCA staff on a variety of projects in Southeast Michigan, including: Improving Rouge Park (Detroit), Huron River Trail Towns (Southeast Michigan), National Water Trails Forum (Southeast Michigan), Building "Friends Group" capacity for Rouge Park and other Detroit Parks. The Fellow may also get involved in RTCA Communities of Practice, e.g. youth, urban initiative, health, water trails and watersheds, large landscape conservation. The Fellow will assist River Raisin National Battlefield Park with making connections to urban youth organizations and schools to facilitate connecting youth to America's National Parks through quality educational programs. The Fellow may also assist with facilitating American Indian Nation partnerships and community planning surrounding the development of a Battlefield Protection Plan in Wayne County.

Fellows will be exposed to the RTCA National network of planners and community assistance professionals and may participate in training and conference opportunities that are available to Program staff such as facilitation skills, NPS trainings and webinars, and attending professional conferences.

Participant Tasking Examples

- Community engagement and outreach, especially involving youth in community-based planning and programing
- Planning, leading, and participating in hands-on conservation/recreation efforts
- Developing programs/approaches promoting active involvement in NPS-supported projects
- Developing programs and/or opportunities for youth involvement in projects.
- Providing outreach (web updates, e-newsletters, brochures/fliers)
- Writing project updates, reports and correspondence
- Assisting with public meetings and workshops
- Coordinating and supporting planning teams
- Conducting site analysis and resource assessments
- Researching best practices
- Preparing maps, conceptual plans, and graphics using GIS, Adobe Illustrator, and other programs

Qualifications and benefits

- Must be a US Citizen, National, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the United States
- Preference will be given to qualified, local (currently living in the city they are applying) candidates.
- All candidates should have demonstrable interest in parks, outdoor recreation, conservation, urban planning, public/youth engagement, rivers, trails, etc.
- Maximum age is 30.
- Specific skills and abilities sought include:
 - Conceptual design and graphic skills
 - Strong oral and written communications skills
 - Proficiency in the Microsoft Office Suite
 - Demonstrated ability to work cooperatively as part of a larger team
 - Ability to meet deadlines and work under pressure
 - Possession of a current valid driver's license
 - Considerable physical activity may be required at some sites/not required
 - Negotiating and handling stressful situations in a diplomatic and non-adversarial manner

Fellows will be required to submit quarterly reports and a final report during their year of service.