



## TERRACORPS

*Formerly MassLIFT-AmeriCorps*

### **2017 Youth Education Coordinator Position Opening** **with Groundwork Lawrence**

#### **Groundwork Lawrence**

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**Groundwork Lawrence (GWL)**, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, has been making change happen in Greater Lawrence, Massachusetts since its early beginnings in 1999. Through community engagement, environmental and open space improvements, fresh food access, youth education, and employment initiatives, GWL creates the building blocks of a healthy community, and empowers residents to improve their quality of life. GWL achieves results by engaging the whole community – residents, youth, nonprofits, government and businesses – in the planning and realization of projects. With this collaborative approach, GWL ensures that all stakeholders are mutually invested in the outcomes, the key to stable neighborhoods and sustainable change.

**Youth Education Coordinators (YEC)** build the long-term capacity of their host site by engaging youth in service learning, experiential education, and inquiry-based science and nature learning projects. They collaborate with schools, and youth groups on projects that connect young people to the natural world, improve science literacy, and encourage healthy lifestyles.

YECs may help their host site to engage with educators and volunteers to guide youth in environmental inquiry and discovery, school and community garden projects, urban tree stewardship projects, urban pocket park projects, and “green jobs” training and internship programs. By serving with youth in an outdoor learning environment, they reinforce the connection between people, nature, and community and foster an inclusive land stewardship ethic in future generations.

TerraCorps members engage with their supervisors to develop and carry out three or more capacity building projects over the course of the service year. Some of these projects will involve recruiting, training, and/or managing community volunteers. Groundwork Lawrence has proposed the following potential projects for their Youth Education Coordinator:

- 1) The YEC will help to increase the amount of STEM educational enrichment opportunities in Lawrence schools. An example of a project the member would assist with would be helping develop curriculum on integrating teachings on trees in Lawrence into its school-based curricula.
- 2) The YEC would also take on the project of teaching our school-based programs for children in grades K-8 with hands-on science and developing Lawrence city park-based curriculum.
- 3) The YEC will integrate through collaboration the recently launched New Balance and Boston Children's Hospital Fit Kit at Lawrence schools and youth organizations.

Development of these and other projects will occur during the first two months of service and consider the member's interests and skills.

Essential Qualifications:

- associate degree; experience may be substituted for education
- experience teaching or leading groups in the outdoors, preferably youth
- experience with hands-on conservation and stewardship projects
- strong presentation skills
- strong writing, communication, and networking skills
- able to serve both independently and as a member of a team
- familiarity with Microsoft Office programs

Desired Qualifications:

- Bilingual Spanish/English
- experience training and managing volunteers
- experience with experiential education, service learning, and inquiry-based learning methods
- experience with curriculum development and lesson planning

No phone calls please.

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