



CAC AmeriCorps

Position Description

Water Quality Technician



Dates of Service: August 5th, 2019 – June 26th, 2020

Partner: Town of Farragut Stormwater

Location of Service: Farragut Town Hall
11408 Municipal Center Dr, Farragut, TN 37934

Supervisor: Lori Saal, Stormwater Coordinator

About CAC AmeriCorps:

Established in 1994, CAC AmeriCorps is a national service program that combines elements of traditional conservation practice with community action that informs our work and places it in the broader context of the region. CAC AmeriCorps members serve to improve public lands, streams and greenways, educate the public, meet immediate human needs, eliminate barriers to employment, contribute to healthier lifestyles, and build volunteer capacity to enhance the ability of our partners to get things done. We are committed to human and environmental justice in our communities through enduring acts of service.

Position Summary:

The Town of Farragut seeks motivated individuals with a passion for the environment to serve as its next Water Quality Technician in support of its stormwater program. This individual will aid in carrying out the Town's responsibilities to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The individual is expected to provide an exceptional level of service to Town regulators, peers, the general public and other community members. The Water Quality Technician's main responsibilities fall into two categories: water quality education and field work/mapping. The work mix varies from year-to-year, but ranges from development of educational materials and presentations to invasive species removal and physically removing waste material from streams. Successful implementation of the job duties can result in water quality improvements within the Town through a reduction of waste and other pollutants entering the Town's storm sewer system and ultimately Town waterways.

The AmeriCorps member will become familiar with NPDES and the Clean Water Act. The member will gain experience in educating the public on stormwater and conservation, recruiting and managing volunteers, conducting waterway assessments, and familiarity with GIS software. An abundance of opportunities to work collaboratively with other AmeriCorps partners as well as other Departments within the Town will also be available.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education

- Bachelor's Degree, preferably in areas of study related to agriculture, environmental conservation, natural resource management, engineering, landscape architecture, or sciences.

Position Requirements:

- Willingness and ability to work outdoors for extended periods of time and under challenging conditions (various weather conditions, rough/uneven terrain, water, bugs/pests)
- Flexibility in taking on a range of tasks
- Organized and detail-oriented with the ability to collect, document, and maintain recorded information. Maintain a clean and organized office
- Ability to effectively communicate and coordinate with others, including local media, both verbally and written
- Ability to take direction while also showing initiative in daily tasks
- Ability to apply verbal directions to the implementation of program tasks
- Dependable, prompt and professional. A motivated and personable individual.
- Present a pleasant and engaging demeanor when interacting with the public and colleagues.
- A sense of creativity and passion for service and the environment are highly valued.
- Willing to work weekends and extended hours, on occasion
- A valid driver's license and reliable transportation.

Member Benefits Include:

- A modest living allowance of \$12,530, or, \$533.19 bi-weekly (pre-tax), paid over 47 weeks.
- Education Award of \$5,920 that can be applied to student loans and/or future education expenses.
- Health insurance is available for members who are not already covered independently or by a parent.
- Worker's Compensation
- Child Care Reimbursement
- May be eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In-house SNAP benefits specialist available to provide assistance in determining eligibility.
- May be eligible for utility bill assistance. In house specialists available to provide assistance with determining eligibility.
- Staff assistance with identifying housing. Housing, inclusive of utilities, is generally between \$300-\$450 in a share house/apartment scenario.
- Professional development and networking opportunities.

Equity and Inclusion:

The Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) is an Equal Opportunity Employer and will take action to ensure that employees are treated equally without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, handicap, cultural or religious convictions. CAC AmeriCorps provides reasonable accommodations to applicants and employees. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodation at any point in the employment process.

