

MSWCD Hiring AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate

The Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District is addressing food insecurity by teaching people how to grow food, while at the same time supplying fresh, locally grown produce to our county's food banks/pantries and to those who participate at the gardens. The theme of Urban Greens is "Growing with Purpose", and we believe that providing ways to grow healthy food is part of our purpose.

Our urban agriculture program, Urban Greens, currently manages five community gardens, each with a slightly different focus and purpose. We are set to expand by adding two new gardens in 2023. To assist with the Urban Greens program, we are fortunate to be able to offer one AmeriCorps Summer Association position through ShareCorps.

The AmeriCorps Summer Association will work full-time (40 hours per week) for eight weeks during the summer of 2023. The start date will be in June 2023. Minimum qualifications for AmeriCorps: 18 years or older within two weeks of the service start date, high school diploma or GED, US citizen or lawful permanent resident. The AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate is considered a federal government employee and will receive a biweekly living stipend of \$675.08 gross, and an End of Service Award of either a cash stipend of \$276 or an Education Award of \$1,459. Paid summer holidays are included (Juneteenth, Independence Day).

Interested applicants must use this link to apply by May 5, 2023:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=117002>

Our VISTA Summer Associate will help maintain and grow our Urban Greens program by providing hands-on work in the gardens, teaching volunteers, and helping at educational events. They will work at all current garden sites, to support the work of the Urban Ag/Education Specialist and the Garden Coordinators. They will do everything from pulling weeds to building raised beds, helping at educational events to delivering produce to food pantries, and helping volunteers learn how to garden to installing irrigation. The work will be varied, it will be hard, and at the end of the day, it will be satisfying. If you are interested in local agriculture and conservation, or addressing food insecurity, join us for a unique summer with a great experience.



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