



AmeriCorps



Source Water Protection Ambassador

Full Time 1700 Hr.

2025-2026 Position Description

The New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program (NJWAP) is an environmental stewardship-oriented AmeriCorps program designed to raise awareness about water concerns. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has hosted NJWAP since 2000, and while the Program has evolved over the last 25 years, its main goals have remained the same: promote watershed stewardship through education and direct community involvement and monitor the health of our waterways through conducting stream assessments. Source water protection includes actions that are aimed at maintaining or improving the quality and quantity of the sources of drinking water and their contributing areas.

Members, also referred to as Source Water Protection or **SWP** Ambassadors, will engage in outreach and education campaigns that will lead to the protection of drinking water sources. These members will focus on increasing public knowledge and awareness of sources of drinking water, drinking water quality and water conservation. SWP members will complete a train-the-trainer style course, and deliver outreach and education on Lead Service Line Replacement initiatives.

Throughout the Program, Members grow professionally and interpersonally. Training in highly sought-after skills in the environmental field is provided, including GIS (NJ Geoweb and AGO applications), project management, and science communication. Members will exit the program better prepared to further their career in the environmental field. **Interested applicants for the 2025-2026 program year should apply via the My AmeriCorps portal by July 28, 2025, indicating their preferred SWP region (North, Central, or South).** Please note: Applications are evaluated as they are received. Enrollment is contingent on the DEP receiving the federal grant award for 2025-2026.

Eligibility to Serve with the NJWAP:

- Must have a bachelor's degree or higher
- Desire to serve your community
- A valid driver's license, dependable car for service assignment travel
- Must be a U.S Citizen or provide required documentation of permanent residence
- Must commit to a 1700-hr. term (35-40 hrs. per week)

Member Duties:

Over the course of this 1700-hour term of service (September- July), SWP Members will perform the following service tasks subject to change per grant year.

Educational Presentations

- Minimum of **30 presentations** with a focus on protecting and conserving drinking water.

Partnership Projects

- Minimum of **2 Partnership Projects** with a focus on water conservation and protection.
- **1 Project** focusing on a Lead Service Line Replacement Outreach and Education training program.
- **2 Tree Planting Projects**
- **1 Host Agency Project** mutually chosen to best suit the Member's interests and the Host Agency's needs.

Assessments

- **5 floater assessments**
- Support NJDEP Initiatives for Environmental Monitoring Projects

Member Development/Community Outreach

- **Attend 3 Meetings** to learn about local environmental concerns, and partner with community groups to address them.
- **Conduct 1 Career/Profession of Interest Interview**
- **Conduct 1 Elected or Appointed Official interview**

Program Benefits: Education award upon successful completion of service, health coverage provided, and stipend. The living stipend up to \$25,000, over the 10-month term of service. Receive a Segal education award of up to \$6,895 upon completion of 1700 hrs. Childcare assistance if eligible.

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/amicorps/segal-amicorps-education-award>

Terms: Permits working at another job during off hours, reliable car required for travel to and from service assignments, permits attendance at school during off hours, AmeriCorps apparel provided and required to be worn during service outreach events.

Service Areas: Community Outreach, Environment, Education

Skills: Teamwork, Environment, General Skills, Computers/Technology, Community Organization, Leadership, Writing/Editing, Teaching/Tutoring, Public Speaking, Event Planning, Time Management.

For additional information regarding this position description or other program related information, please email Program Director, Michelle.Hatfield@dep.nj.gov.

Sign up for an Open House: <https://forms.gle/v6Bk9Sw2kCwq6nEs9>

Application for the Source Water Protection Ambassador Position: <https://bit.ly/3G7n2Di>