



Nanticoke Watershed Alliance Outreach Assistant Volunteer Position Description

Background: The Nanticoke Watershed Alliance mission is to foster partnerships and progress in conserving the natural, cultural and recreational resources of the Nanticoke River watershed through dialogue, collaborative outreach and education. The Alliance, formed in 1992, is a consortium of over 40 organizations from Maryland and Delaware, including representatives from agriculture, industry, environmental, business, community, state, local and federal governmental organizations.

The Nanticoke Watershed Alliance participates in and sponsors outreach events throughout the year, including the Shad Festival, Earth Day at the Salisbury Zoo, the Seaford Riverfest, and the Eastern Shore AFRAM. These events are intended to engage the public with the Nanticoke watershed, create dialogue, raise awareness about the river and celebrate our good fortune of living along this tremendous natural resource with a rich cultural history. Outreach Assistants encourage members of the community to become further involved in the protection of their watershed and cultural heritage and provide a great service for the Alliance by allowing us to grow stronger as an organization, connecting to more groups and individuals.

Educator Responsibilities: Each Alliance Outreach Assistant coordinates individually with Alliance staff to fulfill one or more of the following responsibilities. Assistants must be able to attend at least three (3) outreach events each year but may choose the events on a first-come, first-served basis. Responsibilities include:

- Staffing informational tables at events within the Nanticoke watershed and surrounding areas.
- Responding to questions and inquiries posed by the public.
- Setting up and/or taking down tables and displays.
- Creating educational displays and/or materials.

Training and Benefits: The Alliance provides Outreach Assistants with a Nanticoke River Educator's Manual and training related to the Creekwatchers items on display. Outreach Assistants will be working with an Alliance staff member at each event. Alliance staff will provide follow-up training and support as needed. Benefits include:

- Sharing one's love and knowledge of the Nanticoke with others.
- Deciding one's level of involvement with the freedom to pick and choose events.
- Learning more about the Nanticoke and the great work being done to protect it.
- Participating in exciting festivals and events without the cost of admission.

Qualifications: Outreach Assistants should be comfortable with and enjoy interacting with the public, including answering questions, and should be able to withstand different weather conditions as some events are outdoors. A general knowledge of the Alliance, the Nanticoke River, its watershed and/or the history of the communities within it is helpful, but not required.

Supervisor: Beth Wasden, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator

To Apply: Complete an Alliance Volunteer Application (found online at www.nanticokeriver.org); call Beth Wasden at 443.944.1175 or email at bethwasden@nanticokeriver.org to be mailed an application.