



## **Position Announcement:**

### **AmeriCorps Programs Assistant**

**Background:** The Nanticoke Watershed Alliance (NWA) is a consortium of organizations working together to conserve the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the Nanticoke River watershed. The mission, goals, and objectives of the NWA are developed by consensus with our partnership. Partners include organizations and businesses from Maryland and Delaware, including representatives from agriculture, industry, environmental, business, community, and state, local and federal governmental organizations. [www.nanticokeriver.org](http://www.nanticokeriver.org)

**Responsibilities:** The Nanticoke Watershed Alliance (NWA) seeks a Half-time (900 hours) or Quarter-time (450 hours) AmeriCorps member to serve as a Programs Assistant through August 31, 2016. Hours per week will vary according to the NWA's needs and the AmeriCorps Member's schedule. (Please see **ShoreCorps/PALS: The AmeriCorps Program at Salisbury University** for a complete overview of the AmeriCorps program and a description of AmeriCorps-related requirements.) The AmeriCorps Programs Assistant will work directly with NWA staff to help administer the various programs of the NWA. Projects include a variety of efforts targeted at water quality monitoring, environmental education, and public outreach. The NWA operates in Maryland and in Delaware, and the AmeriCorps member will be expected to travel and to deliver programming in both states. The AmeriCorps Programs Assistant will:

- Work with Nanticoke Creekwatchers, a citizen science volunteer program that serves to monitor water quality in order to identify potential restoration projects and to engage watershed residents,
- Assist with the implementation of a student and teacher environmental education program, focused on meeting local environmental literacy requirements, including teacher workshops, in-classroom presentations, field days, outdoor learning experiences, action projects, and more,
- Assist with the facilitation of homeowner educational workshops, focused on water quality and stormwater best management practices (BMP),
- Assist with access and education related to the Nanticoke River Water trail, a portion of the Captain John Smith Trail,
- Recruit for and manage at least one river clean-up in conjunction with Project CleanStream or Coastal Cleanup,
- Assist with continued maintenance of and outreach on the Tom Tyler Nature Trail, which highlights forestry BMPs, and
- Perform other tasks and duties as needed.

**Training and Benefits:** AmeriCorps ShoreCorps/PALS is a federally-funded program that aims to benefit vulnerable populations in counties on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The AmeriCorps program provides a living allowance and a post-program education award (amounts vary based on the amount of time served). Federal student loan forbearance and reduced accrued-interest payments may also be available while serving as an AmeriCorps Member.

The AmeriCorps Member will receive work skills and training in water quality monitoring techniques, delivering and developing environmental education programs, performing community outreach and improving public speaking, and recruiting, training and managing volunteers.

With a full-time staff of three at the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, there will be ample opportunity for the AmeriCorps Member to be an integral, highly-participatory member of a dedicated team. The AmeriCorps Member will work directly with NWA partner organizations and gain professional contacts through various networking opportunities. They will learn the inner workings of a small non-profit conservation organization and will be given the opportunity to truly take ownership of their work as well as understand how it fits into the overall conservation efforts of the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance.

**Qualifications:** The preferred candidate will possess and demonstrate excellence in the following areas: verbal and written communication, public speaking, computer skills, problem solving, leadership, and commitment to the Chesapeake Bay. Experience in environmental education, website development (WordPress), graphic design, or GIS is a plus. A background in science or the environment is not required, although the candidate should have an interest in these areas and in conservation issues. Candidates must have reliable transportation and a valid driver's license.

**Start Date:** November 2015 or later

**To Apply:** Application and more information about the ShoreCorps/PALS Program at Salisbury University is available at [SU's AmeriCorps page](#)

For more information about the position and the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, contact Beth Wasden at 443.944.1175 or at [bethwasden@nanticokeriver.org](mailto:bethwasden@nanticokeriver.org).