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Position Title: Community Volunteer Ambassador, National Parks of Boston - AmeriCorps

Conservation Legacy Program: Stewards Individual Placements

Site Location: 21 2nd Avenue, Boston, MA 02129

Application Timeline: Preference given to applicants that submit application by June 13, 2025

Terms of Service:

Start Date: September 8, 2025End Date: August 7, 2026

AmeriCorps Slot Classification: 1700 Hour

Purpose:

Stewards Individual Placements, a program of Conservation Legacy, provides individuals with service and career opportunities to strengthen communities and preserve our natural resources. The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) Program combines the strength of a national leader in conservation service with the National Park Service to train emerging leaders to assist park units in building lasting connections to communities.

National Parks of Boston's Volunteer Program encompasses three park units: Boston National Historical Park, Boston African American National Historic Site and Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park. Volunteers play a vital role in helping to preserve park resources and provide visitors with an excellent experience. The Volunteers-in-Parks staff team consists of 5 site-based volunteer supervisors, a general Volunteer Program Manager, and a Resiliency Steward CVA.

National Parks of Boston is seeking an A250 CVA who can support volunteerism for special programming associated with the 250th anniversary of many events that took place in Boston throughout the American Revolution. Key events throughout the year include Paul Revere's Ride, Bunker Hill Day and the 250th Anniversary of Evacuation Day in 2026. The CVA will work closely with a team of staff that plan commemorative events and will ensure that the park is able to effectively leverage volunteer support for A250 initiatives.

Description of Duties:

- Work with the park's event planning staff to establish roles for volunteers during signature park events.
- Co-lead trainings for event volunteers.
- Identify opportunities to expand the park's capacity for volunteerism.
- Communicate with coordinators of the national Trails and Rails program and National Parks of Boston staff to plan and facilitate the launch of a Boston-based chapter of the program.
- Co-create and facilitate trainings and supervise a pilot cohort of Trails and Rails Volunteers.
- Work with Volunteer Program Manager to edit and implement Volunteer Handbooks for all VIP Programs.

Qualifications:

- Strong organizational skills
- Growth-oriented work ethic
- Flexible and collaborative
- Clear written and oral communication skills
- Comfortable working independently and as a part of a team
- United States citizen, United States national, or a lawful permanent resident alien
- Applicants must be between ages of 18-30 years old, or up to 35 for veteran, based on Public Land Corps Act of 1993 authorizing this AmeriCorps opportunity.
- Has received a high school diploma or equivalency certificate; or has not dropped out of secondary school to enroll as an AmeriCorps participant and agrees to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to using the education award.
- Agrees to provide information to establish eligibility and to complete a National Service Criminal History Check.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Local Applicants
- Experience with public speaking, customer service, or visitor engagement

Physical Requirements:

Conservation Legacy is committed to the full inclusion of all qualified individuals and will ensure that persons with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations to perform essential functions. Some positions may require periodic overnight travel, non-traditional hours, ability to move across varied terrain, use program-specific tools and a range of technology on an infrequent or frequent basis. Exerting up to 25 pounds of force occasionally to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects. Ability to safely drive an organizational vehicle may also be required for some positions. If you need assistance and/or a reasonable accommodation due to a disability during application or recruiting process, please send a request to the hiring manager.

Time Requirements:

This position is expected to serve 40 hours each week, but exact service schedules may vary.

- Lunch breaks will not be counted towards AmeriCorps service.
- Member may be required to participate in national, state, or local service projects or events as part of their service term.

Orientation and Training:

- Member will receive an orientation that includes training on AmeriCorps prohibited and unallowable activities.
- Week-long, in-person training on NPS volunteer program management and leadership skills.
- Year-long continuum of learning supporting professional development
- \$1,200 in Professional Development Funds

Additional Position and Community Information

National Parks of Boston is situated near many other NPS sites and offers opportunities for exploration, collaboration and professional development.

Work schedule is flexible, and may require some weekend work (for example, Tuesday-Saturday instead of Monday-Friday), especially during the Spring and Summer months.

Benefits:

- Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of \$7,395.00
- Living Allowance of \$600 per week.
- Additional Benefit of \$150 per week, if housing is not provided
- Healthcare Coverage if Eligible
- Childcare Coverage if Eligible
- Student Loan forbearance if Eligible (administered by MyAmeriCorps, directly)
- Interest Payments if Eligible (administered through MyAmeriCorps, directly)
- \$1,200 in Professional Development Funds for training, networking, conferences, and/or travel
- Networking opportunities within the National Park Service and partnering organizations
- Public Land Corps Hiring Authority
- Week-long in-person training at NPS site with travel/meal expenses covered.

Evaluation and Reporting:

- As an AmeriCorps member, performance will be evaluated on whether the member has completed the required number of hours, the member has satisfactorily completed assignments, and if the member has met other performance criteria that were clearly communicated at the beginning of the term of service.
- Reporting requirements include, but are not limited to, bi-weekly timesheets and accomplishment tracking.

How to Apply

Please visit <u>Community Volunteer Ambassador (cvainternships.org)</u> to review "Member Positions" by region and find instructions on how to apply.

The CVA position will start on <u>Monday, September 8, 2025</u> and run for 48 weeks until Friday, August 7, 2026.

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Please ensure your cover letter addresses how your experience aligns with the CVA program, your experience working with different populations, and position details for this park/position. You may submit one application for multiple positions by selecting all sites you are interested in.

Application Timeline: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. First review will occur in early June. Final deadline is **Friday**, **July 4**, **2025**.

For Application Questions:

Please contact James Gasaway, Program Director at igasaway@conservationlegacy.org

Conservation Legacy is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability status, genetic information, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

We also consider qualified applicants regardless of criminal histories, consistent with legal requirements. If you need assistance and/or reasonable accommodations due to a disability during the application or recruiting process, please send a request to the hiring manager.