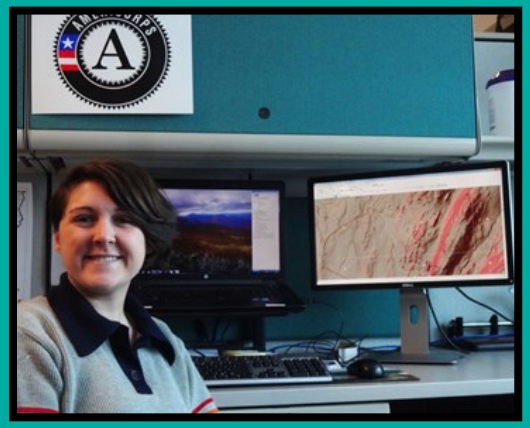
Members serve statewide

ECO AmeriCorps partners with state and federal government agencies, conservation districts, and non-profit organizations on current efforts to monitor water quality, reduce waste entering Vermont's landfill, and plan future interventions.

Potential projects:

- Soil and water sample collection
- Conducting urban tree inventories
- Invasive species control
- Restoring riparian areas
- Grant writing
- Macroinvertebrate studies
- Wetland delineations
- GPS/GIS surveying
- Educational outreach
- And much more...



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What is ECO AmeriCorps?

The Environmental Careers and Opportunities (ECO) AmeriCorps program is an eleven month service corps created by the State of Vermont's Department of Environmental Conservation to place passionate individuals at service sites dedicated to clean water and universal recycling.

The goal of this program is to provide participants the opportunity to explore careers in environmental conservation, while gaining valuable technical skills through their service with our partnered host sites.

Why Water Quality?

Phosphorus and other pollutants are entering Lake Champlain via streams and rivers resulting in ecosystem degradation, drinking water threats, and recreational impacts. Heightening awareness and concentrating efforts to mitigate the run-off will help meet the ultimate goal of improving and maintaining water quality in Lake Champlain and continuing the high quality of life all Vermonters value.

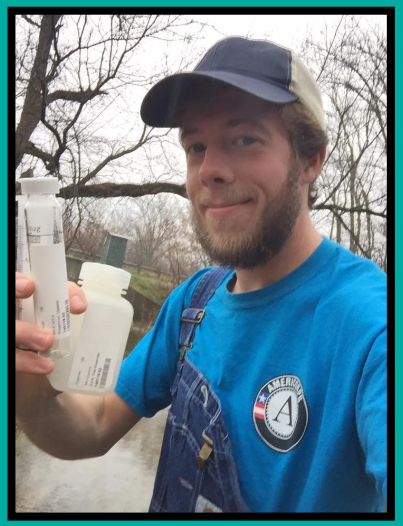
Why Recycling?

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law is anticipated to reduce waste disposal into Vermont landfills by more than half, extending the life of those landfills and significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Assisting solid waste facilities and haulers to increase their capacity for collection of recyclables and organic materials, and educating residents on the law are vital steps towards successful implementation of Universal Recycling in Vermont.

Member Benefits

In addition to a rewarding service experience, AmeriCorps also offers many benefits to serving! These benefits include:

- AmeriCorps gear
- Biweekly living stipend
- Health insurance
- Child care assistance
- Federal student loan deferment
- AmeriCorps Segal Education Award
- Professional training
- Networking

What's the time commitment?

Our service term begins in September and runs through the following August. In this time, our members are required to serve a minimum of 1,700 hours—about 40 hours a week.