

**Position: Salish Sea Protection Coordinator**

RE Sources' mission is to mobilize people in NW Washington to build just and thriving communities and to protect the land, water, and climate on which we all depend.

This is an AmeriCorps position. The Salish Sea Protection Coordinator will support our mission by leading a community science stormwater monitoring program and engaging the public through educational events, to help them better understand the importance of biodiversity and aquatic habitat critical to the health of the Salish Sea.

Aquatic Reserves (AR) are state-owned aquatic lands managed by Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Citizen Stewardship Committees have formed at the Fidalgo Bay (Skagit County) and Cherry Point (Whatcom County) Aquatic Reserves to support DNR's management plans. RE Sources provides support for these committees to achieve their goals, by providing AmeriCorps service member time to support monthly meetings, organize events, research Aquatic Reserve issues, and help develop education and outreach events.

Stormwater pollution is the leading cause of degraded water quality in the Salish Sea. RE Sources has been testing water quality at Bellingham Bay's stormwater outfalls for nearly 4 years. RE Sources staff also work with local agencies on identifying and monitoring pollution on local lakes - particularly spotting and reporting algal blooms and other potential pollution issues. This AmeriCorps position will support our community science stormwater and pollution monitoring projects by leading stormwater outfall and lake monitoring and conducting occasional pollution patrols.

**Responsibilities**

- Support monthly AR stewardship committee meetings and activities to ensure they run smoothly:
  - Help set agendas, send out meeting reminders and Zoom links, take notes
  - Assist committees with speakers and relevant updates for meetings.
  - Collaborate with local groups to help recruit new and committed Citizen Stewardship committee members and volunteers
  - Provide ideas, focus, and hands-on support for Committee action projects (may include activities such as beach cleanups, educational beach walks, other citizen science projects, and more).
- Plan and host educational events around the ARs, Salish Sea protection and pollution prevention:
  - Assist with event logistics, log volunteer hours, and collect and track pledges.
- Lead community science stormwater volunteers:
  - Collect water quality samples,

- o Maintain equipment
- o Manage data
- o Attend monthly meetings
- Monitor waterways for algal blooms and other pollution sources:
  - o Visit local lakes by land or boat (kayak or canoe)
  - o Collect water quality samples
  - o Manage data
- Other duties and professional development opportunities as time permits

### ***Desired Qualifications***

- Background or strong desire to gain knowledge in environmental science
- Detail oriented and methodical
- Experience working with the public in dynamic settings
- Event planning and/or meeting or group facilitation experience
- Experience with watercraft such as kayaks and canoes (or willingness to learn)
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to exercise flexibility, initiative, good judgment, and discretion;
- Experience working in a computerized office environment with word processing; database and spreadsheet skills sufficient to prepare correspondence and reports; and the willingness to learn and use new computer programs/applications;
- Valid driver's license.

### ***Compensation***

This is a full-time, temporary AmeriCorps position. The position is 40 hours per week and runs for 10.5 months. Start date is October 1 (can be flexible if needed).

AmeriCorps provides a benefit and compensation package to all members including: monthly stipend of \$2,276, health Coverage, childcare assistance if eligible, education award upon successful completion of service and training & professional development opportunities.

Placement is contingent upon funding.

### ***To Apply***

The [AmeriCorps application](#) must be filled out and submitted to complete the hiring process.

**AND** send a cover letter and résumé to Kirsten McDade, [kirstenm@re-sources.org](mailto:kirstenm@re-sources.org)

***Application deadline*** is August 16th, 2024, or until position has been filled

Please direct any additional questions to:

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