2025 Delaware River Watershed Fellowship

at D&R Greenway Land Trust

Start date: June 2-10, 2025 tbd with the selected candidate End date: August 22-31, 2025

The Delaware River Watershed Fellowship is a 12-week, paid summer job opportunity designed to introduce young people from local communities to careers in environmental education. Fellows are hired at one of 22 environmental education centers across the Delaware River Watershed. Fellows participate in training sessions to help prepare them for a summer of helping people connect with nature and informing their local communities about issues affecting the Delaware River, the source of drinking water for 15 million people living in the region.

D&R Greenway Land Trust, a member of the Alliance for Watershed Education (AWE), is seeking to hire a Fellow from Central New Jersey or the local area, with their own transportation, to help connect local community members with ways that they can protect the Delaware River and its waterways. We are focused on building upon our watershed education work along the Delaware River in Bordentown, NJ, where we officially opened The Discovery Center at Point Breeze in May of 2023. We are excited about engaging the help of our new 'river town' neighbors, as well as leaders from our Lenape communities.

The Delaware River Watershed Fellow will serve as an ambassador for the D&R Greenway and the Delaware River watershed by engaging local residents and inspiring watershed stewardship. The Discovery Center at Point Breeze seeks to reach new and underserved audiences. By the end of the 12 weeks of service, Fellows will have become local watershed ambassadors in their community and will have introduced many new people to the natural and historic resources of the region and steps they can take to help restore and protect the Delaware River watershed.

Position Location: The D&R Greenway Land Trust main office headquarters is in Princeton, NJ. *The Fellow will spend much of their time in and around the Discovery Center at Point Breeze in Bordentown, NJ.* Preservation of the former estate of Joseph Napoleon Bonaparte, exiled King of Spain and older brother of Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte of France, by the State of NJ, City of Bordentown and D&R Greenway in 2020, was heralded in the *New York Times*, the *Times of London* and the *Spanish News Service*. Following two years of renovations by D&R Greenway, the land trust opened the former Gardener's House, the only remaining structure from the Bonaparte era.

Compensation: Fellows are paid \$16.25/hr, 37.5 hours a week over the summer.

Duties:

- Fellows will participate in a mandatory 3-day watershed education training, at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (overnight, June 11-13.) Transportation and all expenses paid. http://www.peec.org/
- Fellows will help welcome guests and lead programs and activities, in-person and virtually, for community members and visitors to their site.
- Fellows will attend in-person meetings with Fellows from other AWE Centers.
- With guidance from their supervisor and mentors, Fellows will focus their efforts on a specific Capstone Project and present their work at the end-of-program Summit event (August 15).
- Fellows will document their progress by completing a short log report every week.

The D&R Greenway Land Trust Fellow will specifically:

- -Engage community members and public visitors on site through indoor and outdoor education
- -Give tours of the museum galleries and grounds to individuals and groups
- -Maintain and enhance exhibit spaces with an emphasis on creating new educational displays
- -Support special events with preparation and operation from start to finish
- -Assist community gardening efforts in the historic garden to maintain and cultivate healthy crops for community food distribution
- -Absorb professional development opportunities by participating in organizational office tasks
- -Assist our summer kayak program with trips on the local creeks that converge with the Delaware River

Qualifications and Experience:

- Age 18+ by June 2025 start date.
- A background in environmental education is not required but an interest in an environmental career is ideal. A positive attitude, creativity, and flexibility are needed.
- English conversation, reading, and writing is required. Spanish and/or Lenape language skills is preferred to enhance our community outreach.
- Commitment to working regular weekend hours (daytime only) along with weekday shifts. Two days together off during the week will be provided.
- Able to travel to Bordentown, Princeton, and occasionally other centers and trail sites.
- Valid state driver's license and own transportation required OR proficient with public transportation. There is a bus station next to the Discovery Center, but not at other sites.
- Interest in strengthening community connections and ability to lead groups.
- Ability to work both indoors and outdoors including sitting, standing, climbing stairs, bending, kneeling, and lifting.

- Capable of attending all mandatory Alliance program trainings with a team of peers and complete an individual Capstone Project at work site to present at the Summit to the group at the end of the program in August
- June 2-10, 2025: Fellow start date at D&R Greenway Land Trust (Fellows may arrange with their Supervisor to begin on a mutually chosen date the first week of the program.)
- June 11-13: Fellowship Orientation (overnight) at Pocono Environmental Education Center. (Meals, transportation and accommodations provided.)
- August 15: Watershed Fellowship Summit (location to be announced).
- August 22-31: Last day of Fellowship (Fellows may finish their term of service any time after the August Summit as needed.)

How to apply:

Email a resume and cover letter

Point Breeze Public Management

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Application Deadline: May 2025

More about D&R Greenway Land Trust

Our Mission: To preserve and care for land, and to inspire a conservation ethic, now and forever.

D&R Greenway Land Trust, an accredited non-profit organization, has saved over 22,000 acres of land in New Jersey since 1989. We provide healthy food and clean drinking water for our communities, natural refuge for birds and wildlife, resilience for our future, and trails to connect people with the great outdoors. Our preserves and programs inspire people from all walks of life to care about conservation. Visit our Facebook and Instagram pages and www.drgreenway.org to learn more.

More about the Alliance for Watershed Education

Organized in 2016, the Alliance for Watershed Education of the Delaware River is a regional initiative of twenty-three partnering environmental education centers. Each of these centers is located along the Circuit Trail or a major connecting trail, and on waterways throughout the Delaware River Watershed in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.