



Application Open for the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps

Looking to break into the environmental field and launch your career? Looking to make a difference and create change? Or know a young person who is? Young professionals gain experience, crucial career skills, a support system, and key connections within the environmental field through the **Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps**.

The Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps is a one-year term of paid service that places young adults with nonprofits or government agencies to work fulltime in the environmental field. Throughout the year young professionals receive experience managing projects and programs, leadership and professional development training, mentorship, a support network of young professionals, and other skill-building opportunities including networking and grant writing. Positions offered by the host organizations are in the fields of environmental restoration, climate change, community engagement, environmental education, sustainable agriculture, energy conservation, and forestry.

This year **Gunpowder Valley Conservancy and Heathcote Education Center** are one of the many potential Host Organizations for the 2023-24 **Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps** service year. If successfully matched with GVC and HEC, you would split your time between the two partner organizations with 20-30 hours per week with GVC and 10-20 hours per week at HEC. GVC has two possible categories that you can select from: Stream Programs or Land Preservation and Outreach. HEC work will include a variety of tasks including time working on regenerative agriculture, stream monitoring, and possibly developing plans for a native plant nursery co-run by the two organizations. You will benefit from this position not only by gaining experience, but also by having the opportunity to take a GIS course, attend professional workshops/conferences with GVC staff, and have the ability to qualify for inexpensive housing with HEC.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust anticipates placing around 50-55 Corps Members, young adults 18-25, with nonprofit organizations and government agencies throughout the Chesapeake Bay region for a paid year of service (\$31,200) beginning on August 15, 2023.

Applications for the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps must be submitted through the Trust's online system by **March 9, 2023 at 4:00 pm**. To learn more and apply go to <https://cbtrust.org/chesapeake-climate-corps/apply/>

For any questions about the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps contact Program Coordinator Carlton Burns cburns@cbtrust.org or 410-974-2941, ext. 125.