

Summer AmeriCorps Position Description Ingham County Land Bank Garden Program

The AmeriCorps Member is responsible for supporting and expanding the Ingham County Land Bank's Garden Program.

Duties

- Facilitate garden visits and regular contact with site coordinators
- Monitor and track gardeners' progress, needs and site issues
- Utilize the Land Bank's maps, parcel inventory and software to identify possible garden space
- Compose an inventory of possible garden space and assist in developing a map representing current gardens and available parcels
- Solicit donations for garden supplies
- Developing outreach materials, keeping records of garden information, and maintaining plant and seed inventory
- Organize the creation and improvement of paths that link gardens so that residents have more safe, user-friendly non-motorized transportation routes

Skills

- Gardening knowledge including garden planning, soil preparation, vegetable planting scheduling, planting and weed maintenance as well as rain barrel and raised bed construction desired.
- Attention to detail and good organizational skills
- Ability to handle multiple demands, work under time pressure and meet deadlines
- Ability to prioritize tasks
- Consistent and flexible
- Proficient in Microsoft office
- Ability to work some evenings and weekends

Summer-only AmeriCorps members will be required to complete 450 service hours from June 6 through August 26. They must also attend a mandatory AmeriCorps orientation at the Ingham County Health Department on June 6, 8, and 9.

Compensation: Members will be provided extensive training (on and off site), a \$3,125 living allowance, a \$1,415 educational award at the successful completion of the service term, and loan forbearance for qualified student loans.

For more information about AmeriCorps, visit www.americorps.gov. Contact Katie Ellero, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator, to apply. (kt.ellero@gmail.com, 517-887-4596)