



# Coalition To Restore Coastal Louisiana

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## Habitat Restoration Program (HRP) Assistant AmeriCorps Member

### Position Description

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to drive bold, science-based action to rebuild Coastal Louisiana through outreach, restoration and advocacy. Pursuant to our mission, CRCL created the Habitat Restoration Program (HRP), which engages volunteers to participate in restoration activities at sites across our coast. Since its inception in 2000, the program has worked with over 11,500 volunteers and restored or enhanced over 4,500 acres of coastal habitat.

The HRP Assistant is an AmeriCorps position and will work directly under the CRCL's Restoration Programs Director and HRP Coordinator to develop wetland restoration projects that will help restore/protect a portion of Louisiana's coast, engage volunteers in innovative hands-on restoration projects, and engage communities in environmental leadership.

This HRP Assistant is an AmeriCorps position that is offered to CRCL through the [Louisiana Delta Service Corps](#) AmeriCorps program. The member will serve in the CRCL New Orleans office for the 2016-2017 service year (Sept. 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017).

### Key Responsibilities:

The Habitat Restoration Program Assistant will:

- Help plan and implement volunteer-based habitat restoration projects across the coast of Louisiana.
- Duties include (but are not limited to):
  - Prepare and purchase supplies for volunteer-based restoration projects.
  - Recruit volunteers and track registration for volunteer events.
  - Assist the HRP Coordinator in leading volunteers during events.
  - Document volunteer restoration projects by taking pictures.
  - Help monitor past restoration projects.
  - Maintain all equipment used in restoration projects.
  - Assist with volunteer management, recognition, and evaluation.
- Increase the reach of CRCL's Habitat Restoration Program through the CRCL website and social media outlets.
- Assist staff with other CRCL programs including (but not limited to) the Stewardship Awards Banquet, Oyster Shell Recycling Program events, and tabling at festivals.

### Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree (preferably in an ecological field).
- Previous work experience in an environmental field and/or volunteer management is preferred.
- An interest in wetland restoration and/or volunteer outreach programs.
  - Applicant must be able to grasp basic ecological principles and be able to explain them to others.
- Ability to serve full time for 11 months (1700 hours).

- Enthusiastic – must have a desire to play a positive role within the community and have excellent social and interpersonal skills.
- Self-motivated – the applicant must be comfortable working without constant supervision.
- Willing and able to handle physically demanding work outdoors in a variety of weather and site conditions.
- Comfortable working in an office.
- Good communication skills (both verbal and written).
- Detail orientated and able to manage time appropriately.
- Trailing experience is preferred but not required.

**What the Habitat Program Assistant AmeriCorps Member Will Receive:**

- \$13,000 living allowance (before taxes; dispersed biweekly over 11 months)
- \$5,755 education award (scholarship) upon successful completion of the program
- Student Loan Forbearance
- Health Insurance Plan
- Child Care Reimbursement
- Invaluable work and leadership experience

**Additional Info:**

- Travel and overnight stay across the coast for this position is required.
  - Mileage reimbursement and per diem expenses will be covered.
  - Applicant must have a valid driver’s license and personal vehicle.
- Some weekend work is required.

**How to Apply:**

Interested applicants must apply through the Louisiana Delta Service Corps office (download application form [HERE](#)). In your application, identify that the Habitat Restoration Program Assistant is your top choice for placement. For more information, please visit the [Louisiana Delta Service Corps](#) and/or email [deba@crcl.org](mailto:deba@crcl.org) for specific questions relating to the CRCL-based position.

No phone calls to the CRCL office please.

Applications are due July 1, 2016.

AmeriCorps is a national program that places over 75,000 members a year in intensive service programs that allow them to play a positive role in their communities. The [Louisiana Delta Service Corps](#) places 40 AmeriCorps members in public schools, non-profits, and community organizations to provide direct service and build capacity in those organizations. Members work to create positive change throughout the delta by serving in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.