



Maine Service Fellow: River Resilience and Community Engagement, Cherryfield, Maine

About the position

Maine Service Fellows is a Maine Climate Corps Network program contributing to the goals of *Maine Won't Wait*, the state's climate action plan. This position contributes to Maine's climate action goal of increasing to 30%, the amount of food produced and consumed in Maine.

Position duties:

The Maine Service Fellow will help the Town of Cherryfield advance several critical climate action resiliency projects. Located in Washington County, Cherryfield was named for the wild cherries that grew along the Narraguagus River. (Learn about the town at [Town of Cherryfield, Maine](#))

The **Cherryfield Riverwalk Committee**, supported by the Maine Service Fellows, is seeking to develop a community science program and a variety of educational tools to help connect more people – especially youth - with the natural systems and cultural heritage of the Narraguagus River.

Building community resilience to changing conditions is important to the future of Cherryfield's village center. The historic village is bisected by a 1-mile section of the Narraguagus River and is situated at the head-of-the-tide, six miles north of Narraguagus Bay. As severe storms become more common, Cherryfield residents want to engage their community in protecting and promoting the cultural and natural heritage of the Narraguagus River.

The Cherryfield Riverwalk Fellow will:

- Develop and share outreach and educational tools about Cherryfield Riverwalk initiatives with residents of all ages.
- Develop a community science program in partnership with area education, recreation, and conservation organizations.
- Develop interpretive tools about the cultural and natural history of the Narraguagus River, in partnership with area historic and conservation organizations.
- Organize and lead volunteer work days and other community engagement activities.
- Work with community members to assess the health of the river and learn about its ecological and cultural significance

The Fellow will also support the Riverwalk Committee in grant reporting, writing, and research.

Minimum requirements:

- Must be at least 20 years of age.
- Within the last 5 years, completed a college degree (associates, bachelors, or graduate).

- Be eligible to work in the United States and pass a background check that includes a criminal history record check.
- Commit to devoting full-time effort to the assignment (1700 hours total over 43 weeks).
- Agree to live in the community impacted by the project.

Strong applicants will enjoy and have relevant experience in:

- Engaging in projects with people, especially children and larger groups of people.
- Being outside on and near the river.
- Designing graphic and written outreach materials, such as fliers, brochures, social media posts, and newsletters.
- Building relationships with community members.
- Working independently for periods of time; being self-directed and taking initiative.

About Us:

Maine Service Fellows is a statewide service program designed to help rural communities tackle their most critical needs, with a focus on building climate resilience. The program increases the opportunities for recent college graduates to devote a year of service, use their skills to make a difference, and strengthen civic engagement and community resilience through engaging community residents in volunteer-based solutions. Maine Service Fellows recruits individuals who completed a post-secondary degree with the last 5 years.

Compensation and benefits:

- Living allowance of approximately \$28,000 per term (10 months)
- Educational award for student loans of ~\$5,600
- Full health care coverage
- Paid time off

Start Date: Early March, 2025

To apply for this or any other service assignment, **complete the online application** using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q769SQJ>

Applicants will need to upload a cover letter, resume, and copy of the post-secondary degree completion (diploma) as part of the application process.

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis.

For more information, contact Volunteer Maine at service.commission@maine.gov

Maine Service Fellows welcomes applicants, participants, and partners of all backgrounds including diverse race, color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin, familial status or genetics. Reasonable accommodations are provided to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.