



Maine Service Fellow: Sustainable Housing and Community Development, Deer Isle and Stonington, ME

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 to encourage development that supports the reduction of VMT (vehicle miles traveled), and to advance design and construction of new(, energy-efficient) buildings.

Position duties:

The Maine Service Fellow will help the towns of Deer Isle and Stonington in their initiative to plan workforce housing solutions that are safe, attainable, and sustainable. Located in Hancock County, the island of Deer Isle houses the towns of Deer Isle and Stonington. These are working fishing towns with active harbors and fleets of lobster boats. They are also home to creative arts programs including the internationally known Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, the Stonington Opera House and numerous artists and artisan galleries. (Learn more about Deer Isle and Stonington at [Deer Isle-Stonington Maine Chamber of Commerce | Visitor Info](#)).

The Deer Isle/Stonington Service Fellow will work with local governments to implement an innovative Housing Opportunity Program dedicated to identifying long-term housing solutions for the workforce. This initiative has three primary objectives:

- Assess the feasibility of potential housing development sites,
- Develop Housing Master Plans for identified sites and priority growth areas,
- Coordinate land-use policies and building codes in our adjoining municipalities to streamline housing development.

The fellow will be pivotal in coordinating committees, community organizing and conducting research. Deliverables in 2025 will include master plans, streamlined policies and strategies to expand housing opportunities. The Fellow will receive mentoring in theory, methods and substantive issues in planning for rural housing from experienced municipal staff.

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.

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 have:

- Passion for collaborative learning
- Willingness to take on innovative new assignments
- Interest in municipal governance, research, and written and oral communications.
- Knowledge of planning, GIS, graphical design and finance is a plus but is not required.

Compensation and benefits:

- Living allowance of approximately \$27,100 per term (10 months)
- Educational award for student loans of ~\$5,420
- Full health care coverage
- Paid time off

Start Date: mid-May to mid-June, 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.