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AMERICORPS PROGRAM SEEKS HOST SITES FOR GREEN PROJECTS

***Members available to complete environmental and beautification work;
cost reduced due to additional grant funding availability***

New City, NY- Rockland County AmeriCorps, a program of the Rockland County Youth Bureau, announces an open enrollment period for local municipalities and not-for-profits interested in hosting Environmental Corps members to undertake green projects during the summer of 2010.

Environmental Corps members are a cost-effective way to accomplish significant outdoor projects in the areas of beautification/preservation, education/outreach, and surveying/assessments. Host organizations are assigned members for a period of 250 hours between June and August, at a fee of approximately \$4.25 per hour.

Environmental Corps members are typically between the ages of 17 and 25, and are educated and motivated individuals with an interest in or aptitude towards service and environmental issues. They receive 50 hours of environmental and work-based training from Cornell Cooperative Extension and a living stipend and educational award for their service.

Potential host sites are encouraged to develop specialized projects tailored to their most compelling needs. Past successful projects that have enhanced the greening and sustainability of Rockland have included, neighborhood and playground revitalization, trail building, environmental education/outreach for adults or children, implementing recycling programs, planting gardens, GIS/GPS applications, flood control, Stormwater Phase II compliance, stream clean ups/erosion control, environmental surveys and invasive plant removal.

Host site applications are due by Monday, March 29, 2010 and are judged by the ability to provide substantive tasks and a positive, measurable community impact. For an application or for more information, call 845-708-7307 or e-mail rcamericorps@co.rockland.ny.us.

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