School Gardens Internship

Organizational Overview

The Regional Environmental Council is a grassroots environmental and food justice organization that has been working in Worcester since 1971.

Project Overview

REC's School Gardens program is seeking an intern to support school garden programming, for our network of 20 schools gardens throughout the city of Worcester. Schools in our network receive free workshops based around garden education, free seedlings and compost in the spring, and year-round garden support.

We are seeking an intern to support garden management needs at our school gardens sites. Interns will work closely with our Garden Education Fellow and will be involved in working with garden coordinators and kids. Responsibilities include assisting with fall check-ins and school garden visits, planting/gardening support, workshop development, and other physical/administrative tasks.

All internships are unpaid but provide invaluable insight into: urban agriculture, food justice, environmental justice, non-profit management, and customer service. Interns will learn what it is like working in a hugely diverse city like Worcester and the importance of honoring food justice by working in low-income, food-insecure neighborhoods. Interns are an integral part to the success of the REC's Farmer's market program and are part of what makes the program sustainable. If available through your educational institution, the REC is willing to help interns obtain credit for their work with us.

Skills Needed:

- Enjoy working with children
- Ability to work independently, and in team
- Comfort working outdoors and getting their hands dirty
- Enthusiastic about local food, food justice, and environmental education
- Reliable transportation: access to a vehicle a plus
- Ability to work 6-10 hours per week.

To be considered for this position, please send a resume and cover letter to Eliza Lawrence at schoolgardens@recworcester.org. Positions will be filled on a rolling basis to start in September.