

Preserve WV AmeriCorps Members Wanted!

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia is recruiting one full-time and one part-time Preserve WV AmeriCorps members to help with BAD Building types of projects in two locations. Each position has a detailed description listed below.

If you are interested in applying to be a Preserve WV AmeriCorps member, send your resume and cover letter to Danielle LaPresta, Executive Director at dlapresta@pawv.org. At that time, additional information about the program will be distributed, as well as further details about the application process.

1. Northern WV Brownfields Assistance Center, Downtown Appalachia Program **1 Full-time Position (OPEN)** **Site Supervisor:** Kate Greene **Morgantown, Monongalia County** <http://wvbrownfields.org/>

The Northern WV Brownfields Assistance Center (NBAC) was created in 2005 by the West Virginia Legislature to empower communities to plan and implement brownfields redevelopment projects. The Center promotes economic development and environmental and public health protection through innovative redevelopment of brownfield sites. NBAC also promotes and coordinates the development of brownfield property by providing training and technical assistance, facilitating site preparation efforts, engaging community involvement, as well as by helping communities with grant writing and leveraging project funding.

The BAD Buildings Program provides community groups with the tools and resources to effectively address blight and redevelopment within their neighborhoods. The AmeriCorps member will work within selected BAD Buildings communities to assess place and asset-based economic development opportunities and implement redevelopment-associated activities throughout the service year.

The member should expect to coordinate projects internally with the BAD Buildings Program and the larger staff of the Center. Tasks will include the following:

- Develop and maintain BAD Building program resource files;
- Assist with inventory and prioritization of properties with significant community input;
- Promote and input data for the Brownfields Listings Central Appalachian Brownfields Project Marketplace;
- Research and submit grant applications for NBAC/BAD Buildings projects;
- Assist with volunteer management and implementation regarding NBAC annual events;
- Maintain contact with BAD Building communities via email, phone, mail, and social media;
- Provide NBAC social media and website with DA related news and updates
- Provide social media material a minimum of three times a week
- Coordinate and implement redevelopment or rehabilitation steps of catalyst sites with BAD Buildings Communities

The member will have an assigned space and a computer in the Morgantown office located on the WVU Evansdale Campus. The member will serve approximately 40 hours per week, mostly during the week with some assignments during evenings and weekends. This is a 1700-hour position and will last for one year from the start date. The AmeriCorps member filling this position will receive an annual living allowance of \$12,600 and an educational award upon successful completion of the program year. The educational award amount is \$5,920. This position must be filled by December 10 with an immediate start date.

2. Fayette County Resource Coordinator's Office (Fayette County Commission)

1 Half-time Position (OPEN)

Site Supervisor: Kelly Jo Drey

Fayetteville, Fayette County

www.fayettecounty.wv.gov/

The Fayette County Resource Coordinator's Office, under the Fayette County Commission, works with residents, businesses, and elected leaders to foster healthy communities, diverse economies, and equitable development throughout Fayette County and the New River Gorge Region. The Resource Coordinator's Office operates in partnership with the Fayette County Urban Renewal Authority to actively engage in efforts to save historic buildings in downtown Mt. Hope and encourage real estate development through public/private partnerships.

This AmeriCorps position will focus primarily on revitalization efforts in Mt. Hope that have been identified through the City of Mt. Hope's comprehensive plan. AmeriCorps member tasks will help in meeting the comprehensive plan goal of building a small-town environment that fosters and encourages entrepreneurial enterprise. The main goals of this position are to create an inventory of properties in the historic district and a Mt. Hope Historic Walking Tour. The latter project was identified as a key project during the Appalachian Gateway Communities Regional Workshop and the Appalachian Gateway Communities Initiative (the purpose of this initiative is to help communities that serve as gateways to public land by expanding tourism, arts, and other economic development opportunities).

The member's duties will be to:

- Complete an inventory of properties in the historic district including details from public property record search;
 - Engage the community in the property inventory to help identify property owners and prioritize redevelopment opportunities. Because the inventory will be used as the basis for redevelopment planning and implementation of mixed use development, the community should be engaged throughout the process to make sure the inventory is reflective of community needs and desires. This will likely include community meetings, regular updates to City Council, and one-on-one conversations with property owners and residents.
 - Contact property owners to further determine building specifications, occupancy, and the owner's desired outcomes for the property.;
 - Complete preliminary assessment of building condition;
 - Identify redevelopment opportunities, prioritizing properties in the Main Street business district and those already listed for sale, and list them online in

order to attract private investment. Include these properties in the downtown historic walking tour project

- Identify properties for the downtown historic district walking tour;
- Organize volunteer work day(s) for downtown beautification projects, particularly for storefront/façade clean up and improvements;
- Develop and propose at least one hands-on historic preservation group project as required by the Preserve WV AmeriCorps program;
- Organize a ribbon cutting event(s) to launch the downtown walking tour and celebrate the completion of the mural.

The Preserve WV AmeriCorps member will serve approximately 20 hours a week and have an office space in the Regional Coordinator's Office in the Fayette County Courthouse. The is a 900-hour position and will last end August 27, 2018, and needs to be filled as soon as possible. The AmeriCorps member filling this position will receive a total living allowance of \$6,300 and an educational award upon successful completion of the program year. The educational award amount is \$2,960.