Below you will find detailed descriptions of all of the service sites located in this state. Each description includes details about the community where the service site is based, the overall work and mission of the organization, and what an incoming servicemember can expect to do on a day-to-day basis at this site. We hope this document will help you to best determine where you are most interested in serving!

Please note that all service sites and site descriptions are subject to change. Final details will be confirmed during the position offer process.

Maine Service Sites

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University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond

City/Town: Bryant Pond

In April of 2008, the Maine Conservation School merged with the Maine 4-H Foundation and University of Maine Cooperative Extension to become the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond. The mission of the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond is to educate and inspire people of all ages and backgrounds toward social, economic, and environmental sustainability and conservation through affordable, experiential learning. We model leadership and life skills development, community collaboration, self-reliance, wellness, and a sense of stewardship for our natural world. This mission supports the broader mission of the UMaine Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, “to help Maine people improve their lives through education that uses research-based knowledge focused on issues, needs and aspirations.”

Bethel is located in Oxford County, and is home to an underserved population of both adults and youth. Though located just 70 miles from Maine’s largest city (Portland), the Bethel area is a rural region where seasonal employment dominates, and where adults and children alike are at risk from poverty, substance abuse, obesity, and other health and behavioral factors. In 2012, in a study conducted by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Oxford County was ranked the least healthy county in the state.

The focus of our educational program is to instill in every individual an understanding of their relationship and interdependence with our natural resources, and our local communities, and to create vested civic involvement committed to sustainable lives and conservation.

As a FoodCorps service member, you will help design and implement food systems education for our ninth grade Telstar High School campus program and area after school programs utilizing the new garden and agricultural education building on the 4-H Learning Center campus. This position will also collaborate closely with the Roberts Farm/Oxford Hills School District FoodCorps service member to integrate learning and resources at both sites.

Students served: Elementary, Middle School, High School
Required languages:
Helpful languages:
Community type: Rural
Number of staff at service site: Information not provided
Access to a car: Required
University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Tanglewood

City/Town: Lincolnville

Tanglewood and Blueberry Cove are affordable, year-round, residential learning centers teaching 21st century skills and engaged citizenship. We offer place-based, experiential education while promoting skill mastery in ecological and scientific literacy, outdoor living, leadership, and the arts. Our mission is to teach and inspire youth from Maine and beyond to be effective and caring citizens of the Earth through affordable ecology education and fun, nature-based experiences. We embrace the goals of 4-H Earth Connections: Youth, adults, and families seeing themselves as part of an interconnected world, committed to a sustainable future. 4-H is the youth education program of UMaine’s Cooperative Extension. 4-H is a positive youth development organization that empowers young people to reach their full potential through learning-by-doing.

Lincolnville is a vibrant coastal community that has the best Maine has to offer: A beautiful sandy beach on Penobscot Bay, numerous fun-filled lakes and ponds, and gorgeous mountains and hiking trails. Lincolnville’s 2,164 community-minded residents constantly connect talents and resources to offer numerous educational and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike, making our town a very special place to live, work, and play. Lincolnville and Northport sit squarely between the larger towns of Camden and Belfast. Our communities are made up of families with a wide variety of socio-economic backgrounds. The area is rich in small farming, rich forests and lakes, and the coastline.

Our service member will be based out of Tanglewood, and will serve Lincolnville Central School (K-8), Edna Drinkwater School (K-5), and the 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Tanglewood. In each of these learning arenas, students learn about gardening, nutrition, healthy eating, and how to give back to their community. Through connecting programming at each school site to the 4-H Camp and Learning Center, the students not only learn about how to take care of themselves, but they also see the connections to the health of the natural world.

Preferred Skills, Interest and Knowledge

Able to work independently, a background in environmental/outdoor/experiential education, garden management, team player.

Students served: Elementary
Required languages:
Helpful languages:
Community type: Rural
Number of staff at service site: 9
Access to a car: Required
Maine School Administrative District 40 (MSAD #40)

City/Town: Union

Maine School Administrative District #40 includes 8 schools and serves approximately 1,835 students. The mission of the district is to ensure that all students discover and develop their particular interests, skills, and talents. We have a long tradition of incorporating school gardens into our curriculum and hope to expand opportunities for our students to learn about food and nutrition in a hands-on, interactive way. The Heirloom Seed Project was created with goals to teach students how to grow, collect, and save heirloom seeds, pass down history to the next generation, preserve and promote biodiversity of open-pollinated seeds with a unique genetic make-up, and learn how to be self-sufficient by producing their own food for themselves and their community. In 1972, Medomak Valley High School offered the first Horticulture class to students. The Horticulture classes were very popular, and by 1991, the program consisted of one classroom and one 25 X 100 greenhouse. During this same year, the Horticulture program added a new facet to the curriculum, The Heirloom Seed Project. What was once a small garden with a handful of seeds has evolved over the years into a two-acre garden, two greenhouses, and a growing seed bank.

The 19 communities of Lincoln County are small, rural villages. Waldoboro, where our service member will spend most of their time, is the largest at 5,000 people. Our service member will be living and serving in one of the most scenically diverse parts of Maine with rolling farmland to the north and the intricately carved peninsulas, coves, and islands of the coast. Lincoln County is a great place to spend time in the outdoors in both summer and winter, with miles of trails and waterways. Damariscotta is home to the Rising Tide local food cooperative, which also provides space for Focus on Agriculture in Rural Maine Schools (FARMS) to teach cooking classes in their new Community Kitchen. The whole region is dotted with restaurants and small farms dedicated to local food.

1) Miller Elementary School: Our service member will be serving with all ages at Miller Elementary and helping install a greenhouse and programming to go along with the greenhouse.
2) Medomak Middle School: Our service member will be serving with both the 7th and 8th grades and primarily focusing on an intensive nutrition unit, running a garden club, and assisting with programming for the Day Treatment Program.

**Students served:** Elementary, Middle School

**Required languages:**

**Helpful languages:**

**Community type:** Rural

**Number of staff at service site:** 50-100

**Access to a car:** Information not provided
Albert S. Hall is a 4th and 5th grade public school in the small city of Waterville, ME, serving about 250 students. Approximately 65% of the school population qualifies for free and reduced price lunch. Their are 6 outdoor raised garden beds located on the playground, 1 multi-tiered indoor grow lab which grows produce year-round for use in the cafeteria, and 6 small classroom grow labs that support classroom explorations. Teachers, food service staff, administration, and the maintenance department work closely to support the gardens at the school.

Waterville is a small Maine city with an urban feel and a growing, diverse population. Colby and Thomas Colleges are located in Waterville, lending a strong support network of young folks to the school community. Waterville is situated on the Kennebec River in Central Maine, surrounded by fertile farmland and dairy operations. Two anchor companies are based in the area, including Johnny's Selected Seeds and Fedco Seeds, which are both tremendously generous to school gardens statewide. Downtown Waterville boasts a vibrant main street with a thriving farmers market, independent cinema, and community market. Additionally, outdoor recreational activities abound; Belgrade lakes and Kennebec trails are close by, and the coast and Mt. Katahdin are within an hour.

Our service member will serve closely with teachers to continue to expand gardening lessons into the school’s curriculum. Collaborating with the cafeteria staff to continue monthly taste tests and weekly local-foods highlights will also be important. Maintaining the seasonal garden beds and the indoor grow labs during the school year will be important as they provide food for the cafeteria. Finally, our service member will support the surrounding farming community, helping to make our program sustainable.

Preferred Skills, Interest and Knowledge

A self-motivated, flexible, creative, individual who enjoys problem solving. Enjoys working with both kids and adults. Responsible, dependable, and knowledgable about the ins and outs of gardening.

Students served: Elementary
Required languages:
Helpful languages:
Community type: Urban
Number of staff at service site: Information not provided
Access to a car: Required
Healthy Communities of the Capital Area

City/Town: Gardiner

Healthy Communities of the Capital Area (HCCA) is a comprehensive community health coalition of local people who work to improve the health and quality of life in southern Kennebec County. HCCA's staff of 8 work on local and state-level goals to improve public health and carry out the organization's mission to convene people, organizations, and communities to collaborate on quality of life and public health issues. Funding for HCCA efforts comes largely from state, federal, and philanthropic grants, with the goal of improving the health of the people in southern Kennebec County primarily in the areas of increasing healthy eating, physical activity, access to local foods, reducing tobacco use and exposure, and preventing alcohol and drug misuse. HCCA does this through partnerships with people, organizations, and communities including schools. HCCA has been a FoodCorps Service Site since the program's inception.

HCCA serves 19 towns in southern Kennebec County and its office is located in Gardiner, a small city of approximately 5,800 residents, situated along the Kennebec River. The Kennebec River Rail Trail follows the river and is used by walkers, bikers, and runners. Six miles up the river is the state's capital, Augusta (population 19,000). The area is home to the Maine State Museum, several libraries and art galleries, and the Gardiner Food Co-op and Cafe. Between Gardiner and Augusta is Hallowell, a destination point for both tourists and Mainers. Each of these communities has a vibrant downtown that hosts farmers markets, restaurants, and shops. The capital area is in south central Maine and is an hour drive to Maine's pristine coast, to lakes and mountains inland, as well as to Maine's largest city, Portland, to the south. Mainers enjoy the four seasons, though some are longer than others! There are opportunities for any number of outdoor activities. The state's nickname is Vacationland and motto is "Maine. The way life should be."

1) Augusta Public Schools: Our service member will serve at the middle/high school level to support school garden and student engagement activities. 2) Gardiner Area Schools: Our service member will be transitioning from the middle school in the area and will support elementary-level student engagement in addition to supporting school food service in sourcing local foods. 3) Maranacook Area Schools: Our service member will support the high school's student sustainability committee, school garden, and greenhouses, as well as the elementary/high school seedling project and school food service in sourcing local foods.

Preferred Skills, Interest and Knowledge

The FoodCorps service member at HCCA must be comfortable working with little supervision while knowing when to ask for assistance. The service member should be a self-starter, problem solver, and be confident navigating the school system hierarchy, feeling equally comfortable presenting to school boards as teaching a roomful of kindergartners. Goals for this 6th year service site include helping the schools think about long-term sustainability including fundraising through community donations and grant writing, continually promoting the program and engaging the community through social media and traditional strategies, and delivering the 3 pillars of FoodCorps service.

Students served: Elementary, Middle School, High
Required languages:
Helpful languages: 
Community type: Rural
Number of staff at service site: Information not provided
Access to a car: Required
Healthy Acadia: Washington County

City/Town: Machias, Maine

Healthy Acadia is dedicated to building vibrant communities and making it easier for people to make healthy choices for themselves and their families. We create lasting improvements to the health of our communities by connecting individuals with health supports, building partnerships, coordinating education and prevention services, and improving policies and environments. Healthy Acadia is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with more than 100 partners. We address critical, locally-defined health priorities across the Downeast Acadia Region, relying on both private and public funding sources to bring about lasting change. We serve as the Healthy Maine Partnership for Hancock and Washington counties.

Machias, population 2,300, is the county seat, located on the Machias River. Washington County is a sparsely populated, geographically large, and stunningly beautiful rural county on the Atlantic Coast with a total population of 32,000. The University of Maine at Machias, one of the smaller U Maine campuses, provides numerous resources available to community members including a library, the Center for Lifelong Learning with a pool and gym, and numerous community events and activities. Machias has been a natural-resource-based economy for generations and is also home to a diverse community of artists, homesteaders, and social service workers. Machias has several restaurants, a health food store, and a terrific Buying Club for local purchasing. For like-minded community connections, the closest FoodCorps service member is located in Healthy Acadia's Ellsworth office in Hancock County- 60 miles away, and other service sites are in central Maine and in Portland. In Washington County, Healthy Acadia also hosts two year-long, Anti-Hunger & Opportunity Americorps Vista members who are engaged in food security efforts.

For the 2016/17 school year, FoodCorps service will be shifting to at least two new schools. One is Eastport Elementary, and the other is neighboring Shead High School, which serve roughly 200 students total. Our service member will be working to support collaborations between the two schools including ramping up the composting program, garden, and kitchen connections. We have yet to determine other involved schools as the program is currently finishing service in two and possibly three schools this year. Our current service member is actively involved in conducting readiness assessments at several other schools. Washington County has 38 public schools, ranging from 20 students to over 400. Over the course of the five years that we have had FoodCorps support, we have "graduated" several schools.

Preferred Skills, Interest and Knowledge

Experience with isolated rural community living would be an ideal additional asset.

Students served: Elementary, Middle School, High School
Required languages: 
Helpful languages: Passamaquoddy
Community type: Rural
Number of staff at service site: 23; 9 in the Washington County office
Access to a car: Required
Cultivating Community's mission is to strengthen communities by growing food, preparing youth leaders and new farmers, and promoting social and environmental justice. We use our community food work as an engine for high-impact youth and community development programs that reconnect people to the natural and social systems that sustain us all. Our service member will complement our purpose of exposing all students to healthy eating habits and valuing the growing of one's own food. This is part of local sovereignty, which is a major theme for us.

Portland, ME is a thriving, little brick city with a committed movement to slow, local, fair, and sustainable food. We are a hub in Maine for cultural and community activities, and our economy is driven by the arts, food, and tourism, among other things. Portland is a beautiful, old city with a revitalized downtown. During the First Friday Art Walks in town, the streets fill up with people. There are a range of music venues, arts venues, and farm to table restaurants. Parks and trails connect the different neighborhoods. We have the biggest refugee and immigrant community in Maine--students at the high school here speak more than 70 languages. The islands of Casco Bay are a short ferry ride away, along with many opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty of Maine through hiking, biking, skiing, boating, camping, and more! In Portland, single apartments are available in for $700+ a month. Many people share apartments and houses in the city. Rooms in a shared house range from $250-$600 a month. Our service site is willing to help our service member with relocation logistics.

Our service member will be working at local elementary schools, teaching garden and nutrition lessons with classrooms as well as before and after-school clubs. Our service member will be working with food service professionals, families, and community members to create a strong school garden program that is relevant and sustainable, and could also choose to help with projects such as community gardens, teen service projects, and family cooking classes.

Preferred Skills, Interest and Knowledge

Comfort working with groups of students, multilingual adults and students, parents and volunteers.

Students served: Elementary, High School
Required languages:
Helpful languages: Arabic, French, Somali
Community type: Urban
Number of staff at service site: 10
Access to a car: Helpful
St Marys Nutrition Center

City/Town: Lewiston, Maine

Sitting in the midst of Lewiston, Maine's most diverse and economically challenged neighborhoods, the St. Mary's Nutrition Center serves families, youth, adults, elders, and refugees who range from age 3 to over 70 and come from many diverse backgrounds. The Nutrition Center promotes community health through organizing, advocacy, and education. The long term goal of the Nutrition Center is to build a viable food system while supporting local leaders, strengthening community ties, and engaging youth as agents of change. The Nutrition Center is home to Lots to Gardens, which is an urban garden program, the St. Mary's Food Pantry, and cooking and nutrition education programs. Programs include cooking-centered nutrition education for all ages, community gardens for families of low-income; garden education programs for children, FoodCorps programming in schools, leadership and job training programs for teens, and the year-round Lewiston Farmers Market. The Nutrition Center has been hosting a FoodCorps service member for several years and AmeriCorps members for over a decade. Currently two of our staff are previous AmeriCorps members that transitioned into full-time staff. Our FoodCorps service member will receive direct support from the Nutrition Center's Children's Program Coordinator as well as key staff with direct experience relevant to their programs and efforts. Staff have between 6 months and 15 years of direct experience working at the Nutrition Center and supporting FoodCorps and AmeriCorps service members in developing new projects.

Lewiston (and its across-the-river sister city, Auburn) is an old mill town along the Androscoggin River, and it serves as a small, urban hub and gateway into rural Western Maine. The city has the challenges that come with some of the highest poverty levels in the state (childhood poverty rate of 42%), but also possesses the resilience, grit, and humor emblematic of a place ready for and capable of revitalization. The city is small enough that it is possible for grassroots efforts to instigate change and then witness the change in action. Lewiston has deep Franco-American roots and is home to several annual festivals including a balloon festival and an acclaimed modern dance festival at Bates College each summer. It is equidistant from the ocean and the Western Maine mountains. Lewiston has seen a significant demographic transformation in the last ten years, with the arrival of ~5,000 Somali and Somali Bantu immigrants and refugees. This community has expanded the cultural diversity of the city, which is now home to nearly a dozen Halal stores and ethnic restaurants.

Our FoodCorps service member will serve at depth in Longley and McMahon Elementary Schools in Lewiston, Maine. Our service member will continue to identify and implement sustainability mechanisms at Longley including establishing a school garden committee and working with teachers to increase comfort and confidence in using the garden as a teaching tool. These best practices can then be brought to the Androscoggin Farm to School Network to inform the planning and development of new school garden spaces (including one at a future elementary school which will combine Longley and one other school). Our service member will also utilize FoodCorps' Healthy School Toolkit to further evaluate the readiness and specific needs for school garden support at the brand new McMahon Elementary school garden. Engaging teachers, parents, food service directors, and community partners (including the Androscoggin Farm to School Network) will be necessary and valuable for a successful and meaningful service term.

Preferred Skills, Interest and Knowledge

We are looking for a service member with strong organizational and communication skills who is interested in working with teachers and school administrators to identify and develop school garden sustainability mechanisms. It is also necessary that the service member be comfortable working in a diverse community and with a variety of school and community partners who are furthering farm to school efforts in our county.

Students served: Elementary

Required languages:

Helpful languages:

Community type: Urban

Number of staff at service site: 8 full time plus additional seasonal staff

Access to a car: Helpful
University of Maine Cooperative Extension - Somerset County

City/Town: Skowhegan, Maine

UMaine Extension is your doorway to University of Maine expertise. For more than 100 years, we've been putting university research to work in homes, businesses, farms, and communities in every corner of Maine. Our educational efforts focus on managing agriculture, natural resources, and the environment; enhancing economic opportunity; and encouraging lifelong wellness. We are part of the nationwide Cooperative Extension System, which works through the land-grant universities in each U.S. state. Maine’s land-grant university is in Orono at The University of Maine. In addition to our state offices in Orono, we have a network of county-based offices staffed by experts who provide practical, locally-based solutions for farmers, small business owners, kids, parents, consumers, and others. University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Somerset County gives local residents access to the resources and expertise of the University of Maine. Through educational programs, publications, and events, UMaine Extension delivers unbiased, research-based information to Somerset County citizens.

The Somerset County Cooperative Extension Office is located in Skowhegan, the county seat. Skowhegan has a population of about 8,500 residents and has been recognized by Main Street Maine for its uniquely walkable downtown area filled with small, local cafes, shops and merchants. An abandoned jail has been repurposed as one of Maine's premiere, modern grist mills, and a bustling farmers market fills its parking area with local vendors, music, and entertainment. Skowhegan also hosts the nationally recognized Kneading Conference, a two-day, intensive educational experience about bread baking, grain growing, wood-fired oven construction, and milling. The Kennebec River and the Old Canada Road connect Skowhegan to many other Somerset County communities - mostly small towns, almost all of which feature lakes, rivers, trails, and family owned farms. Somerset County is the number one producer of maple syrup in the U.S.

1) Mill Stream Elementary Afterschool Program: Our service member will focus on nutrition and physical activities. 2) Mill Stream Elementary School: Our service member will work with 2nd grade teachers to use the indoor growing station and support nutrition and gardening curricula. 3) Maine Academy of Natural Sciences: Our service member will conduct taste tests and provide nutritional information in a variety of classroom settings. 4) Skowhegan Area Middle School Afterschool Programs: Our service member will conduct activities centered around nutrition, gardening, and cooking.

Students served: Elementary, Middle School, High School
Required languages:
Helpful languages:
Community type: Rural
Number of staff at service site: Information not provided
Access to a car: Information not provided
Oxford Hills School District MSAD 17

City/Town: S. Paris, Maine

Oxford Hills School District has 10 school buildings. Each town in our district has its own elementary school. The district shares one middle school and one high school, both located in South Paris. Roberts Farm is a three-acre, student-run farmstead that is part of a 180-acre Nature Preserve. We utilize Roberts Farm as a Nutrition Education and Science Ecosystem site for classrooms during the school year and for summer learning programs during the other 9 weeks. The schools involved have free and reduced price lunch enrollment rates of 65%. Rowe and Paris elementaries and Oxford Hills Middle School, the schools most involved in Roberts Farm, have approximately 1,500 students and are located in the towns of Norway and Paris.

Oxford County is a rural area of Maine in the Western Mountains Region and is home to a very proud community that works well together to overcome a variety of issues. Norway is a rural area that, along with the twin town of Paris and nearby town of Oxford, is the service center hub in the Oxford Hills area. This hilly area is in the foothills of the White Mountains and is an area dotted by lots of lakes. The Oxford Hills community is a center for local food activity, a robust arts community, and initiatives like Oxford Hills Transition Towns. Norway holds the Fare Share Co-op, a 35-year-old food co-op and the only inland co-op store in Maine. The area is home to the Norway Summer Arts Festival, a performing arts event that is about 40 years old. The Norway Triathlon is an annual fundraising event for Roberts Farm, a famous 150-year-old farm and the site of the new experiential education center/farm for the Oxford Hills School District. Celebration Barn, Odd Fellows Theater, and Deertrees Theater are robust performing arts venues that draw lots of folks. Norway has an active trail system, and Norway Lake, along with dozens of other lakes nearby, are great for swimming and boating. One-bedroom apartments are available for about $500/mo. Houses run $800 - $900. The service site is willing to help our service member with relocation logistics.

Our service member will work with the three schools involved with Roberts Farm which include: 1) Rowe Elementary School: At Rowe Elementary, our service member will work with students and teachers to incorporate garden-based science and nutrition education into the curriculum. 2) Oxford Hills Middle School: Students at Oxford Hills Middle spend 20% of their school year working on farm-based activities and health enhancements. 3) Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School: This school has a group of students who run a cafe.

Preferred Skills, Interest and Knowledge

Service members should be engaging with students and adults, willing to integrate activities with school district science and nutrition curriculum.

Students served: Elementary, Middle School, High School

Required languages:

Helpful languages:

Community type: Rural

Number of staff at service site: 270

Access to a car: Helpful
Healthy Acadia: Hancock County

City/Town: Ellsworth, Maine

Healthy Acadia: Hancock County empowers people and organizations to build healthier lifestyles and communities. Established in 2001, Healthy Acadia has worked with more than 100 partners in Maine's Hancock and Washington counties, addressing a wide range of local health needs including food security, farm to school and nutrition education, active communities, substance abuse prevention, and clinical health access. The Downeast Farm to School Initiative is one of Healthy Acadia’s major program areas and is currently in its 8th year. We have worked with 50 schools and 20 farms in Washington and Hancock counties, connecting farms with schools to increase local foods procurement in the cafeterias, and offering farm to school programming in the classrooms. We have facilitated School Supported Agriculture Agreements (the school version of Community Supported Agriculture), provided workshops for cooks and teachers, developed and distributed a Farm to School Directory, provided one-on-one technical assistance, coordinated mini-grants for gardens and greenhouses, and conducted field trips, cider pressings, heirloom apple taste tests, and more.

Hancock County is situated in rural, eastern Maine where the beauty of the coast and Acadia National Park attract over 2 million visitors each busy summer season and life slows significantly each sleepy, cold winter. The region is one of contrasts, where immense wealth neighbors significant and growing levels of poverty. In Hancock County, 21% and in Washington County, 31% of households with children under 18 are living in poverty. Based on these figures, we estimate 4,500 children in the region are food insecure. Our FoodCorps service member will be entering our third year of service with the Ellsworth School District, the largest district in Hancock County with over 1,400 students, located just a few blocks walk from our downtown office.

1) Ellsworth Elementary and Middle School: Service at EEMS will include continuing to support the integration of the school garden into the curriculum by supporting the school garden team and offering regular classroom lessons, primarily in grades K-6. Our service member will also work with food service staff to utilize school garden produce, source more local foods, integrate new and healthy menu items, and expand upon the Maine Harvest of the Month (HoM) program that was launched in the 2015/16 school year. HoM features a Maine-sourced crop or two on the school menu each month, with educational materials, classroom lessons, and cafeteria taste tests, to encourage students to try and like the new food! 2) Ellsworth High School: At EHS our service member will help run the after-school garden club, participate in school-wide garden meetings, support teachers in integrating the garden into their curriculum (both through in-classroom support and resources), and work with food service staff to utilize school garden produce, source more local foods, integrate new and healthy menu items, and expand upon the Maine Harvest of the Month program that was launched in the 2015/16 school year. 3) Hancock County Technical Center: HCTC is an alternative, skills-based high school serving students from all over Hancock County with program areas such as Culinary Arts, Early Education, Pre-Nursing, Industrial Arts, and Media Studies. At HCTC, our service member will continue to work with the Culinary Arts Program to offer monthly, crop-based lessons, cooking challenges, and garden planning. They will also support the integration of the new garden (which will be built in spring 2016) into the Culinary Arts curriculum and other academic programs.

Preferred Skills, Interest and Knowledge
We are seeking a bright and enthusiastic Service Member who is able to connect with a wide range of stakeholders in order to set and achieve shared goals. Farm and/or gardening experience is strongly preferred, and enthusiasm for working with youth is a must.

Students served: Elementary, Middle School, High School
Required languages:
Helpful languages:
Community type: Rural
Number of staff at service site: 23
Access to a car: Required