

**Growing Native Intern (Silver Spring, MD)**  
**Internship Period(s): Fall**

Growing Native is a volunteer project that engages people of all ages in getting nuts and planting trees for clean water. By doing so, these volunteers learn the important connection between healthy, forested lands

Growing Native culminates in the fall, when citizens collect native hardwood tree seeds throughout the Potomac River watershed, which includes Maryland, Virginia, D.C., West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The seeds are delivered to state nurseries to be grown into trees for river and streamside restoration projects.

This intern will work closely with the Outreach Coordinator and other Potomac Conservancy staff to prepare project materials, promote the project to the public, and assist with project implementation. Specific opportunities may include:

- Producing education materials, press releases, and other materials.
- Researching various issues related to the success of the project, including potential participants and seed collection sites.
- Conducting public outreach through speaking engagements, community events, and school presentations to raise awareness of and participation in the seed collection project.
- Publicizing project events in the local media
- Organizing seed collection and drop off sites with community groups, park departments, Scout groups, and schools.

The successful applicant must be proficient in basic computer programs, possess excellent oral and written skills, and enjoy working with people. He or she should have background or an interest in communications and event coordination. An interest in tree identification and water quality is recommended. The applicant must be available to work on some weekends and evenings, must have a valid drivers license, and must have access to a vehicle (mileage will be reimbursed).

To apply, send cover letter and resume via email to: Kate McNamee, Outreach Coordinator, [mcnamee@growingnative.org](mailto:mcnamee@growingnative.org).