



## REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

P.O. Box 255, Worcester, MA 01613

### Intern and Work Study Positions with the REC Community Farmers Market Program

**Start Date:** June 2023

The Regional Environmental Council (REC) is a grassroots, nonprofit, food justice organization with a 50 year history of working for environmental sustainability and social justice in Worcester through a range of programs that currently include community and school gardens, farmers markets, youth and development and employment, and urban agriculture initiatives. The Community Farmers Market Program's primary goal is to provide access to fresh, local, and affordable produce to Worcester's underserved neighborhoods. By placing our Mobile Farmers Market stops in the most food-insecure neighborhoods we commit to improving food access to the families and individuals who need it most.

**We are seeking interns to support and work directly with market staff at our Farmers Market sites throughout the summer and fall season.** All internships are unpaid but provide valuable insight into: urban agriculture, food justice, environmental justice, non-profit management, and customer service. Interns are an integral part to the success of the REC's Farmers Markets 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.

#### Schedule

From June until December the Mobile Market operates three days a week on Tuesdays through Thursdays and serves twelve different sites throughout the city. We also operate three mobile market sites in Webster and Southbridge.

**Intern candidates must commit to a minimum of 8 hours per week. We do accept less for work studies. Available hours to work are Tuesday through Thursday roughly 8 am to 5pm.**

#### Responsibilities

- Loading produce into van
- market display set-up/breakdown
- stocking and selling produce; organizing produce in a walk in cooler
- answering customer questions
- educating community members about available public benefits for use at farmer markets

Responsibilities could also include: administering surveys, taking pictures, creating social media content, and gathering customer stories at each market location. Interns and work studies will go through a training provided by REC staff.

#### Skills Needed

- Ability to lift 50 pounds and work in adverse weather
- Enthusiasm for working directly in the communities we serve
- Being comfortable with and respectful of diversity
- Reliable transportation required, access to a vehicle is a plus
- Familiarity with the regional food system and food justice work is a plus
- Spanish, Vietnamese, Albanian, Nepali, and other non-English languages are a plus



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**To be considered for this position, please send a resume and cover letter to Erika Akerson at [eakerson@recworcester.org](mailto:eakerson@recworcester.org). Please Use "FM Internship" as the email subject.** Positions will be filled on a rolling basis beginning in August.