

# Regional Environmental Council, Inc.

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**Position Available: YouthGROW Intern      Start Date: June 1, 2022**

Are you looking to deepen your connection to the Worcester community, gain experience in youth work, and be a part of our local food justice movement? The Regional Environmental Council's YouthGROW program is seeking to fill 8 internship positions to work with youth participants (ages 14-18) as part of the YouthGROW summer session, which is held on 2 youth-led urban farms on Oread Street in Main South and Grant Square Park in Bell Hill, Worcester. Internships are unpaid but can be completed for academic credit and in some cases; your college or university may be able to provide funding. We will host an orientation at the beginning of the internship. Activities during the summer program are centered on sustainable agriculture, environmental and social justice, and youth activism.

### Schedule: (approx.)

Spring Prep: 4 weeks, 7 hours/week, flexible days/times, required group orientation (June)

Summer Program: 7 weeks, 25 hours/week Monday-Friday (July, August)

August Follow-up: 1 week in late August (4 hours, flexible)

### Responsibilities Include:

- Facilitating group activities with youth including icebreakers, small group farm work tasks, and youth led group projects in person and virtually
- Supporting staff to maintain positive and productive environment on both farms during group discussions, farm work, and team project time
- Assisting staff with logistics including purchasing program supplies, set up and break down, and weekly prep
- Mentoring young people, keeping team motivation up, and helping foster youth leadership

### Skills/What We Are Looking For:

- Experience working with teens in a positive mentor role
- Experience facilitating virtual meetings and engaging youth virtually
- Dedication to youth empowerment, environmental and social justice
- Access to reliable transportation
- Available Monday-Friday July and August
- Pluses: Bilingual, experience living or working in Main South/Bell Hill neighborhoods, skills in carpentry or experience in farming

To be considered for this position, please send a resume and cover letter to Stacie Brimmage at [stacie@reworcester.org](mailto:stacie@reworcester.org). Positions will be filled on a rolling basis to start in June.

*The Regional Environmental Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks a diverse pool of candidates. People of color are strongly encouraged to apply.*