

# Community and Teaching Garden Internship

## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

The mission of NECIC is to improve the quality of life and economic landscape of the North End community of Mansfield. Our vision is that by 2028 the North End will be the leading engine of economic vitality, arts, and positive youth and civic engagement. The North End is a low-income neighborhood that consists of census tracts 6, 7, and 16. It is classified as a USDA fresh food desert and has no grocery stores within roughly a quarter of the city of Mansfield. We are looking for a **current college student** for our Community and Teaching Garden internship. Responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Provide direct service support of gardening and local food initiatives;
- Monitor needs of community gardens within the Raising Richland Community Garden Network and support NECIC Garden Organizer to address individual garden needs;
- Assist with planning and/or delivery of garden and food educational classes for youth and adults, including the youth garden clubs;
- Assist with urban agriculture projects at NECIC's Teaching Garden (including the microfarm project in partnership with OSU-M) and community gardens in our community garden network. This includes, but is not limited to site preparation; garden maintenance; building/installing raised beds and other garden structures; and tracking Teaching Garden data (harvests, sales, volunteer hours, compost diverted from landfills).
- Recruit and train volunteers to support the North End Farmers Market (NEFM), Blust Ave Teaching Garden, and community gardens in our network;
- Assist with promoting, setting up, operating, and tearing down the NEFM;
- Assist with the management and administration of the Community Toolshed;
- Assist with community outreach to promote resident engagement in gardening and local foods initiatives;

**Qualifications:** Qualified applicants will be pursuing a post-secondary degree in agriculture, agricultural science, agricultural systems, or related areas. Applicant should have an interest in asset-based community development, local food systems, gardening, urban farming, and be comfortable doing outdoor garden activities. Applicant should expect to do some physical work like carrying soil, plants, gardening tools, etc.

**Compensation:** \$9.40/hour for 37.5 hours/week. Hours fluctuate, usually 8am-4:30pm (with a 30-min paid lunch) but there will occasionally be evening and weekend events to cover as well.

## **Send resume and 1-page cover letter to:**

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