



## School Garden Maintenance Volunteer

**Groundwork Somerville** is a community-based, action-oriented non-profit. Our primary focus areas are youth development, food and farms, building a sustainable environment, and working for racial justice and health equity.

School Garden Maintenance Volunteers support the maintenance one or two Somerville Public School gardens. Hours are very flexible, with a minimum commitment of 1-2 hours per week. Training is provided. Additional volunteer opportunities are available to support garden events and cleanup days. This position requires a CORI background check through the Somerville Public Schools.

### **Commitment required:**

- Minimum 1-2 hours per week
- Must commit to at least one season, with a preference of two consecutive seasons when possible. Seasons include:
  - **Fall (September through November)**
  - Spring (April through June)
  - Summer (mid- June -August)

### **Duties:**

- Check on the garden at least once a week
- Perform general maintenance (includes watering, weeding, planting, and more - under the guidance of Groundwork staff)
- Communicate with Groundwork staff about garden status, equipment needs, etc.

### **Qualifications:**

- Good communication skills
- Basic gardening experience and knowledge is preferred, though not required
- Access to computer or smartphone to use online applications is very helpful, but not required
- Optional: Enjoys working with kids in the garden
- **NOTE: CORI background check required; conducted by Somerville Public Schools**

### **Benefits:**

- Individual garden consultation and support from Groundwork staff
- Informal garden education and training
- This is a volunteer position. We regret that we cannot currently offer financial compensation. We are happy to certify volunteer hours, support receipt of college credit, and provide references for future employers.



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**To apply:**

Please submit a letter of interest and schedule availability to Casey Merkle, [casey@groundworksomerville.org](mailto:casey@groundworksomerville.org). Please also note if there is a specific school you are already connected to, or most interested in serving.

**Applications will be received on a rolling basis**, and other applications will be reviewed until the positions are filled.

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