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Mill City Grows and Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust Host TerraCorps-AmeriCorps Program on MLK Service Day

[LOWELL, MA] - On this year's National Day of Service, January 15, 2018, TerraCorps-AmeriCorps program will gather to serve in the City of Lowell with Mill City Grows and Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust.

TerraCorps service members will gather at Mill City Grows' Urban Farm in Pawtucketville to clear an area of land that is currently inaccessible due to dense brush. This will be an all-day, outdoor service project. Mill City Grows leases the Urban Farm land from the City of Lowell, and has been farming the parcel since 2014. Volunteer activities on January 15 will allow Mill City Grows to reclaim the space and expand farm production in the spring.

This project will serve Mill City Grows to further pursue its mission to build a healthier community in Lowell by creating urban food production sites across the city and increasing healthy food access to residents.

Additionally, TerraCorps members will also be participating in an indoor service event hosted by Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust at the Spalding House. Members will be organizing the space and contributing to the restoration of the house, to be reopened as a house museum.

As an AmeriCorps program, TerraCorps manages 34 members serving across 20 service sites throughout Massachusetts in land trusts and urban agriculture organizations, in an effort to prepare and mobilize emerging leaders in these fields. TerraCorps is thrilled to be able to gather as a whole program on this service day and provide support to these two great organizations within the Lowell community.

About Mill City Grows

Mill City Grows (MCG) has been working on innovative ways to combat food injustice in Lowell, Massachusetts since 2011. We pursue this mission through the following strategies and programs: education both in and out of schools, supporting community leadership through community gardens, increasing urban agriculture in Lowell through two urban farms, implementing a mobile market, and empowering people to produce their own food. MCG's two main program areas are Food Access and Food Education. Our work in Food Justice is rooted in the idea that a well-educated community will make healthier choices. To learn more, please visit www.millcitygrows.org.

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