

Introduction

Are you concerned about these issues in your community?

- The availability of affordable housing?
- Whether pedestrians have safe places to walk?
- How to strengthen its economic base?
- The impact of pollution on water or air quality?

If you are concerned about any of these or related issues and want to learn how to address them, then we have the program for you: The Encore Leadership Corps (*ENCorps*).

ENCorps is about housing, natural resources, economic development, and how all of these things can be managed to make our communities better and healthier places to live.

-Lenard W. Kaye, Director, University of Maine Center on Aging

-Meredith H. Jones, President and CEO, Maine Community Foundation

What *ENCorps*?

ENCorps is the Encore Leadership Corps. It is a training program for Mainers who are 50 years old, and older. Each year, *ENCorps* will train 150-200 Mainers from around the state to be *ENCorps* volunteer leaders.

ENCorps will teach participants about how to get involved in the community, promote change, and resolve conflicts. It will also teach about smart growth, an approach that emphasizes making decisions that protect and improve the quality of life for all community residents.



Why be a Part of *ENCorps*?

Whether you are already working to improve your community or just beginning to find the time to get involved, *ENCorps* will provide you with new opportunities.

You will:

- Learn valuable skills and techniques to help improve your community
- Receive guidance and information from national and local experts
- Become part of a statewide network of volunteers creating change
- Meet other people who share the similar interests, perspectives and goals



When Does it Start?

The first gathering of *ENCorps* will take place in Northport, at Point Lookout in April 2010. This two-day training program will provide you with the tools, energy,

relationships and support to give you a jump start on all that you will need to complete a project that will improve or protect some part of your community.

You will receive:

- A toolkit that will give you “how to” information on smart growth and leadership
- A staff contact to be an ongoing resource
- Online tools to connect with other volunteers so you can learn from each other
- Additional training opportunities
- Project ideas and contact information to help you get started



Sample *ENCorps* Volunteer Projects

- Create walking and bike paths
- Create a weekly farmers’ market to increase weekend business downtown
- Develop winterization programs for municipal and town owned buildings to save operating costs
- Teach the local planning board about smart growth approaches to zoning.

To Qualify as an *ENCORPS* Volunteer You Must be 50 or Older and:

- Have a strong interest in smart growth and protecting Maine's quality of life
- Be willing to volunteer for a local planning board, environmental organization, community program, or participate in other opportunities that fit with the program goals
- Have a strong interest in lifelong learning

Volunteer experience of any type is preferred. There is no cost to participate in this program.

Questions or More Information?

Email: info@encoreleaders.org or call: 207-262-7931. We are also offering informational teleconferences on the following dates:

Teleconference Dates

- Wed., Jan 13, 11:00-12:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan 28, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 12, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

To participate, dial **1-800-444-2801** and enter the conference code: **3779326**



How to Apply

- Visit: www.encoreleaders.org, email: info@encoreleaders.org, or call: 207-262-7931 for an application and recommendation form
- Application and recommendation forms must be received by March 12, 2010 in order to be considered for the 2010 Encore Environmental Leadership Corps program
- Submit completed applications to:
Encore Leadership Corps
UMaine Center on Aging
25 Texas Avenue, Camden Hall
Bangor, ME 04401

Partners

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**Training experienced Mainers to
improve the economic, environmental,
and human health of their communities**