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| **Marshall GreenStep and Minnesota GreenCorp**   * **Name of Agency/Organization:** Marshall GreenStep and Minnesota GreenCorps * **Address:** 344 West Main Street * **City:** Marshall * **State:** MN * **Zip Code:** 56258 * **Phone #:** 507-537-6760 * **Website:** [www.marshallgreenstep.org](http://www.marshallgreenstep.org) * **Mission of Agency/Organization:** The Marshall GreenStep Committee was formed after a group of Marshall residents went to a Blandin Institute Retreat. It is a citizen-driven committee focused on sustainability issues. The committee has helped drive the city to be recognized in the Minnesota Pollution Control Agencys GreenStep Cities program as a Step 2 GreenStep City. The Committee is currently seeking to achieve GreenStep 3 GreenStep City status, which is currently the highest ranking a city can achieve in the program, by implementing various sustainability-related goals. Minnesota GreenCorps is a statewide AmeriCorps program that aims to preserve and protect Minnesotas environment while providing training and professional development to a new generation of environmental professionals. Funding for the program is provided by ServeMinnesota, the state commission for AmeriCorps programs and the Corporation for National Community Service, while administrative oversight is provided by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Host sites, like Marshall, apply for a member to work on a set list of goals called a work plan. The goals of Marshalls GreenCorps program include: decreased plastic bag litter, increased recycling, increased enrollment in the GreenStep Business Program, the installment of energy and water efficiency devices in local hotels and apartments, and getting certified as a USA Tree City. * **Problem/Issue Addressed:** Environmental Stewardship (Green Living) * **Group/Population Served:** Marshall residents.   **Contact for Volunteer Opportunities**   * **Contact name:** Melinda Kawalek * **Email:** Melinda.Kawalek@marshallmn.com * **Phone #:** 507-537-6760   **Volunteer Opportunity Specifics**   * **Duration:** April 11, 2014 starting at 10:00am * **Special Requirement/skills for volunteers:** No special skills required, training will be provided. Volunteers must arrive in close-toed shoes. * **In detail:** We will be sorting garbage picked up the night before at the litter clean-up to determine the composition of Marshalls litter. The data gathered out of the sort will inform a plan on how to deal with litter in Marshall. Sorting will happen at the Lyon County Fairgrounds on April 11. If the litter clean-up is moved due to weather, the sorting will also be moved, to April 16. Volunteer roles: Sorter, record-keeper, counter, go-getter, weigh-er, and photographer. RSVP to Melinda Kawalek at 507-537-6760 Ext. 142 or Melinda.Kawalek@marshallmn.com required. Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/events/381558358651277/ |