



AMERICORPS NCCC

Atlantic Region

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The state of Maine is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region. Located in Perry Point at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, the Atlantic Region campus houses approximately 200 members and team leaders each year and serves the District of Columbia, the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, and Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24. NCCC members, assigned to one of five regional campuses, are organized into teams of approximately ten members and serve in local communities in every state responding to needs that are identified by community-based organizations. Approximately 1200 members serve in NCCC each year.

Teams serve with local and national organizations, providing an infusion of resources and leading volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, and hundreds of other organizations. These dedicated and energetic young adults lead youth development activities, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, and address other pressing local needs. A flexible program structure allows for partnership with organization that might lack the capacity to manage grant programs and for strategic collaboration with other national service programs to magnify the impact on the communities served.

As the federal government's direct national service wing, NCCC's structure allows for rapid deployment of teams in emergencies. Trained in CPR, first aid, disaster response and firefighting, NCCC teams have responded to local and national disasters since the program was established in 1994. **Since 2000, NCCC members have served more than 4.7 million hours on over 1,760 disaster services projects.**

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MAINE SINCE 2000

- ★ Over **100,000** service hours since 2000
- ★ Service valued at **\$2.2** million
- ★ Received, inventoried and distributed over **6** tons of food
- ★ Served meals to **8,250** people
- ★ Protected **3000** houses from natural disasters
- ★ Removed over **50** tons of exotic vegetation, debris and underbrush
- ★ Restored **9,000** feet of coastline and **6,000** feet of riverbanks
- ★ Planted **8,830** new trees
- ★ **103** miles of hiking trails constructed or restored

SAMPLE PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Habitat for Humanity Seven Rivers
- ★ Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland
- ★ City of Bangor
- ★ Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve
- ★ Town of Sanford

We have learned – through hosting NCCC teams – to have more projects lined up than we think are sufficient. These young people continually surprised us with their productivity. What's more, they brought out the best in our community. Younger youth wanted to work alongside them; older folks brought them food and waved to them when they saw them around town. The trail projects we completed would not have been done without their labors. We still refer to them as "the AmeriCorps trails."

-Lee Burnett
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