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Massachusetts is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region campus. Currently located in Perry Point, MD and moving to Baltimore in 2013, the Atlantic Region campus serves as the base for approximately 400 members and team leaders each year and serves Washington D.C., Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, 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 are assigned to one of five regional campuses into teams of approximately ten members, and complete 2- to 3-month projects responding to local communities' needs in every state. Teams serve with local and national organizations, infusing resources and leading volunteers for hundreds of organizations like Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross. These 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.

NCCC's flexible program structure allows both the opportunity to partner with non-profit or government organizations that might lack the capacity to manage longer grant programs, as well as the ability to create strategic collaborations with other national service programs and federal agencies to magnify the impact on communities served. In 2012, NCCC collaborated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and created a new unit of members called FEMA Corps. These teams are devoted solely to FEMA disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts, which strengthen the nation's ability to respond to and recover from disasters while expanding career opportunities for young people. Between the traditional and FEMA Corps, up to 2,800 members serve with AmeriCorps NCCC each year.

In addition to the FEMA Corps, the traditional NCCC teams are coordinated for rapid disaster deployment anywhere in the country. Trained in CPR, first aid, disaster response and firefighting, teams have responded to local and national disasters since the program was established in 1994. Since 2000, members have served more than 5.1 million hours on 1900 disaster services projects across the nation.

Massachusetts

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MASSACHUSETTS SINCE 2000

- ★ 135,318 service hours completed
- ★ \$2,995,941 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 3,000 volunteers recruited and coordinated
- ★ 12,300 people participated in recycling programs
- ★ 300 acres of wildlife habitats restored or protected
- ★ 5,000 community assessments conducted or evaluated
- ★ 5,900 feet of erosion controlling walls built
- ★ 1,600 feet of stream and riverbanks restored

SELECTED MASSACHUSETTS PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ City of Springfield
- ★ Raising Hope Together Long Term Recovery Group
- ★ Groundwork Somerville
- ★ Marion Institute
- ★ YMCA - Camp Norwich
- ★ Massachusetts Audubon Society
- ★ Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lawrence
- ★ Merrimack Valley Community Service Corps

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Marion Institute

The Marion Institute is dedicated to identifying, promoting and incubating sustainability and social justice programs and projects that seek to find a solution for root causes of issues both local and global. These piloted programs are highlighted and shared with the world during the annual Connecting for Change Conference. Members from NCCC assist in all phases of planning, organizing and implementing the Connecting for Change Conference. Through this partnership in 2012, 4,000 adults were educated on sustainability and energy conservation practices, 950 youth were educated on sustainability, 2,500 people participated in a recycling program, and 30 new energy conservation programs were developed.

AmeriCorps NCCC is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). CNCS improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering.

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