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Pennsylvania 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.

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SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PENNSYLVANIA SINCE 2000

- ★ 230,386 service hours completed
- ★ \$5,100,746 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 3,400 volunteers recruited and coordinated
- ★ 920 tons of food collected and distributed
- ★ 176 tons of debris, exotic vegetation or underbrush removed
- ★ 44,000 new trees, seedlings, or shrubs planted
- ★ 192 miles of hiking trails restored or constructed
- ★ 16,000 acres of wildlife habitats restored or protected

SELECTED PENNSYLVANIA PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Department of Veteran Affairs - Pittsburgh
- ★ Raccoon Creek State Park
- ★ Valley Forge National Historical Park
- ★ SERVE Philadelphia
- ★ The Nature Conservancy - Pennsylvania Chapter
- ★ York Habitat For Humanity, Inc.
- ★ The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County
- ★ EI HAB Human Services

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: SERVE Philadelphia

Mayor Michael A. Nutter's Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteer Service (MOCEVS) requested an NCCC team to partner with the PhillyRising Collaborative. PhillyRising targets neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia that are plagued by chronic crime and quality of life concerns, and establishes partnerships with community members to address these issues. NCCC members, partnering with the community, removed 10,360 pounds of trash, started seven community gardens, and cleared 31 vacant lots. The team also worked with students to create three murals.

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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