



# AMERICORPS NCCC

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**Rhode Island** 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.

## Rhode Island

### SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN RHODE ISLAND SINCE 2000

- ★ 40,191 service hours completed
- ★ \$889,829 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 335 volunteers recruited and coordinated
- ★ 26,000 people assisted in disaster areas
- ★ 4,300 new trees, seedlings, or shrubs planted
- ★ 650 feet of irrigation systems constructed
- ★ 6 tons of food collected, inventoried, and distributed
- ★ 68 tons of debris, exotic vegetation or underbrush removed

### SELECTED RHODE ISLAND PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Rhode Island Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster
- ★ Serve Rhode Island
- ★ Trinity Encore, Incorporated
- ★ Mount Hope Learning Center
- ★ Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency
- ★ United Way 211 Rhode Island
- ★ Southside Community Land Trust
- ★ Casey Farm - Historic New England

### HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

*Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency's mission is to protect life and property in the event of a disaster or crisis situation, through a program of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The State of Rhode Island was the first state to implement a statewide Special Needs Emergency Registry. The NCCC team supported a community awareness campaign and registered more than 500 individuals in the Special Needs Emergency Registry. Additionally, they completed a survey of all facilities designated as shelters in the state (with support from the Red Cross) while the state investigated the possibility of providing regional sheltering during times of disaster.*

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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