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ABOUT AMERICORPS NCCC

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24. AmeriCorps 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.



ABOUT FEMA CORPS

The AmeriCorps NCCC 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, AmeriCorps 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.



ABOUT DISASTER RELIEF

In addition to the FEMA Corps, the traditional AmeriCorps 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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WE'RE GETTING THINGS DONE IN VERMONT

Battleboro, VT | Fort Drummer State Park

The Vermont State parks requested an NCCC team to help complete a 46 acre tree harvest at Fort Dummer State Park. The mission of the Vermont State Park system is to conserve and interpret the state's cultural, historic, and scenic heritage while providing recreational opportunities and economic benefit to citizens. The NCCC team arrived and cleared debris from 4,600 trees from roadways, a picnic area, and a parking lot, and raked 61 campsites clear of leaves and pine needles. Members also put numbered posts into the ground to identify the campgrounds. The felling of trees and clearing of debris will create a sunny, dry, warm camping and picnic area for all of the nearby sites. Removing trees throughout the park also benefited the forest by reducing the canopy and allowing understory trees to develop.

Enosburg Falls, VT | Franklin Committee Watershed

During the Fall of 2014, an NCCC team worked to support sustainability efforts in northern Vermont, in partnership with the Franklin Watershed Committee. Every summer, Lake Carmi is plagued by potentially toxic algae blooms, which can be harmful both to the lake's ecosystem as well to the local economy. The team helped to reduce the concentration of nutrients that enter the lake and ultimately fuel these algae blooms. Specifically, members planted buffers along shoreline buffer/stabilization sites, which will not only stabilize and protect the land from ice and water damage, but will also slow down and absorb most stormwater runoff. This will prevent further erosion of the bank and the release of excess nutrients and chemicals into the water column. The team was also able to restore a few highly eroded culverts by creating a gentle slope from the water to the land with gravel where needed, as well. Finally, the team was able to clear the beach of washed up garbage, weeds, and other debris, which will help reduce the odor emitted by such messes, and will provide a more aesthetically pleasing view of the Lake.

| ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN VERMONT SINCE 2000 | HIGHLIGHTED SPONSORS IN VERMONT |
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| ▶ 59,848 service hours completed | ▶ Vermont State Parks - Region 1 |
| ▶ \$1,325,035 dollars worth of service provided | ▶ Vermont State Parks - Region 2 |
| ▶ 211 volunteers recruited or coordinated | ▶ Franklin Watershed Committee |
| ▶ 95 homes mucked and gutted after flooding | ▶ Town of Bristol |
| ▶ 4600 acres of parks restored or refurbished | ▶ Vermont Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster |
| ▶ 30,160 new trees planted | ▶ SerVermont |
| ▶ 174 tons of food collected, inventoried, and distributed | ▶ The DREAM Program, Inc. |
| ▶ 47 tons of debris, vegetation, and underbrush removed | ▶ Vermont Division of Historic Preservation |



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