



The Corps Network

Delaware River Climate Corps

Promoting Habitat and Community Resilience



Promise Corps

What is a Corps?

Corps are locally-based organizations that engage young adults (generally ages 16 – 25) and veterans (up to age 35) in service projects that address conservation, disaster response, and community needs. Through service to our country, Corps participants – or “Corpsmembers” – gain work experience and develop in-demand skills. Corpsmembers are compensated with a stipend or living allowance and often receive an education award or scholarship upon completing their term of service. Corps also provide educational programming, mentoring, and access to counseling.

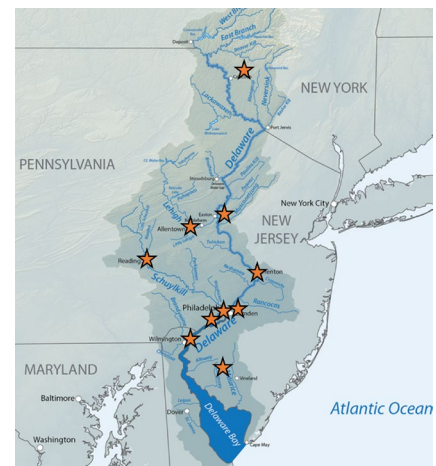
Delaware River Climate Corps (DRCC)

The DRCC offers a way to protect the environment and train young adults in marketable skills for the growing restoration economy

Launched in 2022, the DRCC is an initiative to advance climate resiliency and strengthen green career pathways by enhancing Corps programming in the Delaware River watershed. With support from the William Penn Foundation and leadership from The Corps Network, the DRCC has helped create or expand 10 Corps programs across Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. DRCC programs are collaborating with local partners to train young adults in marketable skills and engage them in completing projects focused on sustainability.

DRCC Project Focus

- Data collection
- Environmental mapping
- Green stormwater infrastructure
- Home weatherization
- Invasive species removal
- Landscaping and horticulture
- Rooftop solar infrastructure
- Stream and wetlands restoration
- Tree planting and maintenance
- Urban agriculture
- Water and energy efficiency
- Water testing



Pillars of the DRCC

- Just and responsive recruitment
- Expanding off proven, existing programs
- Watershed-focused service activities
- Institutional partnerships that support projects, recruitment, and career pathways
- Preparing young people for sustainable careers

DRCC Programs

Children First America Delaware County

Tabitha Corps Chester
Chester, PA

Delaware Center for Horticulture

Branches to Chances
Climate Corps
Wilmington, DE

Friends of Upper Delaware River

Upper Delaware River
Conservation Corps
Hancock, NY

Hopeworks

Camden, NJ

Isles, Inc.

Trenton Climate Corps
Trenton, NJ

Native American Advancement Corps

Cohanzick Climate Corps
Bridgeton, NJ

New Jersey Youth Corps of Phillipsburg

Delaware River Climate Corps
Phillipsburg, NJ

PowerCorpsPHL

Philadelphia, PA

PowerCorpsPHL - Reading

Reading Climate Corps
Reading, PA

Promise Neighborhoods Lehigh Valley

Promise Corps Lehigh Valley
Allentown, PA

The Corps Network

The Corps Network is the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps. Our membership of more than 150 Corps across the U.S. annually provides >20,000 young adults the opportunity to develop skills and serve our country through conservation projects on public lands and in communities.

Corps Impact

In FY21, Corps programs across the country accomplished a great deal of work in partnership with communities and resource management agencies.

- 639,000+ acres restored
- 242,200+ trees planted
- 224,900+ acres of invasive species treated
- 14,500+ miles of trail built, improved
- 1,900+ homes weatherized



PowerCorps



Reading Climate Corps



NJYC - Phillipsburg



Trenton Climate Corps