



Support the Projects of the Year

The Corps Network invites your support of the 2018 Projects of the Year at our annual National Conference, happening February 11 – 14, 2018 in Washington, DC at the Fairmont Hotel.

The Corps Network National Conference is the premiere annual gathering of America's Service and Conservation Corps. Attendees include senior staff from Corps across the country; officials from federal agencies; and leaders in the fields of national service, outdoor recreation, environmental conservation, education and workforce development. As the official Project of the Year sponsor, your organization will have the opportunity to share your message with professionals who are passionate about the stewardship of our public lands and communities.

Sponsors at the 2017 National Conference included, among others, Delaware North, Cigna, the US Department of Transportation, the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

What are the Projects of the Year?

The Projects of the Year are a highlight of The Corps Network National Conference. This award annually honors 3 extraordinary endeavors undertaken by America's Service and Conservation Corps within the previous year.

Selected through a competitive nomination process, these projects represent some of the most innovative and impactful work happening in the Corps community. The winning projects meet pressing local needs and have a demonstrable effect on the Corpsmembers involved. The Projects of the Year represent the diverse capabilities of America's Corps and inspire other member organizations of The Corps Network to be bold and creative in developing programs that truly make a difference.



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- Recognition in the award title (The Corpsmembers of the Year, sponsored by "Name of your Organization")
- Opportunity to speak and/or show a video during the Conference
- Full page ad in Conference Program
- 4 conference registrations
(see full prospectus for further details)

Recent Projects of the Year

Recent Projects of the Year have addressed a range of issues, from food insecurity and homelessness, to the maintenance backlog on public lands, to pollution and environmental degradation. Read below to learn about a few projects from recent years.



FARMS AT NYCHA - Green City Force (NY) - photo on front

Supported by The Corps Network's Opportunity Youth Service Initiative (OYSI), Green City Force AmeriCorps members constructed four farms on New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) properties. The farms are designed to bring organic produce to food deserts and promote sustainable living. Their presence is intended to encourage residents to engage in local green spaces and start important conversations about food and environmental justice. Covering a total of five acres, the NYCHA farms have transformed underutilized areas in low-income communities into lush green spaces that encourage active living and healthy eating. Green City Force (GCF) recruits youth from public housing throughout the city to serve on the Farm Crews. These AmeriCorps members are involved in all aspects of farm operation, from construction and planting, to harvesting and volunteer management.



ASL INCLUSION CREW - Northwest Youth Corps (OR)

Building off their successful ASL program for teens, Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) launched a program in 2016 to offer Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) young adults the opportunity to gain conservation work experience in a safe and supportive environment. NYC's ASL crews have carried out an extremely wide range of projects on public lands, including creating and improving trails, treating invasive species, and building rock structures. The program has completed important maintenance work on public lands and helped DHH young adults gain valuable work experience and leadership skills. It has also provided NYC staff and "hearing" Corpsmembers insight on Deaf culture, and allowed local land managers to experience the capability of an ASL crew. Since first offering the ASL Inclusion Crew, NYC has grown as an organization and learned what it means to serve different populations.



ENERGY CORPS - California Conservation Corps (CA)

The Energy Corps model is based on the idea that much of the energy work typically performed by engineers and energy analysts can, and should, be performed by entry-level employees. Created in 2013, the California Conservation Corps' Energy Corps program trains young adults in the fundamentals of energy efficiency. Corpsmembers then visit schools and other public buildings to inspect windows, lighting and HVAC systems, and collect data on energy usage. Corpsmembers are also trained to install basic retrofits, including lighting and control upgrades. The data collected by Corpsmembers is analyzed by industry experts who quantify potential energy saving opportunities and provide recommendations for how public buildings can implement energy and cost-saving measures. Thanks to the CCC, analysts have recommended actions that could save more than 50 million kWh annually.

**Ready to show your commitment to innovators
in conservation & workforce development?**

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