



# The DRCC

Promoting Habitat and  
Community Resilience



NJYC - Phillipsburg

## 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.

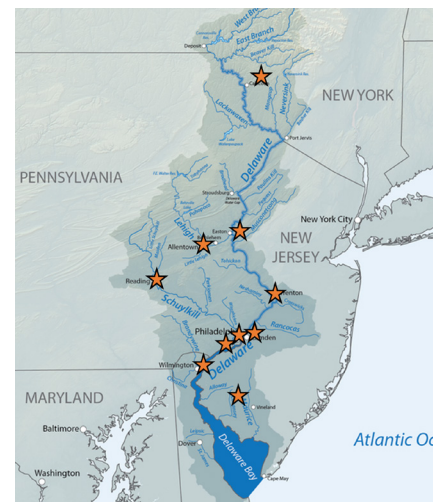
## The Delaware River Community Corps (DRCC)

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 and strengthen environmental resiliency and career pathways by enhancing Corps programming in the Delaware River watershed. With support from the William Penn Foundation, Philadelphia Ranger Corps and leadership from The Corps Network, the DRCC has helped create or expand 12 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
- Stormwater management
- Green stormwater infrastructure
- Home weatherization
- Invasive species removal
- Landscaping, horticulture and farming
- Rooftop solar infrastructure
- Waterway, habitat and wetland restoration
- Tree planting, inventory, and maintenance
- Urban agriculture
- Litter removal
- 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**  
Wilmington, DE

**Friends of Upper  
Delaware River**  
Hancock, NY

**Hopeworks**  
Camden, NJ

**Isles, Inc.**  
Trenton, NJ

**The Work Group**  
Pennsauken, NJ

**Native American  
Advancement Corps**  
Bridgeton, NJ

**New Jersey Youth Corps of  
Phillipsburg**  
Phillipsburg, NJ

**PowerCorpsPHL**  
Philadelphia, PA

**Student Conservation Association  
- Reading**  
Reading, PA

**Promise Neighborhoods  
Lehigh Valley**  
Allentown, PA

**Overbrook Environmental  
Education Center**  
Philadelphia, 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 >22,000 young adults the opportunity to develop skills and serve our country through conservation projects on public lands and in communities.

### 2024 DRCC Corps Impact

In 2024 alone, DRCC Corps programs across the Delaware River Watershed accomplished a great deal of work in partnership with their communities.

- 262 Corpsmembers enrolled
- 450+ acres of land 60+ miles of trail restored or improved
- 3,277 trees planted
- 35 maps or GSI-based resources created
- 138 public green spaces created or maintained



PowerCorpsPHL



Delaware Center for Horticulture



Promise Corps Lehigh Valley



Isles, Inc.