

## **AmeriCorps NCCC Impact Studies**

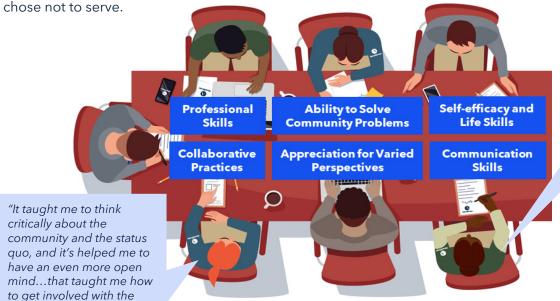
# Study Finding: AmeriCorps NCCC develops leaders and strengthens communities through service

AmeriCorps NCCC is a national service program whose mission is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through direct, team-based national and community service. AmeriCorps members are assigned to a regional campus and placed onto teams of six to 12 members. During their full-time, 10-month service term, each team completes a series of projects in different places. Members work on projects with sponsoring organizations to address local community needs in energy conservation, environmental stewardship, infrastructure improvement, natural and other disaster services, and urban and rural development.

The Leadership through Service: AmeriCorps NCCC's Impact on Members and Evidence of AmeriCorps NCCC's Impact on Strengthening Communities studies find that NCCC service contributes to member development while creating short- and long-term benefits for individuals, organizations, and communities. For example:

### AmeriCorps NCCC promotes leadership skills for members beyond their term of service.

AmeriCorps members experienced more growth in six leadership skills from the time they completed service to one year after completing their service term than a comparison group of applicants who



"I feel just really confident in my ability to manage conflicts, to listen to other people, and to kind of advocate for people."

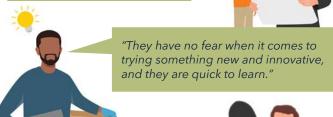
AmeriCorps NCCC teams support individuals, allow organizations to expand their reach, and enhance overall community well-being and resilience.

Many AmeriCorps NCCC projects support **individuals'** basic needs such as access to affordable housing.

AmeriCorps members bring diverse ideas, energy, and innovation to organizations.

Many AmeriCorps NCCC projects also have **community-wide** impacts, such as through the creation of community gardens, trail systems, and playgrounds.

"Because the housing costs are so high, it's just giving more people an opportunity to live here that wouldn't have had that opportunity before."



"Having high quality natural areas in parks, public green space is really important to the community."

### **Get involved**

- Discover opportunities to <u>partner with</u> AmeriCorps NCCC.
- Explore opportunities to <u>serve with AmeriCorps</u> <u>NCCC</u>.

#### **About AmeriCorps NCCC Impact Studies**

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This infographic highlights key findings from the <u>Leadership through Service: AmeriCorps NCCC's Impact on Members</u> and <u>Evidence of AmeriCorps NCCC's Impact on Strengthening Communities</u> studies, which are part of a broader, <u>mixed-methods longitudinal evaluation</u> conducted by JBS International.

### About the Office of Research and Evaluation

The <u>AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation</u> assists AmeriCorps and its partners in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data and insights about AmeriCorps programs and civic life in America.

#### **About AmeriCorps**

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