

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 NCCC 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 *Evidence of AmeriCorps NCCC's Impact on Strengthening Communities* study finds that AmeriCorps NCCC service has **short- and long-term benefits for communities, organizations, and individuals**. For example:

Community-level impacts

AmeriCorps NCCC teams develop **natural environments and built infrastructure** by building accessible trail systems, beautifying public parks, creating community gardens, supporting ecological restoration, and more.

AmeriCorps NCCC teams cultivate **networks of relationships and connections between people** by mentoring youth, hosting special events, and creating safe spaces for community members to connect.

AmeriCorps NCCC teams support **disaster response and mitigation** by addressing basic needs, improving home livability after disasters, and increasing disaster preparedness.

"When they've done restoration at different sites, that's something that's visible to the public. The natural area is healthier... the site looks better because of the work that the crew has done here."



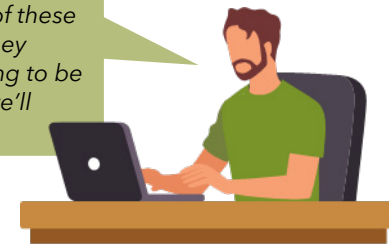
"Creating this space where we can have camp and kids can build character is important in that long-term growth of our community."

"It means to help them get back on their feet, and if they are back on their feet, to reinforce those ties, reinforce the resources available for them, making sure there's long-term success in place."



Organization-level impacts

"The long-term effects of these projects is everything they worked on. They're going to be living documents that we'll continue to update."



"Having extra people to do those tasks so that I'm not out there stacking firewood and I can be trying to hire camp staff. It helps us be able to focus on what our jobs should be."



AmeriCorps NCCC teams help build organizations' **infrastructure** by improving physical assets, such as buildings or office equipment, as well as developing sustainable documents, tools, and processes.

AmeriCorps NCCC teams enhance organizations' **effectiveness** by expanding staff capacity, thus enabling organizations to reach more people and free up resources for other initiatives.



Engaging AmeriCorps NCCC can yield long-term cost savings.

A social return on investment analysis demonstrated that every \$1.00 invested to deploy NCCC teams to address the COVID-19 pandemic is estimated to return \$6.22 in value to the community over the course of 10 years.

About AmeriCorps NCCC Impact Studies

This infographic highlights key findings from the [Evidence of AmeriCorps NCCC's Impact on Strengthening Communities](#) study, which is part of a broader, [mixed-methods longitudinal evaluation](#) conducted by JBS International.

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The [AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation](#) assists AmeriCorps and its partners in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data and insights about AmeriCorps programs and civic life in America.

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