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**CONSERVATION LEGACY  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
FY2018 REPORT**



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Northeast Region  
Pacific West Region  
Southeast Region

# OVERVIEW

## FOSTERING CONSERVATION SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITIES & ECOSYSTEMS

LOCAL ACTION. ENDURING IMPACT.



Photo Courtesy NPS

CONSERVATION LEGACY IS NOW IN ITS 20TH YEAR of operation, supporting local programs that provide conservation service opportunities for youth, young adults and veterans to work on public lands and in their communities.

Continuing the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps and in the spirit of national service, Conservation Legacy regional programs include: **Arizona Conservation Corps** (Flagstaff, Tucson and Pinetop, AZ), **Conservation Corps New Mexico** (Las Cruces, NM), **Great Appalachian Valley Conservation Corps** (New Market, VA), **Southeast Conservation Corps** (Chattanooga, TN), **Southwest Conservation Corps** (Durango and Salida, CO; Gallup, Zuni, Acoma and Hopi, NM), **Stewards Individual Placements** (National; Durango, CO and Beckley, WV) and **Preserve America Youth Summit** (National).

In addition to these programs, Conservation Legacy manages signature program models such as Ancestral Lands and the Veterans Fire Corps.

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# ENDURING IMPACT THROUGH LOCAL ACTION



PROJECTS DIRECTLY  
IMPACT LOCAL  
COMMUNITIES AND  
PUBLIC LANDS

LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

POSITIVE IMPACT  
ON INDIVIDUALS



AUTONOMOUS LOCAL  
ORGANIZATIONS BENEFIT FROM  
SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP FROM A  
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Conservation Legacy supports autonomous local conservation service programs under the leadership of a national organization. Conservation Legacy has six key programs that engage youth, young adults and veterans from twelve locations nationwide.

The organizational structure is designed for maximum impact to capture the strength and knowledge of local leadership and management with the sharing of central support and best practices.

Projects are identified, developed and implemented locally and there is oversight and alignment with key areas that can be shared including risk management, quality assurance, finance and administration.



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Providing supported opportunities to serve communities and work on public lands, partnered with personal and professional development—authentic on-the-job experience—has proven to be successful in building a foundation for program participants.

Conservation Legacy engages young people and veterans on high priority projects in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) to increase access to the great outdoors while conserving our natural resources for current and future generations to use and enjoy. Projects strengthen America's most treasured resources—our National Park Service lands and sites—by increasing recreational access, addressing the backlog of deferred maintenance, supporting local economies, modernizing infrastructure and restoring community and cultural assets. Preparing the next generation for careers, providing job training and facilitating individual growth are also critical components in all Conservation Legacy partnerships and programs.

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The objective of this partnership is to complete important conservation projects while providing young adults with structured, safe and challenging work and educational opportunities through service that promote personal growth, economic opportunity, the development of life skills and an ethic of natural resource stewardship. Conservation Legacy works toward making these opportunities available to a consistently diverse group of young people and veterans and to those who could most benefit from the experience.



## NATIONAL PROGRAMMING

### ANCESTRAL LANDS

The Ancestral Lands model is rooted in the culture and heritage of local tribal communities. The power and impact of Ancestral Lands programming is due to the community investment and support for each program tribally and locally, combined with the network of operational support from Conservation Legacy. Ancestral Lands engages Native youth and young adults in meaningful conservation projects on Native Lands and through individual placements and Tribal Resilience AmeriCorps VISTA positions.

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) program is a 50-week professional internship experience managed in partnership by the National Park Service, the Stewards Individual Placement Program and Northwest Youth Corps. CVA members support volunteer programs by expanding volunteerism, service-learning, community engagement efforts and increasing the sustainability of established programs. Ambassadors focus on a number of core objectives, including building enduring relationships with local communities, increasing park volunteerism opportunities, improving disaster response processes and helping to organize community stewardship days.

### GEOSCIENTISTS-IN-THE-PARK

The Geoscientists-in-the-park (GIP) program works with partners to match college students and recent graduates age 18 - 35 years old with short-term, paid, internships with the National Park Service. Participants may assist with research, synthesis of scientific literature, geologic mapping, GIS analysis, site evaluations, resource inventorying and monitoring, impact mitigation, developing brochures and informative media presentations, and educating park staff and park visitors.

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRAINING CENTER

The Historic Preservation Training Center (HPTC) and Stewards Individual Placement Program partnership provides training and experience for young adults and veterans interested in the historic preservation trades. Members gain skills while helping to preserve the historic structures, monuments, and memorials throughout the park system, as well as addressing the backlog of deferred maintenance projects. Through three signature programs—the Veteran Trades Apprenticeship Program, the Traditional Trades Youth Initiative and the Preservation Work Experience—the HPTC and Stewards are helping to train a future workforce in specialized building trades and historic preservation.

### RIVER, TRAILS AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program supports community led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Our national network of conservation and recreation planning professionals partners with community groups, nonprofits, tribes, and state and local governments to design trails and parks, conserve and improve access to rivers, protect special places, and create recreation opportunities.

### VETERANS FIRE CORPS

The Veterans Fire Corps (VFC) engages recent era veterans on priority hazardous fuels and prescribed burn projects while developing the next generation of wildland firefighters.



## PROGRAM SUCCESS

Conservation Legacy's evolution as an organization has been direct conjunction with our growing partnership with the National Park Service. As the NPS works towards preserving the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations, we are honored to play a role in the fulfillment of that effort.

In 2018, we recruited and selected 1,162 youth, young adults and veterans from a wealth of diverse backgrounds as we continued grow our service and conservation programs in cooperation with NPS to expose new segments of the population to public service and conservation careers while furthering their understanding and appreciation of our Nation's natural and cultural resources.

We continue to provide high quality training, personal and professional growth and real on the job work experience through meaningful conservation opportunities. In addition to the significant amount of work our participants completed, we also provided educational programs to increase knowledge of the environment and to develop the next generation of stewards with a deep appreciation for our public lands.

Furthermore, during the federal fiscal year, a total of \$15,999,237 of economic impact spread amongst local programs was facilitated by Conservation Legacy, in paid living stipends and AmeriCorps Education Award eligibility alone.

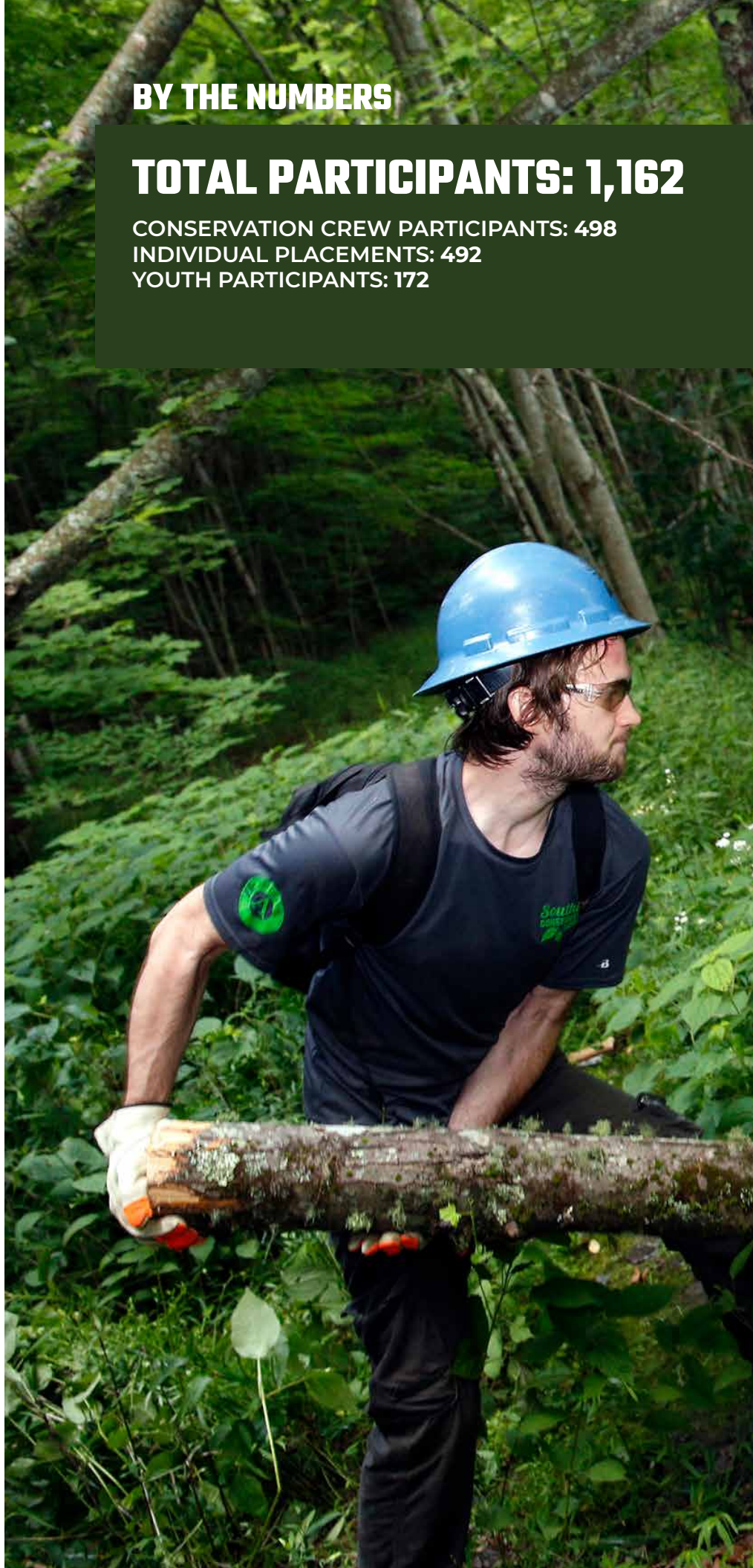
## BY THE NUMBERS

**TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 1,162**

**CONSERVATION CREW PARTICIPANTS: 498**

**INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS: 492**

**YOUTH PARTICIPANTS: 172**





## DEMOGRAPHICS:

### GENDER:

Female: 46.1%  
Male: 52.5%  
Other: 1.4%

### ETHNICITY:

Hispanic/Latino: 11%  
Non-Hispanic/Latino: 83%  
Prefer Not To Answer: 6%

### RACE IDENTIFICATION:

American Indian/Alaskan Native: 15%  
Asian: 2%  
White: 71%  
Other/Prefer Not To Answer: 6%  
More Than One: 4%

## CREW PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

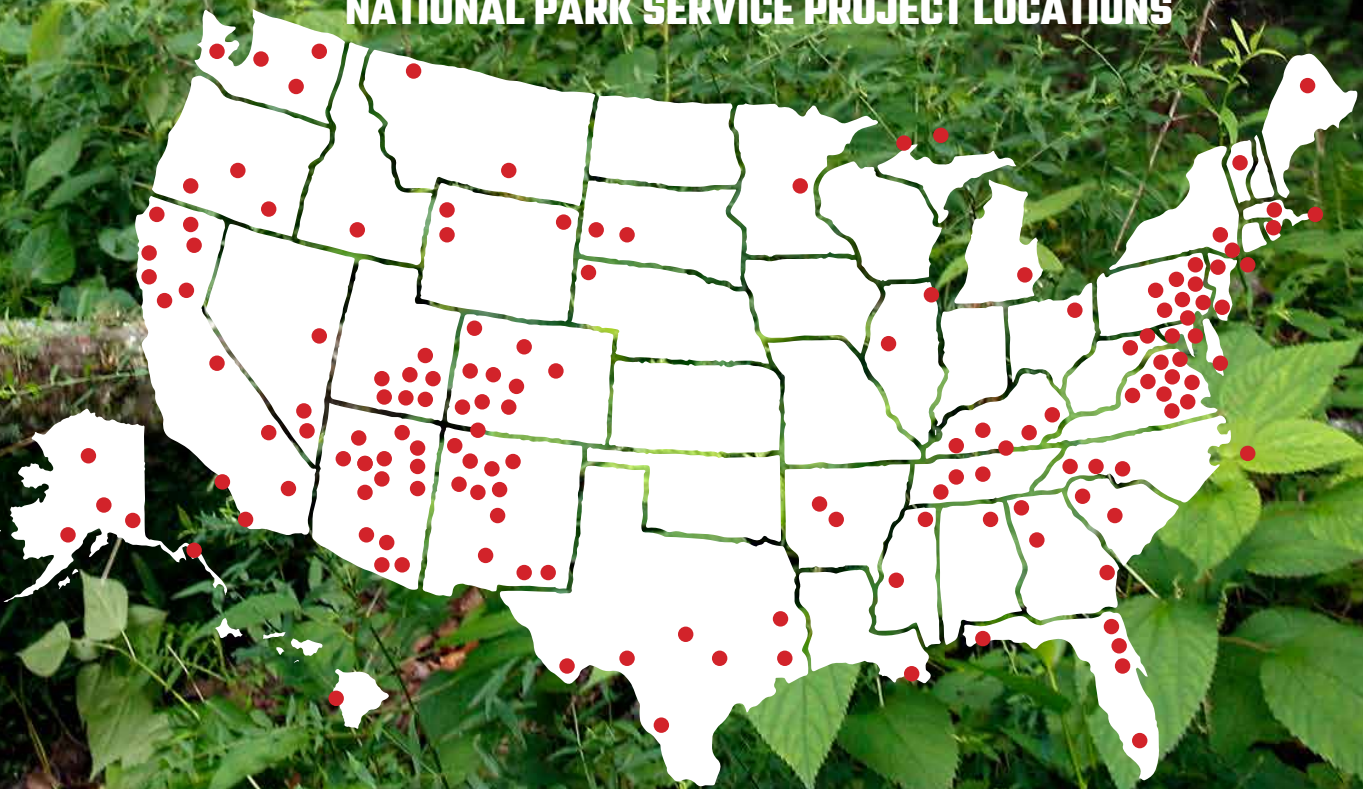
**23** MILES OF FENCE  
REPAIRED OR BUILT

**190** MILES TRAIL BUILT  
OR MAINTAINED

**1,619** ACRES IMPROVED  
OR FULLY RESTORED

**91,179** TOTAL PROJECT HOURS

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROJECT LOCATIONS





## VETERAN SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING

In 2018, Conservation Legacy programs placed 21 veterans in positions with two new veteran-specific programs in partnership with the National Park Service—the Historic Preservation Training Center Veteran Trades Apprenticeship Program and the Veterans Fire Corps. Conservation Legacy has a long history of successful veteran engagement through programs that provide the on-the-job experience of project work on public lands, working tirelessly to support recent-era veterans in their transition into employment within the civilian sector. Continuing to evolve and adapt programming to serve the veteran population would not be possible without the partnership and support of the National Park Service.

TOTAL VETERANS	TRADES APPRENTICESHIPS	FIRE CORPS MEMBERS
<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>

### DEMOGRAPHICS:

#### GENDER:

Female: **19%**

Male: **81%**

#### ETHNICITY:

Non-Hispanic/Latino: **100%**

Hispanic/Latino: **0%**

#### RACE IDENTIFICATION:

White: **95%**

American Indian/Alaskan Native: **5%**

#### DISABILITY:

Yes: **10%**

No: **90%**



### PATRICK SUTTON, VETERAN TRADES APPRENTICE

When he started the Veteran Trades Apprenticeship Program, Patrick Sutton was eager to learn new skills but was entirely inexperienced in historic preservation. After six months in the position, he knows how to complete bronze work, straighten and clean monuments, repair and seal roofs, operate small machinery and has earned industry standard S-212 Chainsaw and Herbicide Applicator Certifications.

He finds the work engaging, rewarding, and challenging. “Every historical piece is unique. A lot of thought is put into successfully completing the project while simultaneously keeping the piece or monument historically accurate.”

Patrick is most proud of cleaning the Point Park wall on Lookout Mountain, overlooking the city of Chattanooga and the historic Lookout Mountain Battlefield. Reflecting on the work, Patrick says, “It took a lot of time, effort, and teamwork, starting every morning at 6 AM.” Additional highlights have been connecting with visitors, enhancing their experience of the historic landscape and showing preservation techniques to Southeast Conservation Corps members.

### VETERAN TRADES APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

In 2018, the Historic Preservation Training Center and Stewards Individual Placement Program have begun the Veteran Trades Apprenticeship (VTAP) program, specifically providing post-9/11 veterans training and experience in the maintenance and care of federal monuments and memorials. Throughout this program, apprentices develop marketable skills and receive excellent exposure to the historic preservation career field. The Stewards Individual Placement Program placed 8 VTAP members in 2018. The majority are still in service: some have accepted a second term of service and one participant has already accepted a full time post-service employment opportunity in the field of historic preservation.

### VTAP POST-SERVICE EMPLOYMENT:

CURRENTLY SERVING 2ND TERM:

**50%**

CURRENTLY SERVING 1ST TERM:

**12.5%**

PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT:

**12.5%**

SEEKING PRESERVATION WORK:

**12.5%**

#### 2018 Veteran Trades Apprenticeship Program Placements

NPS Sites Served: Gettysburg National Military Park • HPTC Headquarters, Frederick, MD • Antietam National Battlefield • Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park • Vicksburg National Military Park





### VETERANS FIRE CORPS

The Veterans Fire Corps (VFC) engages recent era veterans on priority hazardous fuels and prescribed burn projects while developing the next generation of wildland firefighters. The VFC successfully addresses two needs 1) veterans who need a way to transition from military to civilian service and 2) land management agencies who need highly qualified and well trained employees.

The VFC builds upon the knowledge, leadership experience and training of the men and women who served in the armed forces, retraining them and refocusing their mission to protecting our public lands from the threat of wildfire. Veterans receive training, experience and support necessary to secure a job in wildland fire. An evaluation of the VFC program identified that participants had a 38% increase in job confidence and a 19% increase in sense of purpose. **In 2017, 97% of VFC members said that the program assisted them in adjusting from military to civilian life and 95% of VFC members felt prepared for employment in wildland fire.**

### ARIZONA CONSERVATION CORPS

The inaugural Arizona Conservation Corps Veterans Fire Corps crew has been working to protect homes and reduce fuel load and the chances of catastrophic wildfire at the Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon National Parks. The crew has been performing prescribed burns, introducing fire back into ecosystems where historically fire has been a natural occurrence. By reducing fuel loads and re-introducing low intensity fire, the crew is helping to protect life, property and the natural environment of our National Parks that we all enjoy. The crew will continue to work in Grand Canyon National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park and will start work in Saguaro National Park this fall.

### SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS

The Veteran Fire Corps crew of Southwest Conservation Corps has been working with Rocky Mountain National Park on fire/fuels mitigation projects that will contribute to wildland urban interface buffer zones between the National Park and private lands in order to reduce the potential spread of wildfire in the future. As the crew moves further into their season they will continue working primarily on fire/fuels mitigation projects such as thinning and fire break creation, as well as assisting in prescription fire efforts to help reduce the chance of large fire events. These efforts will be performed in Rocky Mountain National Park, Bandelier National Monument, Valles Caldera National Preserve, Mesa Verde National Park and Aztec Ruins National Monument.

This experience has been incredibly valuable for our veteran crew members. It has instilled a sense of purpose and camaraderie as well as built up the experience and understanding needed to move towards a career in wildfire. The National Park Service's mission aligns well with that of Conservation Legacy and we are excited to continue to grow this partnership.



**“I was immensely impressed with the crew’s positive attitude. All of them have displayed the hunger, drive, intelligence and openness for endless improvement; the basic ingredients of every great iconic firefighter.”**

–Doug Watry,  
Fuels Specialist  
Rocky Mountain National Park





## STEWARDS INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Stewards Individual Placement Program places AmeriCorps and VISTA Members in communities across America for a year of volunteer service by facilitating partnerships between federal agencies and community-based nonprofit groups. Based in Beckley, WV and Durango, CO, Stewards serves local communities across the nation.

Stewards Individual Placement Program supported 492 AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps VISTA placements with programs such as the Historic Preservation Training Center, the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, Geo-Scientists-in-the-Parks and Community Volunteer Ambassadors.

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRAINING CENTER

The Historic Preservation Training Center (HPTC) and Stewards Individual Placement Program partnership provides training, vocational skills development and experience for individuals interested in the historic preservation trades. Since the HPTC is part of the National Park Service, members gain skills while helping to preserve the historic structures, monuments and memorials throughout the park system. In 2018, Conservation Legacy and the HPTC program placed 55 participants.



Through three signature programs—the Veteran Trades Apprenticeship Program, the Traditional Trades Youth Initiative and the Preservation Work Experience—the Historic Preservation Training Center is preparing a future workforce in specialized building trades and historic preservation while also completing deferred maintenance projects throughout the national park system. Stewards members generally focus in one area of maintenance throughout their term—masonry, carpentry, or woodcrafting—and learn these skills from NPS professionals.

The 2018 Veteran Trades Apprenticeship program cohort has already seen 50% of the participants state their intention to find permanent historic preservation employment with the NPS or in the private sector. Although many of the Traditional Trades Apprenticeship program participants are still in service, it is estimated that over a quarter of them will find positions related to traditional trades by the end of the year.



**“I will be continuing into another term with the Project Management section of HPTC and hope to become a term employee in the future.”**

—Josh Eavis,  
HPTC Individual Placement

#### MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

**JOSH EAVIS,**  
EISENHOWER NATIONAL  
HISTORIC SITE

“[The Eisenhower NHS project] allowed me to utilize a lot of the skills I learned in school and allowed me to learn much more about the restoration aspect of construction. It pushed me to be confident in my knowledge and decisions, and I had a great support system from my coworkers.”

**BEN BRANHOLTS,**  
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETARY

“My internship has been phenomenal. One of my favorite projects has to be the restoration of The Chapel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The tomb is a sacred place and we had to be very careful working as to not to disrupt ceremonies. The windows were beautifully restored by our team. I completed the necessary repairs in a building that millions of people find sacred.”

**SUSAN HINTON,**  
GETTYSBURG NATIONAL  
BATTLEFIELD

“We learned the terms preservation, restoration and conservation first hand. Putting those words into action was exciting and fulfilling. Restoring windows is a great way to conserve energy, materials and workmanship.”



## RIVERS, TRAILS AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. In 2018, 43 RTCA Individual Placements served with the Stewards program.

### JONI GORE, RTCA INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT, YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

“2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and my job was to support river managers in their celebration of this system and management of the Merced River.

I spent two weeks in the park, during which I spoke with planners, restoration managers, visitor use monitors, compliance personnel, and many other NPS staff members and park partners to understand their take on Wild and Scenic designation. Park staff spoke of the decades spent writing and rewriting the Merced River Plan; this extensive document guides park managers on how to protect and enhance the Merced River, while accommodating nearly 5 million visitors who drive, climb, hike, and paddle in the river’s corridor every year. The NPS wrote the Merced River Plan to strike a balance between preservation and recreation, while addressing serious traffic congestion and overdue river restoration. The Plan laid out the outstandingly remarkable values related to the river, and offered ways to protect those values.

For me, viewing Yosemite as anything other than untrammelled wilderness was an uncomfortable realization at first. But through my research, I found that Wild and Scenic designation of the Merced River and the subsequent Merced River Plan presented a different lens. If not for the roads by which I could access Yosemite, I would not have become the environmental steward I am today.”



## GEOSCIENTISTS-IN-THE-PARKS

The Geoscientists-in-the-Parks (GIP) program provides college students and recent graduates with short-term, paid, internships with the National Park Service. In 2018, there were 223 GIP Individual Placements serving with Stewards around the country.

### MARIE JIMENEZ,

FOSSIL BUTTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

“This was the best opportunity for me to experience and engage in world class geology and paleontology. Being able to be a part of an organization where conservation is at the forefront has left me with a sense of purpose. I feel that the experience, skills, knowledge, and perspective I have gained here will help me not only further my career, but has encouraged me to continue to find ways to be a steward for the conservation and protection of special lands.”

## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS

### 2018 Community Volunteer Ambassador Accomplishments

52 Community Volunteer Ambassadors • 47,131 volunteer hours • \$1,163,664 value of volunteer hours • 252 active partnerships • 244 volunteers involved with veterans groups • 1,426 Volunteers involved with deferred maintenance

VOLUNTEER HOURS	VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS	ACTIVE PARTNERS
<b>47,131</b>	<b>\$1,163,664</b>	<b>252</b>

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### Carolyn Straiker, Cuyahoga Valley National Park

IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

“Volunteers from Archbishop Hoban High School and the Akron Zoo completed a service project that will have a lasting impact on park visitors; especially those impacted by disabilities. At Horseshoe Pond, the trail leading up to the picnic shelter is a combination of pavement, a wooden boardwalk and crushed limestone. This trail is supposed to be accessible, but over time the limestone section of the trail has not been well-maintained, making it very poor for wheelchairs or crutches. The volunteers completely resurfaced the crushed limestone section, making it accessible once again. Now, visitors with disabilities will have a much more positive experience accessing Horseshoe Pond for years to come.”



# ARIZONA CONSERVATION CORPS & CONSERVATION CORPS NEW MEXICO

HOURS WORKED	MILES OF TRAIL MAINTAINED	ACRES RESTORED
<b>48,819</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1,260</b>

Arizona Conservation Corps (AZCC) provides young adults with challenging service and educational opportunities throughout the full calendar year from the White Mountains, Flagstaff and Tucson, AZ. Conservation Corps New Mexico, AZCC's sister program, operates from Las Cruces, NM and works regionally throughout Southern New Mexico.

In FY2018, Arizona Conservation Corps and Conservation Corps New Mexico received \$1,127,504 in funding from the National Park Service, which supported conservation corps crew projects throughout the Southwest, serving youth, young adults, veterans and native communities, and improving recreational access, tackling infrastructure and maintenance projects and preserving cultural resources in some of the country's most stunning parks.



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

### GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

The Grand Canyon corridor/greenway trail maintenance project was designed to support corridor trails including the North Kaibab, South Kaibab, South Rim and Bright Angle Trails. Project work was completed in response to trail damage caused by weather events and mule traffic.

### SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK

Work is continuing on two projects at Saguaro NP. The first project, on the Manning Camp Trail, will be important as visitation has dramatically increased over the last few years due to this trail being a part of the Arizona National Scenic Trail. The second project will see

youth working alongside NPS staff to restore disturbed lands and to remove invasive vegetation.

### CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK

The objective of the Carlsbad Caverns project is to repair, restore and maintain approximately 38 miles of backcountry trails in the park. This work is providing opportunity for crew members to contribute to the improvement of a cultural and natural area and is ongoing.

### GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

The trail repair and restoration project is focused on repairing and restoring backcountry hiking trails and improving park visitor safety and satisfaction.

“Before I didn’t know where to go, but coming to this program really opened a lot of doors to other possibilities. Now, I know I don’t have a limit. I hope I can continue to work with the land and keep gaining confidence.”

—Ile-Oso Molina,  
Crew Member, Crew 118

### WALNUT CANYON NATIONAL MONUMENT

The 2018 Flagstaff Area National Monument Archaeological Site Preservation crew worked to modernize infrastructure. Crew members work alongside NPS staff to properly preserve and manage archaeological sites.

### PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL PARK

Two Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crew mentors were provided to lead the Petrified Forest YCC crew. This project focused on education and training opportunities for young adults through collaborative participation and a reduction in the parks deferred maintenance backlog on park trails, historic maintained landscapes and maintained archaeological sites.

### CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL MONUMENT

Crews assisted the NPS staff with the maintenance and repair of trail structures and trail tread in the back-country of Chiricahua National Monument. This work improved the backcountry trails and native landscapes that were damaged but the flooding after the 2011 Horseshoe II Fire.





## SOUTHERN ARIZONA NATIONAL MONUMENTS

The collective impact of the Arizona Conservation Corps' Ancestral Lands programming and the Stewards Individual Placement Program was evident in the Sonoran Desert this year. Stewards AmeriCorps VISTA placement Chris Honahnie was integral in the development of an Ancestral Lands Crew in partnership with Casa Grande Ruins National Monument.

Chris successfully established, recruited, and helped train and support Crew #118, a four person, all-Native crew with Native leadership. He focused on building relationships with local tribal leaders and attending a variety of tribal events. Through his hard work, Chris developed strong and sustaining relationships between the Ancestral Lands program and local NPS partners.

## ANCESTRAL LANDS CREW CREW #118

Crew #118 assisted for just over 11 weeks in a variety of projects at Casa Grande Ruins and other NPS Monuments across Southern Arizona. Crew members came from the communities of Tohono O'odham, San Carlos Apache and Pascua Yaqui. Project work included ruin preservation, maintaining backfill levels around compounds and sidewalk resurfacing at various locations at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument. At at Tumacácori National Historic Park project work included cleaning out brush and debris along the river and work in the orchard.

The project provided young adults participating in AZCC's program an opportunity to learn and receive hands-on training in various aspects of management within the NPS system. There was a particular focus on recruiting and engaging young people from tribal communities on these projects, including those from Tohono O'odham.

### Crew #118 Southern AZ National Monuments Project Accomplishments

3.7 miles fence lines brushed • 800 feet fence lines repaired  
 22 tires removed from Santa Cruz Wash • 155<sup>2</sup> feet prehistoric wall patched  
 9,400<sup>2</sup> feet sidewalks resurfaced • 13,200 feet corridor cleared

CORRIDOR CLEARED	NEW TRAIL BUILT	TIRES REMOVED
<b>13,200 FT</b>	<b>375 FT</b>	<b>22</b>





# GREAT APPALACHIAN VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS

HOURS WORKED	CAMPGROUNDS MAINTAINED	ACRES IMPROVED
<b>3,977</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>249</b>

The Great Appalachian Valley Conservation Corps (GAVCC) moves forward from the tradition of the Civilian Conservation Corps to engage young people in conservation service projects and is based in New Market, Virginia.

In FY2018, Great Appalachian Valley Conservation Corps received \$128,985 in funding from the National Park Service, which supported adult and youth programming and projects with Shenandoah National Park.



## SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

Shenandoah National Park is an invaluable resource spanning 197,438 acres across central Virginia. The park provides endless recreational opportunities to enjoy public lands and step away from the pressures of an urban environment. It also provides the economic benefits of tourism to smaller local communities that rely on these seasonal visitors. Great Appalachian Valley Conservation Corps is proud to partner with the National Park Service to complete important conservation projects as well as to provide young adults with structured, safe, and challenging work, educational opportunities and an ethic of natural resource stewardship.

### ADULT TRAIL CREW

During the Spring and Summer of 2018, three crews from GAVCC worked to maintain backcountry and wilderness trails throughout the park including systems within the Big Run and Hazel Country Areas. Much of this work had been previously deferred by NPS due to budgetary and resource constraints. By clearing blowdown, improving trail corridor, and installing erosion control structures, GAVCC crews were able to revitalize these pathways and create sustainable trail systems that welcome visitor use for years to come while conserving the surrounding wilderness.

### Shenandoah National Park Project Accomplishments

93 miles of trail maintained • 451 downed trees removed • 213 acres improved/fully restored • 46 acres trash removed • 2,500 backcountry permits compiled

ACRES IMPROVED	MILES OF TRAIL MAINTAINED	PERMITS COMPILED
<b>213</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2,500</b>



**“Especially as a youth crew member, engaging in conservation work shows that our national resources and public service are still relevant. I see this program as a first step to a career in public service.”**

–Kathryn Owens,  
Youth Crew Member

## SHENANDOAH YOUTH CORPS

Born out of a concern to diversify and recruit younger generations into the National Park Service and related career fields as well as building stronger connections between young people and the natural world, the Shenandoah Youth Corps is the result of a partnership between Great Appalachian Valley Conservation Corps, Shenandoah National Park, and the Shenandoah National Park Trust.

During the Summer of 2018, two youth crews each comprised of six local 15-18 year old Crew members and two adult Crew Leaders spent four weeks living and working across Shenandoah National Park. Crew members participated in conservation service projects including trail improvement and construction, archaeological excavations, wildlife surveys, campground maintenance and more. This project provided employment and wages for 12 local youth for four weeks as well as an introduction to career options with the National Park Service and in natural resource management.





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**“This job has provided me with better social skills, team building experience and I feel more prepared with critical thinking and time management.”**

—Wesley Drummonds,  
Adult Crew Member

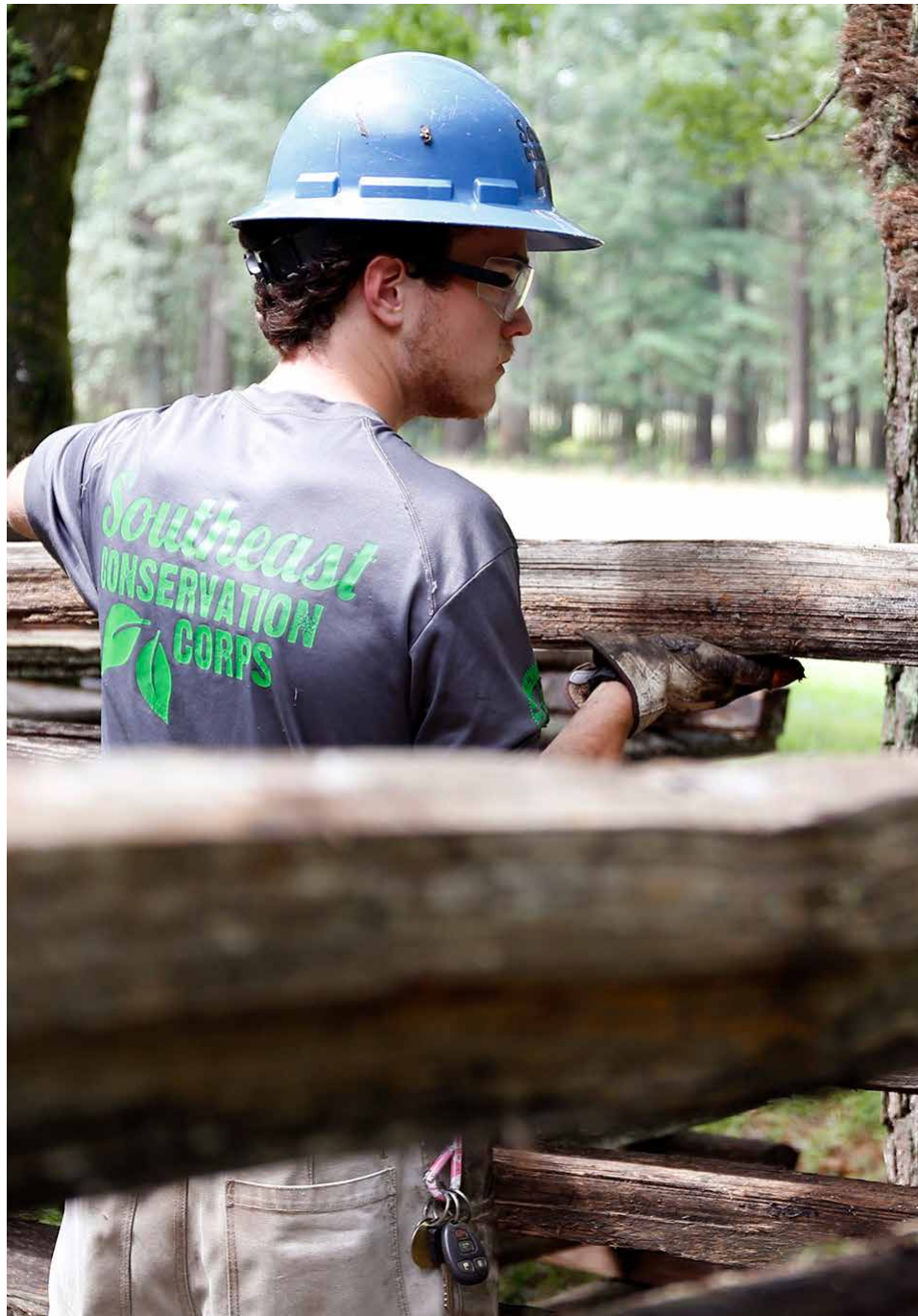


# SOUTHEAST CONSERVATION CORPS

HOURS WORKED	MILES OF TRAIL MAINTAINED	BRIDGES BUILT
<b>10,860</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>

Southeast Conservation Corps (SECC) operates conservation service programs throughout the Southeast that focus on empowering young people to cultivate compassion, responsibility and grit through community service, hard work and environmental stewardship. SECC is based in Chattanooga, TN.

In FY2018, Southeast Conservation Corps received \$375,659 in funding from the National Park Service and continued a strong partnership, placing 53 crew members and individual placements in positions working on projects in nearby parks, spanning Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Kentucky, Alabama and Virginia.



**“I hope our hard work brings people closer to nature and helps them learn to respect the world in which we all live.”**

—Adult AmeriCorps Crew #935 Member

**2018 PROJECTS:**

**Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP**

**Adult/Youth Conservation Crews:**

Trail Repair and Construction

**Individual Placement:**

Historic Preservation and Restoration

**Great Smoky Mountains NP**

**Individual Placements:**

Fisheries, Wildlife, Vegetation, Archeology, Cultural Resources, Communications and Aquatic Macro-invertebrates

**Kings Mountain NMP**

**Adult Conservation Corps Crews (2):**

Invasive Removal, Trails, and Fire Fuels Reduction

**Cowpens National Battlefield**

**Adult Conservation Corps Crew:**

Invasive Removal, Trails, and Fire Fuels Reduction

**Ninety-Six National Historic Site**

**Adult Conservation Corps Crew:**

Invasive Removal, Trails, and Fire Fuels Reduction

**Natchez Trace Parkway**

**Adult Conservation Corps Crew:**

Invasive Species Removal, Bridge Construction, Trail Repair

**Southeast Coast Network**

**Individual Placement:**

Terrestrial Monitoring & Inventory

**Cumberland Piedmont Network**

**Individual Placement:**

Vegetation Monitoring & Inventory





CHICKAMAUGA AND CHATTANOOGA NATIONAL MILITARY PARK  
**Violet McLaren**, Youth Conservation Corps Crew 940

“Crew 940 was tasked with the restoration of the original historical fence line that bordered the Dyer farm during the battle of Chickamauga during the Civil War. The nearly 700 foot fence was placed right off a trail going up Strawberry Hill on Glenn-Kelly Road. Earlier in the week, we used an old map made by Edward E. Betts in the 1890s—around 30 years after the Civil War had taken place in the Battlefield—and we were able to enlarge his map to create our own scaled version.

We estimated the distance between the monuments on the map using this scale and were then able to use those monuments as reference points with which we could see where other objects in the field should be located on the map. We found that according to the map, the corner of our future fence was supposed to be about 460 feet from the monument. Later on in the week, we were able to test if our field math was at all accurate when we met with a surveyor. Our original line was only 5 degrees off!

In the end, our historical device measurement was very close to measurements taken with modern day tools. We learned a lot of information in a little time and I could barely keep up with everything I was being taught. Nevertheless, I'm glad I learned it and got the opportunity to learn these traditional practices. I never would have even known I was missing it if not for SECC and the National Park Service!”



# SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS

HOURS WORKED	MILES OF TRAIL MAINTAINED	FENCE MAINTAINED
<b>30,582</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7,935 FT</b>

Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) operates conservation service programs across Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico with offices in Durango and Salida, CO, Gallup, Acoma, and Zuni, NM.

In FY2018, Southwest Conservation Corps received \$1,073,509 in funding from the National Park Service for regional projects that engaged youth, young adults, veterans and native communities in the Southwest.



## GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

Great Sand Dunes National Park is an iconic area in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, and Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) crews and individual placements have a long history of working in the park. By ensuring these trails are sustainable and cared for, visitors can have a safe experience while treading lightly on the landscape. Since the dunes are the main attraction in the valley, continuing tourism goes a long way in supporting local economies.

### YOUTH CREWS

This summer, three crews from SCC's summer youth program worked to maintain the beautiful and heavily used Medano Lake Trail. Due to extreme weather, this trail gets washed out and downed trees block the trail every year, making it hard for hikers to walk on the trail. The youth crews helped maintain the trail and make it passable by visitors by digging drains, clearing corridor and using crosscut saws to remove downed trees from the trail. Working in the park became the highlight of most of the members' season because it's a unique opportunity for the youth to work for the NPS in a place where people from all over the world come to enjoy.

### Great Sand Dunes National Park Project Accomplishments

3 miles trail maintained • 4 downed trees removed • 67 drains installed

TREES REMOVED	MILES OF TRAIL MAINTAINED	DRAINS INSTALLED
<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>67</b>

## ANCESTRAL LANDS NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION CONNECTS UTAH NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH TO PARKS



In partnership with the National Park Foundation, the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Ancestral Lands, Mike Tsoie, Ancestral Lands Ameri-Corps VISTA, worked to establish a Hiking Club in Southern Utah. This Hiking Club consisted of 35 youth who spoke with rangers and experienced public lands in Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Hovenweep National Monument, Mesa Verde National Park, Natural Bridges National Park and the Canyon Country Discovery Center.

Planing for next year's Hiking Club has begun, with the hope of doubling the number of participants and growing the number of public lands participating.







**MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK**

Mesa Verde National Park is an iconic area in Southwest Colorado and one of the first World Heritage locations in the United States. Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) crews have a long history of caring for the park. From weed removal, to ensuring campgrounds are bear-safe to maintaining trails throughout the park, SCC is a critical resource as the National Park Service struggles with increasing visitor’s usage and decreasing budgets each year.

This summer, two crews from SCC’s summer youth programs in Four Corners worked on a variety of projects throughout the park. To help to create a more inclusive amphitheater space for rangers to give evening programs, a crew worked to dismantle a large portion of the existing amphitheater. Both crews had the opportunity to work mitigating weeds, both by hand pulling multiple acres of invasive species, and laying weed barrier cloth and gravel around large water tanks throughout the park. One crew had the opportunity to help maintain five miles of trails in the park, to keep them sustainable for the hundreds of thousands of visitors received by the park.

During the summer, crew members learn the value of hard work as well as have an opportunity to learn more about this incredible landscape. Members are 16-18 years old and local to the Four Corners area. During their season, they are able to give back directly to their communities and learn how they can have a positive impact in stewarding their local public lands. Mesa Verde National Park ensures that the members receive quality education time during their weeks, and have taken them on tours of different dwellings.

Mesa Verde National Park contains nearly 5,000 known archaeological sites of the Ancestral Puebloan People who lived there over 700 years ago. In a fragile ecosystem with rich history, the work the SCC crews do helps to protect and preserve the park and all the stories the land has to tell. With nearly 600,000 visitors per year, helping to maintain the trails from erosion and making them safe for visitors allows us to help minimize the impact on the land. The work SCC crews do controls invasive plants and helps to preserve the rare, and in some cases endemic, plants that exist in Mesa Verde.



**“The crew went above and beyond expectations. The crew and especially the leaders were very professional. The attitude that the crew had was refreshing and needed.”**

–Michael Rubin,  
Chief of Facility Management  
Mesa Verde National Park

**Mesa Verde National Park Project Accomplishments**

6,000 sq. ft. amphitheater removed • 4 acres invasives hand pulled  
500 feet Spruce Canyon Trail drains cleaned • 3,500 ft<sup>2</sup> weed barrier and gravel laid

INVASIVES REMOVED	BARRIER AND GRAVEL LAID	DRAINS CLEARED
<b>4 ACRES</b>	<b>3,500 FT<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>500 FT</b>



## PRESERVE AMERICA YOUTH SUMMITS



Started in 2007 in Colorado, the Preserve America Youth Summit program provides an opportunity for young people aged 13 to 18 to get out of the classroom and into the field to learn about National Parks, history, archaeology, heritage tourism, preservation and undertake service projects.

The National Park Service has been a lead partner since the program began. In 2012, the National Park Service acknowledged the success of the Youth Summits as a model at a national conference and pushed for a broader nationwide expansion. This resulted in the publication of an extensive guide using the Colorado Youth Summits as a model that is published and available on the National Park Service Teaching with Historic Places website.

The Intermountain Regional Office (IMRO) of the National Park Service has been an active partner with Conservation Legacy directly engaging in program support to over half of the Youth Summits held in Colorado. Beginning in 2007, with the inaugural Youth Summit held in the conjunction of dedication of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site. In 2014, the IMRO expanded funding support for the Youth Summits to include other states in the region including Montana, New Mexico and Texas.

In 2018, Conservation Legacy presented three Preserve America Youth Summits engaging students and teachers in programming advancing youth engagement in service, stewardship conservation and historic preservation.

The highlight of the 2018 Summits was the Colorado Preserve America Youth Summit: Next Generation Stewards held in the Montrose Area. This Summit featured Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Curecanti National Recreation Area.

The four-day program was developed in partnership with the Interpretative staff and leadership of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and other partners including History Colorado, Colorado State Historic Preservation Office and the City of Montrose. The curriculum featured over 40 hours of programming held at the Park and at sites nearby including Ute Indian Museum, Montrose Historical Society and Shavano Valley Rock Art Site. Notable highlights were the critique of the exhibits in the Visitor Center at South Rim of Black Canyon; programming to learn about the International Night Sky designation and service project removing invasive species. The Summit concluded

with a Town Hall with 15 community and National Park Service leaders where the students presented their recommendations.

Over 80 students and teachers attended, most of whom had never been to Black Canyon or Curecanti nor seen a dam or rock art site in person. All the participants attended without cost and received community service hours and were challenged to provide ideas throughout the Summit and commit to continuing their engagement long after the Summit ended.

**These young people's unfiltered ideas and 21st Century frame of reference brought helpful enthusiasm and knowledge to assist in updating programming and experiences for National Park Service units and the community.**



# PARTNER AND PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCE

**LLOYD MASAYUMPTWEA,**  
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT,  
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION  
“The Ancestral Lands organization is an exceptional partner that provides avenues to provide work and learning for indigenous youth. They in turn provide much needed help for completing various projects in our park units at Hubbell Trading Post and Navajo National Monument. Without this type of assistance, some of the much needed work in the parks could not be completed.”

The benefit of having Indigenous youth is that they have intimate connections to the area, which helps in having ownership of the things they work on. In all, this unique program provides many benefits to the parks and local Tribal entities.”

**TODD HISAIC-HI,**  
RANGER, MUIR WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT “I very much appreciate the symbiotic relationship between the NPS and the Ancestral Lands program through the development of the Native Conservation Corps. We have been synthesizing our knowledge, resources and inspirations for shared heritage stewardship and youth development.”

**LETICIA GARCIA,**  
SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS YOUTH CREW “The work will satisfy you or help you feel good knowing you're not only helping out your project partners but the community as well.”

**MONIQUE GONZALES,**  
SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS ANCESTRAL LANDS “Being a steward of the land means to be someone who has respect and cares for the land we inhabit. I love working to help preserve the land at Petroglyph National Monument for a number of reasons. One important reason is because this land is of great importance not only to my Tribe (Zuni) but to all Tribes in New Mexico. We need to preserve this land and our culture for all our future generations.”

**JALEN NICOLY,**  
SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS YOUTH CREW “You can't find your soul in technology; you find it out here. We constantly learned skills whether we were at work, figuring out tools or at camp adapting to new people. Life is quite an adventure if you choose it to be.”

**ORI REHMAN,**  
SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS YOUTH CREW  
“A lot of people do not understand the outdoors, and the effect it has on them. Some know but have forgotten. When you are working to help the earth and its features you complete your purpose of contributing to the world. It was an amazing time, and a great way to help conserve our planet small steps at a time.”

**ROBBIE PATLA,**  
SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS YOUTH CREW  
“During this experience I got to find myself and my purpose.”

**ASHLEY PUGH,**  
GEOSCIENTIST-IN-THE-PARK, STEWARDS INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT “I appreciate the experience that this internship has offered me and that this position has granted me skills for research. I have also gained a great deal of respect for what the NPS stands for and the action they are taking to preserve the culturally significant features and natural resources within Kaloko-Honokohau.”

**HANNAH BONNER,**  
GEOSCIENTIST-IN-THE-PARK, STEWARDS INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT  
“Reflecting on my experience, I am honored to have played a role in sharing the remarkable resources and science of Denali. As a whole, my time in Denali is a perfect launching point as I prepare to start graduate school this fall. I intend to use the skills, connections, and perspective I've gained from Denali to better the world around me.”

**KANE,**  
SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS ANCESTRAL LANDS  
“I feel much more connected to the park since I've spent a lot of time there, as well as taking a part in keeping this area clean. I think I will spend more time at NPS sites in the future to either work in these areas or to show other people how parks are exquisitely beautiful and how they are important to the environment.”

**DARIUS STEWART,**  
SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS ANCESTRAL LANDS  
“I'm here for the kids, and it's been great. I've gotten to see them connect with each other, come out of their shells and be happy while outdoors. They've learned a lot about the landscape and the National Park Service. They're excited about what they find and learn.”

**MARISA JOE,**  
ANCESTRAL LANDS AMERICORPS VISTA “Coming from the been-there-done-that community, someone who has experienced drug addiction and trauma, it's a really big victory to get to this place. I think that the work that Conservation Legacy is doing, especially with the Southwest Conservation Corps Ancestral Lands is powerful. We as native people, we want to stay in our communities, we want there to be opportunities for us and having these programs in our own communities makes that possible.”

**JENNIFER OWEN-WHITE,**  
MANAGER, VALLE DE ORO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
“Having an AmeriCorps VISTA, someone who has experience in community and regional planning, landscape architecture and indigenous design to actually be a part of designing a multi-million dollar visitors center for the refuge is an incredible opportunity for us.”

**ISIAH CHAVEZ,**  
SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS ANCESTRAL LANDS  
“This week in the Petrified National Park was like no other. When we got there, we met

the Hopi crew and immediately created a bond. We ate together, worked together, and laid under the stars together. We shared about our cultures and traditions, as well as languages. We started calling each other brother and sister.”

**SARAH HERVE,**  
DEPUTY CHIEF OF INTERPRETATIONS, PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL PARK  
“Working with Ancestral Lands has allowed the Native Conservation Corps to really blossom and provide unique opportunities. The leadership and the support the program provides is something we only dreamed of having when we started the program. Here's to more years of building bridges together!”

**MICHAEL RUBIN,**  
CHIEF OF FACILITY MANAGEMENT, MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK  
“Overall the crew went above and beyond expectations. The crew itself worked hard even in very hot temperatures. The crew and especially crew leaders were very professional. The attitude that the crew had was refreshing and needed.”

**STEVE PRINTZ,**  
SUPERVISOR (TRAILS), SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK  
“The crew did an amazing job. The work they accomplished was exactly what we wanted and the trails in the [South District, Shenandoah National Park] needed. One thing I would like to say is that the leader was very detailed and safety oriented—she planned each day very well.”

**WESLEY DRUMMONDS,**  
GREAT APPALACHIAN VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS  
“I have always lived in the Shenandoah area and have hiked many of the local trails. It was really nice to maintain these trails. This job has provided me with better social skills, team building experience and I feel more prepared with critical thinking and time management.”



# CONCLUSION



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## FOSTERING CONSERVATION SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITIES & ECOSYSTEMS

**LOCAL ACTION. ENDURING IMPACT.**

Participation in corps programming has a long track record of success resulting in young people developing professional and life skills as well as an increased awareness of environmental and resource stewardship. These activities promote the mission and vision to which both the National Park Service and Conservation Legacy are committed. The physical and financial support from the National Park Service, the interns, crews, communities, partner agencies, staff and partner conservation corps in this effort have been remarkable.

Conservation Legacy and partner corps are humbled to continue to learn and grow together and to continue to provide systems, administrative and coordinating services that can build capacity at the local level to engage youth and young adults with public lands, for the betterment of our shared future.

Conservation Legacy is extremely enthusiastic about the opportunity to continue its partnership with the National Park Service to expand opportunities for young people to serve on public lands and to provide much needed services in the areas of land restoration, trail maintenance and construction, vegetation management, historic preservation, wildfire prevention, community development and other critical needs.



## APPENDIX A: PRESS AND MEDIA

### STUDENT GETS INSIDE VIEW OF GEOSCIENCES AS BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK INTERN

PENN STATE NEWS · OCTOBER 2017  
<https://news.psu.edu/story/490331/2017/10/25/academics/student-gets-inside-view-geosciences-badlands-national-park-intern>

### VETERANS SERVICE & CONSERVATION CORPS: CAREER PATHWAYS THROUGH CONTINUED SERVICE

HUFFINGTON POST · NOVEMBER 2017  
[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/veterans-service-conservation-corps-career-pathways\\_us\\_5a0c94a0e4b06d8966cf344d](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/veterans-service-conservation-corps-career-pathways_us_5a0c94a0e4b06d8966cf344d)

### THE NEW (BIPARTISAN!) CONSERVATION CORPS IS A WIN-WIN

OUTSIDE ONLINE · JANUARY 2018  
[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/veterans-service-conservation-corps-career-pathways\\_us\\_5a0c94a0e4b06d8966cf344d](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/veterans-service-conservation-corps-career-pathways_us_5a0c94a0e4b06d8966cf344d)

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS LAUNCHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STEWARDS INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS · FEBRUARY 2018  
<https://stewardslegacy.org/news/category/community-volunteer-ambassadors>

### LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL GRAD OVERCOMES ODDS

ENTERPRISE NEWS · MAY 2018  
[http://www.broomfieldenterprise.com/news/ci\\_31881852/legacy-high-school-grad-overcomes-odds](http://www.broomfieldenterprise.com/news/ci_31881852/legacy-high-school-grad-overcomes-odds)

### AWARD: TUCSON MAYOR'S AWARD AND CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION

CHRIS HONAHNIE, SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK VISTA · MAY 2018  
<https://stewardslegacy.org/news/member-spotlight-christopher-honahnie-ancestral-lands-saguaro-national-park-azcc>

### INCREASING ACCESS TO PARKS ONE VOLUNTEER AT A TIME

UW DAILY · MAY 2018  
[http://www.dailyuw.com/special\\_sections/pacific\\_wave/page\\_de1eb1c9-182c-5388-906f-2f033bef8bf3.html](http://www.dailyuw.com/special_sections/pacific_wave/page_de1eb1c9-182c-5388-906f-2f033bef8bf3.html)

### DISCUSSING CAREER PLANS WITH STUDENTS? DON'T OVERLOOK THE SKILLED TRADES

EDUCATION WEEK TEACHER · JUNE 2018  
[http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/teacher\\_leader\\_voices/2018/06/stop\\_telling\\_me\\_my\\_son\\_can\\_do\\_.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/teacher_leader_voices/2018/06/stop_telling_me_my_son_can_do_.html)

### FUTURE HISTORIANS HEADING TO TOWN

MONTROSE PRESS · JUNE 2018  
[https://www.montrosepress.com/news/future-historians-heading-to-town/article\\_3f8875e0-9152-11e8-9f96-6b8ad96fe99.html](https://www.montrosepress.com/news/future-historians-heading-to-town/article_3f8875e0-9152-11e8-9f96-6b8ad96fe99.html)

### NATIVE YOUTH CONNECT WITH LAND OF FOREFATHERS

NAVAJO HOPI OBSERVER · JULY 2018  
<https://www.nhnews.com/news/2018/jul/17/native-youth-connect-land-forefathers/>

### BALANCING PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION

MONTROSE PRESS · AUGUST 2018  
[https://www.montrosepress.com/news/balancing-preservation-and-promotion/article\\_7ea9d3d0-97a7-11e8-86b5-6f2c455f322.html](https://www.montrosepress.com/news/balancing-preservation-and-promotion/article_7ea9d3d0-97a7-11e8-86b5-6f2c455f322.html)

### NEW YOUTH CORPS PROGRAM AT SHENANDOAH AIMED AT CONNECTING WITH NATURE

FREE-LANCE STAR · AUGUST 2018  
[https://www.fredericksburg.com/news/local/new-youth-corps-program-at-shenandoah-aimed-at-connecting-with/article\\_2f591302-97fd-50fa-932c-d78aeaf8a0ca.html](https://www.fredericksburg.com/news/local/new-youth-corps-program-at-shenandoah-aimed-at-connecting-with/article_2f591302-97fd-50fa-932c-d78aeaf8a0ca.html)

### CELEBRATE NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY AT GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

GRAND CANYON NEWS · SEPTEMBER 2018  
<https://www.grandcanyonnews.com/news/2018/sep/18/celebrate-national-public-lands-day-grand-canyon-n/>

### AWARD: WESTERN RESOURCE ADVOCATES LEADERS IN OUTDOOR REC MARSHALL MASAYESVA

MARSHALL MASAYESVA, ANCESTRAL LANDS · SEPTEMBER 2018  
<https://westernresourceadvocates.org/blog/protect-the-west-celebration-highlights-success-of-radical-collaboration/#>

### AWARD: SH/FT NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

CONSERVATION LEGACY VETERANS FIRE CORPS · OCTOBER 2018  
<https://shifjrh.org/official-selections-announced-for-the-2018-shift-awards/>

## APPENDIX B: FULL PROJECT LIST

### Crew Projects

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Bryce Canyon  
Protect communities from wildfire and mitigate climate related impacts

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Casa Grande Ruins National Monument  
Improve recreational access  
P17AC01602

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Chiricahua National Monument  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC00643

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Chiricahua National Monument  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00688

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Flagstaff Area National Monuments  
Improve recreational access  
P17AC00071

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Flagstaff Area National Monuments  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00421

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Grand Canyon National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P17AC00313

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Grand Canyon National Park  
Protect communities from wildfire and mitigate climate related impacts

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Grand Canyon National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00210

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Grand Canyon National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00182

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Grand Canyon National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00734

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Montezuma Castle National Monument  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC00769

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Montezuma Castle National Monument  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00251

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Montezuma Castle National Monument  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00425

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Petrified Forest National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00415

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Petrified Forest National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P17AC00825

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Saguaro National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P17AC00934

Arizona Conservation Corps  
Saguaro National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00079

Conservation Corps New Mexico  
Carlsbad Caverns National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00644

Conservation Corps New Mexico  
Guadalupe Mountains National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P16AC01008

Conservation Corps New Mexico  
Guadalupe Mountains National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P17AC01025

Great Appalachian Valley CC  
Cedar Creek & Belle Grove NHP  
Improve recreational access  
P17AC00819

Great Appalachian Valley Conservation Corps  
Shenandoah National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P17AC01229

Great Appalachian Valley Conservation Corps  
Shenandoah National Park  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00064

Southeast Conservation Corps  
Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00548

Southeast Conservation Corps  
Natchez Trace National Scenic Parkway  
Improve recreational access  
P17AC01317

Southeast Conservation Corps  
Southern Campaign of American Revolution  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC01599

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Aztec Ruins National Monument  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC00675

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Aztec Ruins National Monument  
Support local economies and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00735

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Aztec Ruins National Monument/  
Chaco Culture National Historical Park  
Support local economies and restore community/cultural assets  
P17AC00631

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Aztec Ruins National Monument/  
Chaco Culture National Historical Park  
Support local economies and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00434

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Bandelier National Monument  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P16AC01598

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Bandelier National Monument  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC00103

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Bandelier National Monument  
Support local economies and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00176-AL



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Southwest Conservation Corps  
Canyon de Chelly National Monument  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00176-AL

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Casa Grande Ruins National Monument  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P17AC01602

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Chaco Culture National Historical Park  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00176-AL

Southwest Conservation Corps  
El Malpais/El Morro National Monuments  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P17AC00675

Southwest Conservation Corps  
El Malpais/El Morro National Monuments  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC00675



Southwest Conservation Corps  
El Malpais/El Morro National Monuments  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC00675

Southwest Conservation Corps  
El Morro National Monument  
Improve recreational access  
P17AC01131

Southwest Conservation Corps  
El Morro National Monument  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00176-AL

Southwest Conservation Corps  
El Morro National Monument  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00176-AL

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Great Sand Dunes National Park and  
Preserve  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC00294

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC01079

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC00507

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00096

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P18AC00283

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC00675

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00176-AL

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P18AC00608

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P18AC00608

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Grand Canyon National Park  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00176-AL

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Great Sand Dunes National Park and  
Preserve  
Improve recreational access  
P17AC00760

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Great Sand Dunes National Park and  
Preserve  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P18AC00413

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Hubbell Trading Post NHS  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P17AC00248

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Hubbell Trading Post NHP  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00581

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Hubbell Trading Post NHP/  
Navajo National Monument  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00176-AL

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Hubbell Trading Post NHP/  
Navajo National Monument  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00176-AL

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Joshua Tree National Park  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00035

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Mesa Verde National Park  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC01017

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Mesa Verde National Park  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P18AC00341

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Mesa Verde National Park  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Mesa Verde National Park  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P18AC00588

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Mesa Verde National Park  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC00675

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Mesa Verde National Park  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P17AC00675

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Mesa Verde National Park  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P18AC00679

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Mesa Verde National Park  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00176-AL

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Mesa Verde National Park  
Restore, protect and improve habitat  
P18AC00679

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Muir Woods National Monument  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00176-AL

Southwest Conservation Corps  
National Parks Foundation Utah Hiking Club  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Navajo National Monument  
Support local economies  
and restore community/cultural assets  
P18AC00176-AL

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Petrified Forest National Park  
Support local economies and restore com-  
munity/cultural assets  
P18AC00592

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Petroglyph National Monument  
Improve recreational access  
P18AC00176-AL

Southwest Conservation Corps  
Rocky Mountain National Park  
Protect communities from wildfire  
and mitigate climate related impacts  
P18AC01018

### Individual Placements:

#### Community Volunteer Ambassadors

Alaska Public Lands Information Center  
Aztec Ruins NM  
Big South Fork NRA/Obed WSR  
Big Thicket NP  
Blue Ridge Parkway  
Catocin Mountain Park  
Central High School National Historic Site  
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National  
Congaree NP (3)  
Cuyahoga Valley NP (3)  
Everglades NP  
First State NHP  
Fort Monroe NHS  
George Washington Memorial Parkway  
Glen Canyon NRA  
Golden Gate NRA  
Grand Canyon NP  
Great Smoky Mountains NP  
Gulf Islands NS  
Hagerman Fossil Beds NM(2)  
Harpers Ferry NHP  
Indiana Dunes NL  
Jefferson National Expansion Memorial  
Joshua Tree NP  
Keweenaw NHP  
Klondike Gold Rush NHP  
Lake Mead NRA  
Lava Beds NM  
Lincoln Home NHS  
Mesa Verde NP and Yucca House NM  
Minute Man NHP  
Mississippi River NRA  
National Mall and Memorial Parks  
National Parks of New York Harbor  
Pinnacles NP  
President's Park  
Richmond NB  
River Raisin NBP  
Rock Creek Park  
Sagamore Hill NHS  
Saguaro NP  
San Antonio Missions NHP  
Santa Monica Mountains NRA  
Stones River NB  
Valles Caldera NP  
Valley Forge NHP  
Vicksburg NMP  
Washington Support Office  
Weir Farm NHS  
Yosemite NP  
Zion NP

#### Geoscientists-in-the-Parks

Agate Fossil Beds NM  
Age Floods National Geologic Trail  
Air Resources Division  
Alaska Regional Office  
Amistad NRA  
Badlands NP  
Bandelier NM  
Big Bend NP  
Big Thicket National Preserve  
Biological Resources Division  
Bryce Canyon NP  
Buffalo NR  
Cabrillo NM  
Cape Cod NS  
Cape Hatteras NS  
Capitol Reef NP  
Carl Sandburg Home NHS  
Central Alaska Network  
Chattahoochee NRA  
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP  
Chiricahua NM  
Climate Change Response Program  
Colonial NHP  
Colorado NM  
Coronado NM  
Curecanti NRA  
Delaware Water Gap NRA  
Death Valley NP  
Denali NPP  
Devils Tower NM  
Dinosaur NM  
El Morro NM  
Fire Island NS  
Florissant Fossil Beds NM



Fort Carolina National Memorial  
 Fort Matanzas NM  
 Gates of the Arctic NPP  
 Geologic Resources Division  
 Glen Canyon NRA  
 Grand Canyon NP  
 Great Basin NP  
 Greater Yellowstone I&M Network  
 Gulf Islands NS  
 Hot Springs NP  
 Isle Royale NP  
 Jewel Cave NM  
 John Day Fossil Beds NM  
 Joshua Tree NP  
 Kaloko-Honokohau NHP  
 Keweenaw NHP  
 Klamath I&M Network  
 Klondike Gold Rush NHP  
 Lake Clark NPP  
 Lake Mead NRA  
 Lake Roosevelt NRA  
 Lava Beds NM  
 Lassen Volcanic NP  
 Little Bighorn Battlefield NM  
 Manassas NBP  
 Mammoth Cave NP  
 Mesa Verde NP  
 Mojave Desert Network  
 Mount Rainier NP  
 National Capital Parks-East  
 Natural Sounds and Night Skies  
 New Bedford Whaling NHP  
 North Cascades National Park Service Complex  
 NE Coastal and Barrier Network/Sandy Hook  
 Olympic NP  
 Oregon Caves NM  
 Paterson Great Falls NHP  
 Redwood NP  
 Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River  
 Rocky Mountain NP  
 Saguaro NP  
 Salinas Pueblo NM  
 Shenandoah NP  
 Sierra Nevada Network  
 Southwest Alaska Network  
 Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve  
 Tule Springs Fossil Beds NM  
 Urban Ecology Research Learning Alliance  
 Vicksburg NMP  
 Virgin Islands NP  
 Waco Mammoth NM  
 Water Resources Division  
 White Sands NM  
 Wrangell- St. Elias NPP  
 Yellowstone NP  
 Yosemite NP  
 Zion NP

**Historic Preservation Training Center**

Architect Intern  
 Antietam NB VTAP  
 Carl Sandburg Home NHS TTAP  
 Carpentry Intern  
 Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP VTAP  
 Colonial NHP

Delaware Water Gap NRA TTAP  
 Fort Pulaski NM TTAP  
 Frederick, Maryland  
 Gettysburg NMP VTAP  
 Home of FDR  
 HPTC Headquarters  
 HPTC Headquarters TTAP  
 HPTC Headquarters VTAP  
 Lyndon B Johnson NHP TTAP  
 Mather School TTAP  
 Media Intern  
 Saint Gaudens NHS  
 Vicksburg NMP VTAP  
 Woodcrafting

**Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance**

Anchorage Fellow  
 Boston Rigorous intern (NLCCA)  
 Chinese Historical Society of New England  
 DC Fellow  
 DC Rigorous intern (NLCCA)  
 Denver  
 Detroit Fellow  
 Every Kid in the Park Fellow  
 Ft. Collins Fellow  
 Heritage Partnerships  
 Junior Ranger Program  
 MA Fellow  
 National Capital Region  
 The Nature Conservancy Fellow  
 NH Fellow  
 Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area  
 Omaha Fellow  
 Pacific West Region  
 Portland Fellow  
 Rock Creek Park & City Kids  
 St Louis Rigorous intern (NLCCA)  
 St. Paul Fellow  
 Urban Ecology Center Fellow  
 WA Fellow

**Other**

Assateague Island NS Bandelier National Monument  
 BIA WRTT Big Thicket National Preserve  
 BIA WRTT Gulf Islands National Seashore  
 BIA WRTT NPS Mojave Desert Network  
 Fire Island NS  
 Gettysburg NMP  
 Grand Canyon NP  
 Hopewell Furnace  
 Jean Lafitte NHP  
 Katahdin Woods and Waters NM  
 Lava Beds NM  
 Mojave Desert Network  
 National Capital Region  
 National Heritage Areas Program  
 Pacific Valley Forge NHP  
 Pacific West Region  
 Pinnacles  
 Santa Monica Mountains NRA  
 Southeast Regional office  
 WASO  
 Weir Farm NHS  
 West Region  
 Yosemite NP

**APPENDIX C:  
 ADDITIONAL DOI PROGRAMMING**

**BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA)**

Conservation Legacy partners with the BIA to implement two key initiatives that engage Native youth across the country: the Ancestral Lands Program and the Water Resources Technician Training Program. Both programs engage Native youth and leaders on conservation projects in tribal communities with leadership and support from local tribes and staff. This year BIA participants completed projects including fence repair, invasive species removal and assisted with the management of critical water resources. **In FY18, Conservation legacy engaged 112 Native participants on projects in partnership with the BIA.**

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM)**

In partnership with the BLM, Conservation Legacy programs complete projects across the west including fire fuel mitigation, trail maintenance, trail construction, campground and recreational access improvement, habitat restoration and resource management. Individual participants also assisted with mapping, resource assessments and recreation access. One specific highlight for FY18 was the construction of a new mountain bike trail in Southwest Colorado designed to attract additional interest in local recreation opportunities. **In FY18, Conservation legacy engaged 287 participants on projects in partnership with the BLM.**

**BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (BOR)**

Conservation Legacy programs partner with the BOR to engage young people on crews and as individual placements to meet high priority needs. Crew based projects focus on erosion control, wildland fire management, park improvements, vegetation removal and fence repair. Participants placed individually focused on research activities such as tracking of invasive Zebra mussels, assisting with river modeling and learning about safety requirements and needs for dams. **In FY18, Conservation legacy engaged nine participants on projects in partnership with BLM**

**FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (FWS)**

The projects implemented in FY18 engaged participants to help with fish monitoring and conservation through the removal of non-native species, field surveys and research on effectiveness of fish barriers. Participants also helped with the improvement of an urban refuge and engaged local youth to help mobilize additional volunteers in recreation, education and service opportunities. **In FY18, Conservation legacy engaged 21 participants on projects in partnership FWS.**

**OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING, RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT (OSMRE)**

In partnership with OSMRE, Conservation Legacy implements two key programs, the OSMRE VISTA Team and the OSMRE AmeriCorps Team. The VISTA Team places individuals in communities affected by mining to promote economic development, community development and stewardship through the development of additional community resources, mobilization of volunteers and through other locally-based strategies. The OSMRE AmeriCorps team places members at the state level nationwide to provide opportunities for participants to assist with reclamation activities. **In FY18, Conservation legacy engaged 55 participants on projects in partnership OSMRE.**

**APPENDIX D:  
 FUNDING**

**FUNDING AMOUNTS:**

Arizona Conservation Corps: \$999,154.00  
 Conservation Corps New Mexico: \$128,350.00  
 Great Appalachian Valley Conservation Corps: \$128,985.66  
 Southwest Conservation Corps Ancestral Lands: \$871,587.40  
 Southwest Conservation Corps Four Corners Region: \$71,906.00  
 Southwest Conservation Corps Los Valles Region: \$130,016.28  
 Southeast Conservation Corps: \$375,659.60  
 Stewards Individual Placements Community Stewards: \$82,051.67  
 Stewards Individual Placements Environmental Stewards: \$5,860,243.50  
 Preserve America Youth Summit: \$25,127.10

**TOTAL NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FUNDING:**

**\$8,673,081.21**





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**21ST CENTURY  
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