



Forest Preserves of Cook County Conservation Corps Programs

Corps programs provide paid, hands-on conservation experiences to participants from across Cook County's diverse communities. The Forest Preserves mobilize participants to heal and nurture the land. We will engage over 250 participants in 2022.



High School Programs

Focus is on teamwork, basic job skills, hard work, and environmental awareness

- Summer Programs (5 weeks)
- Youth ages 14 to 19
- 25-28 hours per week; youth pay \$12 per hour
- Adult Youth Mentors (\$21- \$23 per hour)
- Youth engaged from under-served communities
- Basic skills & job readiness training
- Hands-on, physically active service work
- Nature based recreation provided
- Transportation & service clothing provided



Adult Corps Programs

Focus is on technical conservation skills and certifications to pursue a career in conservation

- Program lengths variable (3 to 12 months)
- 30-40 hours per week; \$11 to \$15 per hour
- Engages those with barriers to employment
- Basic skills & job readiness training
- Technical skills training & industry certifications
- Manage invasive species on 1,000 acres annually
- Hands-on, physically active service work
- Transportation & service clothing provided
- 70 to 90% job placement post program

The funding strategy is diversified with financial support from the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Forest Preserve Foundation, grants, and partner match. We are always seeking new partnerships to expand the programs and ensure the Corps' long-term sustainability.

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