

# 2017 Conservation Corps Adult Programs

Friends of the Forest Preserves manages seven Conservation Corps programs throughout the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Corps participants are paid for their work to help restore woods, savannas, and prairies. Members learn how to control invasive species, lead volunteer efforts, mentor high school students, and identify invasive and native plants - all while helping to maintain healthy habitat for people, plants and wildlife. They also gain essential skills like job readiness and financial literacy and are the next generation of front line advocates for the forest preserves and nature.



72 Sites



13,085 hrs  
Ecological  
Restoration



865 Acres  
Invasives  
Controlled



1,061 Acres  
Prescribed  
Burned



3,251 hrs  
Training &  
Outreach



1,086  
Volunteers  
Engaged

## ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY

### FPCC Region



- North West (18%)
- North East (8%)
- Central (6%)
- South (21%)
- South West (47%)

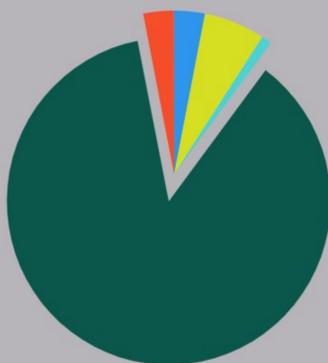


16% of Restoration  
Hours at Illinois  
Nature Preserves



Herbaceous Removal (33%)  
Woody Removal (67%)

### Restoration Activity



- Seed Collection (332 hrs)
- Other e.g. trail work (687 hrs)
- Planting (124 hrs)
- Invasive Removal (11,100 hrs)
- Prescribed Burned (843 hrs)

### Method of Invasive Species Removal

