

Where To Reach Us



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Dual-Purpose Program Training & Community Service

The Seattle Conservation Corps' mission is "to utilize public and privately funded construction and maintenance projects, including CDBG funded projects, to employ homeless persons in a supportive work environment, offering work experience and social service support, leading toward long term employment, housing, and personal stability."

Founded in 1986, the SCC has been a cornerstone in providing job skills, social services support, and employment opportunities to homeless adults, while also delivering essential maintenance services and improvements to our community's infrastructure. The SCC has created pathways and gateways for adults experiencing homelessness with opportunities toward changing their lives and addressing their needs as of one of Seattle's most vulnerable communities.

This unique Seattle Parks and Recreation program operates year-round with a \$7-million budget. The Corps covers 75% of its costs by performing work for city departments and other agencies and securing grant funding for support services, training, and education.

Corps members earn an average wage of \$21.80 per hour. Since 1986, the Corps has helped over 800 individuals fully engage in community life.



Success tells the story: 75% finish the program, 80% leave with stable housing, and more than 90% leave for long term employment.



For More Info :



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ACCOUNTABILITY & HANDS-ON HELP



Each Corps member signs an individual performance contract agreeing to one-year's employment, education, and life-skills development. Each joins a crew averaging five members with an experienced staff supervisor, or Crew Lead, to oversee the work. Crews work five days a week and study after hours at the Conservation Corps Learning Center.

Study topics include:

- High school equivalency and basic math and reading skills improvement
- Safety on the job
- Technical skills related to specific projects
- Life skills such as money management, nutrition, conflict resolution, job readiness, and effective communication effectively
- Job-search preparation skills such as resume writing and interviewing
- Proper power- and hand-tool usage

The hourly pay for each Corps member begins at the minimum wage, and each receives case management and other services he or she may need, including mental health counseling and drug and alcohol recovery services. At the end of their enrollment with the Conservation Corps, each member receives help moving into permanent employment.

TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Seattle Public Utilities: Corps teams aid in cleanup events like Spring Clean and recycling initiatives.

- **Watershed Improvement Program:** Teams collaborate with Seattle Public Utilities to repair riparian areas, restore habitats, manage erosion, and maintain trails.
- **Forest Restoration:** Corps members plant and nurture trees for various City departments.
- **Park Upgrade Program (PUP):** Supported by grants, this initiative enhances parks in low-income neighborhoods throughout Seattle. Conservation Corps crews construct retaining walls, sidewalks, and restore playgrounds. They also build park benches, picnic tables, and install accessible drinking fountains.
- **Other City Departments:** The Corps constructs traffic circles for the Seattle Department of Transportation, creates information boards for the Department of Planning and Development, renovates trails, landscapes, restores forests, and assists with office moves and property maintenance for the Fleets and Facilities Department.



CORPS KUDOS: TESTIMONIALS

Pam Miller, Seattle Public Utilities: "It's nice having a group that can work well with general direction from our inspector. It is run as well as other consulting businesses I have dealt with. They are courteous, helpful, willing to listen to unusual proposals, usually able to respond faster even than a 'roster' consultant. The teams that were assigned to my projects have had foremen who are accessible and responsive to my requests....I've always been satisfied with the service I have received. I encourage other departments to use this resource."

Toby Ressler, Seattle Parks and Recreation: "As a project manager for Seattle Parks and Recreation, I've come to rely on the Seattle Conservation Corps and its organization to consistently get the job done on time, within specifications, and at a reasonable cost/price, even in adverse conditions."

Michelle joined the Seattle Conservation Corps in 1996 as a single mother, where she learned computer and labor skills, eventually securing housing for her family. Now, she works as a Waste Water Collection Worker for Seattle Public Utilities and is a proud homeowner.

Sabrina started with the Corps in 2003 while homeless. She overcame legal challenges, gained housing, and learned skills like landscaping and heavy equipment operation. Rising to a crew lead, she now works at SPU and says, "The Corps taught me self-worth and community contribution. I love my job."