Building capacity to combat climate change

The first nationwide AmeriCorps program solely dedicated to campus-led, community-based climate action.

The climate crisis is perhaps one of the most critical challenges of our era. Rising temperatures fuel environmental degradation, extreme weather events, food and water insecurity, and economic disruption. However, there’s a remarkable rise in collective action to mitigate climate change. Through sustainable strategies, community-driven collaborative interventions, and individual action, we can address the climate crisis and transition toward a more resilient future.

The Campus Climate Action Corps (CCAC) Project is a Campus Compact initiative focused on building the capacity of campuses and their community partners to affect behavioral and technical change, leading to climate solutions, energy efficiency, and improved at-risk ecosystems by implementing local strategies for underserved households and communities. CCAC is currently located on campuses in the Midwest, Northeast, and Southeast of the US.

The CCAC AmeriCorps program focuses on five key strategies designed to address the unique needs of local communities

- **Campus & Community Partnerships**
  - CCAC aims to help address the most relevant local environmental challenges through fostering collaboration between communities and campus host sites.

- **Community & Campus-Based Environmental Education Events**
  - For example, Energy Awareness Presentations, Weatherization Workshops, Parent/Student Events

- **Household Energy Assessments and Low-Tech Interventions**
  - Basic home energy assessments are conducted to provide homeowners with a preliminary understanding of their home’s energy usage and potential areas for improvement.
  - Low-tech interventions like weather stripping and caulking, insulation, and LED lighting may be implemented based on available resources, community need, and host-site capacity.

- **Improving At-Risk Ecosystems Impacted by Climate Change**
  - Capacity building projects focused on enhancing land, water, and biodiversity health.

- **Support and Improve Green Job Pathways**
  - Promotes advancements in AmeriCorps Members’ green career knowledge and skills.

Want to learn more about CCAC, membership, or host sites?
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