



Natural Resources Program

CCNB's Natural Resources Crews work on projects in natural resource conservation, ecological restoration, public safety issues, and public land beautification in the North Bay. While corpsmembers do this important work, CCNB also helps them to enhance their academic and vocational abilities while also assisting them with formulating and progressing toward their long-term employment and educational goals. Crews are trained to clear streams, build and maintain trails, restore wildlife habitats, reduce fire hazards, restore historical sites, provide erosion-control services and assist with emergency services. Here are some examples of the important work our NRC corpsmembers are engaged in:

- CCNB crews have dramatically reduced the incidence of flooding in the North Bay by clearing waterways and preventing storm waters from backing up. Each year, more than 40 miles of urban and rural creeks are maintained to protect habitats and reduce flood hazards.
- Whether it's repairing fences to keep cows out of creeks at Point Reyes National Seashore or constructing rustic split rail fence along the winding paths at Muir Woods National Monument, CCNB crews are at work digging the holes and setting the posts straight and level.
- We are constantly at work reducing potential fire hazards in the North Bay. We clear more than 115 acres of flammable vegetation every year to create defensible space adjacent to at risk neighborhoods.
- CCNB is working hard to restore native ecosystems. Through a variety of methods, our crews remove over 50 acres of invasive plants each year. We also plant native seedlings to take the place of the invasives we remove.
- If you've hiked one of the over 600 miles of spectacular trails in Marin and Sonoma counties, you have probably benefited from our work. Whether we are building rock retaining walls, carefully constructing wooden steps or clearing brush from the path, CCNB crews put a great deal of care into their trail work. Our trail building and maintenance projects extend throughout the North Bay.

Throughout the years, corpsmembers at CCNB have built and maintained miles of trails, removed tons of non-native and fire-hazard vegetation, cleared creeks of obstructions for flood control, and restored riparian and terrestrial habitats throughout the entire county. Well over 5,000 corpsmembers have been through CCNB's program since its inception. Today, corpsmembers continue this work for most of the resource agencies across the North Bay. Working with agencies such as the Marin Municipal Water District, Marin County Open Space District, Point Reyes National Seashore and many others, corpsmembers work to keep the North Bay's wild lands accessible, safe and beautiful.

CCNB's Natural Resources Program affords corpsmembers outstanding job-training opportunities in conservation, park improvement, and fire and flood prevention projects. At the same time, Conservation Corps North Bay provides an exceptional human resource to national, state and county parks, state and federal regulatory agencies, public lands managers, fire-protection agencies, homeowners' associations, nonprofit organizations, and many others.

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