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## **NCCC Teams Up With Groundwork Milwaukee For Environmental Clean-up**

**MILWAUKEE** - An AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) team is collaborating with Groundwork Milwaukee from Nov. 17- Dec. 14, to build a new segment of accessible trail in Riverside Park and for invasive species removal in Milwaukee County Parks.

The NCCC team, based in Vinton, Iowa, is participating in this project in the hope of making the Milwaukee River and the county parks of Milwaukee accessible and satisfying for local residents, and to protect indigenous plants from harmful non-native species

The mission of Groundwork Milwaukee is to bring about sustained regeneration, improvement and management of the physical environment by developing community-based partnerships that empower people, businesses and organizations to promote environmental, economic and social well-being. The efforts of Groundwork Milwaukee and their community partners, such as Milwaukee County Parks and the Milwaukee Urban Ecology Center, have helped to create better, safer, and healthier neighborhoods.

In the event of inclement weather, the team is working with Growing Power, an urban agriculture and greenhouse facility. The inclement weather project includes opportunities for greenhouse maintenance and rehab, indoor vermicomposting, and aquaponics maintenance.

NCCC is part of AmeriCorps, a network of national service programs created to improve the environment, enhance education, increase public safety, and assist with disaster relief and other unmet human needs. The North Central Region campus, located in Vinton, Iowa serves Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The North Central Region campus is one of five campuses in the United States; the others are located in Perry Point, Md.; Sacramento, Calif.; Vicksburg, Miss.; and Denver, Colo.

NCCC members, 18-24, must complete at least 1,700 hours of service during the 10-month program. In exchange for their service, they receive \$4,725 to help pay for college or to pay school loans. Other benefits include leadership development, team building skills, increased self-confidence and the satisfaction of knowing that they have made a real difference in communities across the country. AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. For information about applying to AmeriCorps NCCC, call 1-800-942-2677 (1-800-94-ACORP) or visit the website at [www.americorps.gov/nccc](http://www.americorps.gov/nccc). If interested in applying for an AmeriCorps NCCC team, please call 319-472-9660 or e-mail [jburns@cns.gov](mailto:jburns@cns.gov).

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