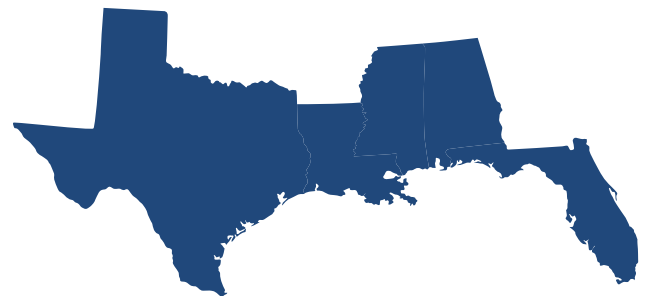


Building Resilience Along the Gulf of Mexico



GulfCorps morning Circle-Up session during orientation at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center, Fairhope, Alabama, on September 18, 2023. © Michael Dumas Image Arts

Funded by the RESTORE Act, GulfCorps was launched in 2017 under the leadership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Student Conservation Association (SCA), and The Corps Network (TCN). The program aims to restore habitats damaged by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill while also restoring the economy of the Gulf states. GulfCorps is building an environmental job base across the Gulf Coast by providing experience, hands-on training, and professional workforce development opportunities to young adults in the five US Gulf states. Conservation corps crews work on a range of conservation and restoration projects on local, county, state, and federal lands and waters. The first GulfCorps grant ended in October 2022, investing an estimated \$8.245 million in the Gulf over four years. The RESTORE Council awarded a second grant for \$11.9 million in April 2021 for the program to continue for another four years. NOAA recently awarded \$12M to the GulfCorps Program through the Transformational Habitat and Conservation Resilience program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act. This award will begin in fall 2024.



LOCATION Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida

INVESTMENT \$32.145 million over 12 years

PROGRAM PARTNERS The Nature Conservancy (TNC), The Corps Network (TCN), Student Conservation Association (SCA), The Ember Alliance (TEA)

AGENCIES Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (RESTORE), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

PROJECT DATES 2017 - 2028

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GulfCorps by the Numbers

529,248

TOTAL GULFCORPS HOURS

29,738

TOTAL ACRES IMPACTED



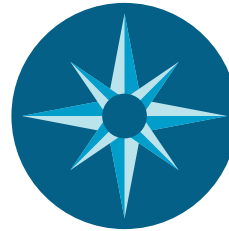
119,142

PAID TRAINING HOURS



188

ACRES OF WETLAND RESTORATION



20,404

ACRES BEING MONITORED



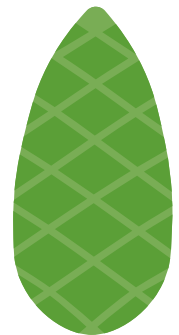
7,397

ACRES OF WETLAND
ENHANCEMENT



3,121

ACRES OF INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT



12,759

ACRES OF
UPLAND ENHANCEMENT



GulfCorps SCA-AL alum, Eric Lucas, takes to the stage for the Alumni Panel during orientation at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center, Fairhope, Alabama, on September 18, 2023. © Michael Dumas Image Arts



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SHORT-TERM JOBS CREATED

PLACEMENT TYPES

Permanent (6 months+)

Research Technician, US Forest Service Forestry Technician, Storm Water Inspector, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Environmental Scientist, Horticulture Technician, Florida State University Coastal Marine Lab Hatchery Technician, The Ember Alliance Prescribed Fire and Fuels Management Team Member, Disaster Recovery Specialist, Wildlife Technician, Blackwater River Florida State Park Ranger, Exhibit Technician, Herbicide Application Spray Technician

Temporary (under 6 months)

Coastal Bird Technician, Wildlife Management Education Intern, Dauphin Island Sea Lab Fisher Ecology Lab Intern, Expedition Field Leader, Biological Science Technician, Adventure & Wilderness Logistics Specialist, Nesting Technician, Mote Marine Laboratory Intern, Invasive Species and Prairie Management Specialist Intern, Padre Island National Sea Shore Turtle Crew, Oyster Gardening Technician, Herpetofauna Crew Intern

Job Placement Rates

All Enrollees = 70% | Program Graduates = 89%

Job Placement Numbers

Returned as Gulf Corps member	65
Returned as GulfCorps member in promoted position	37
Hired as GulfCorps organization staff	15
Placed in environmental type position (6 or more months)	91
Placed in environmental type position (6 or less months)	82
Placed in non-environmental type position	98
Started college	17
Joined the military	5

Placements Total

410



GulfCorps group photo during orientation at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center, Fairhope, Alabama, on September 18, 2023. © Michael Dumas Image Arts

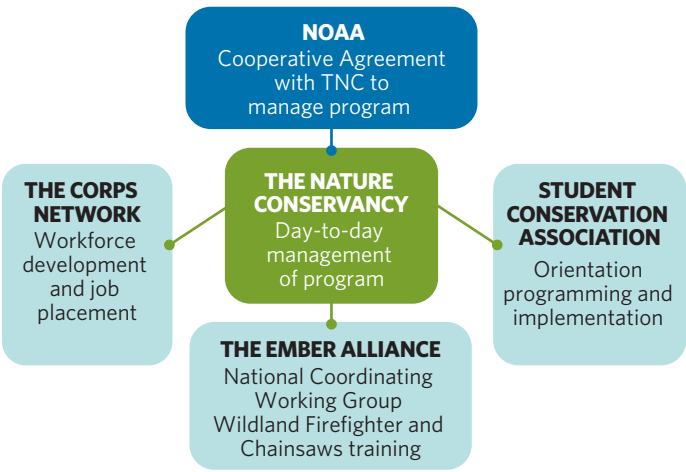
Conservation Corps Participants:

- Conservation Corps of the Forgotten and Emerald Coasts in Franklin, Bay and Escambia Counties, FL
- Student Conservation Association in Mobile, AL, and Corpus Christi, TX (second award period)
- Climb Community Development Corporation Conservation Corps in Gulfport, MS
- Limitless Vistas, Inc., in New Orleans, LA
- American Youthworks as Louisiana Conservation Corps in Baton Rouge, LA, and as Texas Conservation Corps in Galveston/Houston, TX
- American Conservation Experience in Corpus Christi, TX (first award period)

Through this project, NOAA, TNC and program partners are

- Providing support to local conservation corps that recruit young adults from their communities. These young adults want to better their communities through restoration and conservation work. GulfCorps aims to recruit 75% of each crew from Gulf Coast communities.
- Providing young adults with the highest quality training, including project-related training, industry-recognized certifications, and workforce development opportunities. This combination of training, work experience, and professional development fuels placements in environmental jobs, internships, externships, and post-secondary educational opportunities.
- Working with stakeholders to select restoration projects that address ecological impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and that are consistent with the RESTORE Act’s Comprehensive Plan.
- Monitoring progress over the course of the entire program to make certain the corps’ work is producing the desired environmental results.

Partner Roles



Sample Project Partners

US Fish and Wildlife Service (FL, AL, LA, MS, TX) National Forest Service (FL, LA, MS), National Park Service (FL, MS, LA, TX), National Estuarine Research Reserves (FL, AL, TX)

Florida – St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve, Escambia County, Northwest Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Alabama – Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Mobile County Environmental Services, South Alabama Land Trust, Forever Wild

Mississippi – Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain, University of Southern Mississippi

Louisiana – City of New Orleans, Louisiana Office of State Parks, Woodlands Conservancy, Recreation & Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC)

Texas – Armand Bayou Nature Center, Galveston Bay Foundation, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Houston Parks Board, Houston Audubon, City of Port Aransas



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