The 21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21CSC) is a public-private partnership designed by the U.S. Department of the Interior to engage young Americans in conservation service and job training. It was launched in February 2012 under the leadership of President Obama. The program aims to provide educational opportunities to at least 10 million young people and veterans annually on public lands and community green spaces. The 21CSC Federal Advisory Committee (21CSC FAC), comprised of representatives from the public and private sectors, establishes goals and makes recommendations to the U.S. Department of the Interior to enhance the 21CSC's efforts.

Key Recommendations
1. Scale and Timing: Enable the current level of engagement to scale as quickly as possible to meet the need, and continue to engage young people every year.
2. Partnership-Based Model: Engage the 21CSC through partnerships with local, state, tribal, federal, and non-governmental organizations.
3. Innovative Funding Strategy: Support the 21CSC by leveraging existing public and private sources to create a mix of federal, state, and private funding.

The 21CSC is also supported by the White House Council on Environmental Quality and the White House Council on Food, Nutrition, and Health. The 21CSC is a key component of the America's Great Outdoors initiative, which aims to engage young people in outdoor recreation.

In March, Secretary Jewell released an executive order formalizing the goals of her youth initiative. The order creates specific benchmarks to increase Interior's engagement with youth, such as providing educational opportunities to at least 10 million young people and veterans annually on public lands. The order also creates specific benchmarks to increase Interior's engagement with youth, such as providing educational opportunities to at least 10 million young people and veterans annually on public lands.

The Partnership for the 21CSC (P-21CSC), a public-private partnership, supports the development and implementation of the 21CSC through grants and technical assistance to 21CSC member organizations. The P-21CSC is led by the National Council of the 21CSC and is comprised of representatives from the White House Council on Environmental Quality, the White House Council on Food, Nutrition, and Health, and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The 21CSC National Council announces first 21CSC member organizations, which are identified through an inclusive and transparent solicitation process. Additional 21CSC member organizations are expected to be announced throughout 2013.