

21ST CENTURY CONSERVATION SERVICE CORPS

2010

April

President Obama launches the **America's Great Outdoors (AGO) Initiative** to "develop a 21st century conservation and recreation agenda."

Through listening sessions, formal recommendations and online voting, many organizations and individuals recommend developing a modern-day Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

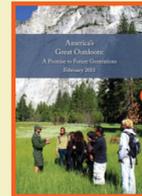


2011

February

President Obama receives 1st America's Great Outdoors Report, produced by the Departments of Interior and Agriculture as well as the EPA and the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Recommendation 1.1 from the report: Catalyze the establishment of a 21st Century Conservation service Corps (21CSC) to engage young Americans in public lands and water restoration.



2012

February

21CSC Federal Advisory Committee - comprised of representatives from the private sector as well as from state, local and tribal governments - holds first meeting.

The 21CSC Federal Advisory committee, created by a recommendation in the first AGO report, is charged with "providing recommendations to the AGO Council through the Secretary of the Interior on how to create a 21CSC to engage young Americans in hands-on service and job training experiences on public lands and community green spaces."

Summer

After four in-person meetings and countless conference calls and sub-committee work, the 21CSC Federal Advisory Committee delivers its report to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar.

Key Recommendations

1. Scale and Timing. Double the current number of conservation corps participants using existing and new resources, including private funds.

2. Partnership-Based Model. Operate the 21CSC through partnerships with accredited nonprofit, higher education, local, state, tribal and federal conservation corps.

3. Innovative Funding Strategy. Support the 21CSC principally with project-based funding from existing and new public sources leveraged and supported by private funds.

December

AGO Progress Report states the Administration's goal of "scaling up to 100,000 [21CSC] participants per year."



2013

January



The 21CSC National Council is launched through a formal agreement among 8 federal departments:

- Corporation for National & Community Service (AmeriCorps)
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Labor
- Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- White House Council on Environmental Quality

4. National Council. The National Council's role with support from the committee, would be to support:
1) bringing the 21CSC to scale.
2) promoting high-quality programs and participant experiences.
3) demonstrating national impact.

June

Partnership for the 21CSC (P-21CSC) established and holds first of 3 (to date) national meetings

P-21CSC, a public-private partnership, supports the development and implementation of the 21CSC to reach its goal of engaging 100,000 young people and veterans per year in conservation service.

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell announces her youth initiative, including 21CSC as a major component.



Fall

The 21CSC National Council announces first 100 official 21CSC member organizations, which it identified through an inclusive and open process. Additional 21CSC member organizations expected to be announced throughout 2014.

See a list of members at www.21csc.org

October

In March, Secretary Jewell releases a secretarial order formalizing the goals of her youth initiative. The order creates specific benchmarks for increasing Interior's engagement with the next generation within the next four years.



Play. Interior will create new, systemic opportunities for outdoor play for over 10 million young people.

Learn. Interior will provide educational opportunities to at least 10 million of the nation's K-12 student population annually.

Serve. Interior will attain one million volunteers annually on public lands.

Work. Interior will provide 100,000 work and training opportunities to young people and veterans within their bureaus and through public-private partnerships.

2014

March

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and Fish and Wildlife Service announce the 2014 Developing the Next Generation of Conservationists grant program recipients in support of the 21CSC.



Over \$1.9 million in federal funds to be leveraged into \$6.75 million to support 43 youth conservation employment projects on public lands.

May

The Partnership for the 21CSC announces a list of **100 Projects to Restore America**. The 100 projects showcase a variety of work happening across America in which youth and veterans enrolled in Service and Conservation Corps programs

- restore vital ecological habitat
- improve recreational trails and areas
- mitigate the impact of disasters
- improve urban parks
- preserve historic structures
- and gain the skills and experience to become the next great generation of American conservation and community leaders.

June