



GREEN IOWA AMERICORPS

Empowering Iowa for a greener future through service, education, and engagement.

Green Iowa AmeriCorps is a state-wide AmeriCorps service program based at the University of Northern Iowa's Center for Energy & Environmental Education.



2024-2025 PROGRAM IMPACTS

- 667** Educational Programs
- 21,253** Educational Program Participants
- 841** Community Outreach Events
- 4,390** Volunteers Engaged
- 15,478** Volunteer Service Hours
- 5,871** Trees Planted
- 140** Community Garden Projects
- 204** Residential Energy Audits
- 1,178** Weatherizations/Energy Saver Kits
- 127** Water Quality Mitigation Projects
- 72** Waste Reduction or Removal Projects

HOST SITES & SERVICE MEMBERS



- 54** AmeriCorps Members in Service
- 54,848** Hours of Service
- 19** Host Site Partnerships

Burlington Renewable Energy & Conservation Committee • Cedar Falls Community School District • CEEE Environmental Health Program • CEEE Neighborhood Resiliency • UNI Tallgrass Prairie Center • Whiterock Conservancy • Davenport Partnership • Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity • Trees Forever - Marion & Des Moines • City of Dubuque Sustainability Office • Iowa City Climate Action & Outreach Division • Table to Table Food Rescue • Polk County Conservation • Iowa Lakeside Laboratories • Mahaska County Conservation Partnership • Dubuque County Conservation • Black Hawk County Partnership



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GIA MEMBER EXIT SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS



- 93%** of members rated their service experience a 7/10 or higher with an **overall average rating of 8.8/10**
- 80%** feel they have grown in their **ability to work with others**
- 82%** feel they have a deepened understanding of **how to network in their community**
- 91%** feel they have a deepened understanding of their **professional goals**
- 91%** feel they have **obtained new skills** they will use in the future
- 91%** feel they have a deepened sense of **connection to the environment**
- 77%** feel they have a deepened sense of **connection to their community**

Hear from our Members! POST SERVICE REFLECTIONS

*"I am grateful for the **relationships I have made throughout my service term** with people in my community. It is very fulfilling to be more **involved in the environmental community/culture** where I live. There are so many people I work alongside every day who **inspire me to make a positive difference.**"*

*"One positive thing I have taken from my service term is my **advancement in my public speaking goal**. At the start of my term, I would get very anxious when it came to speaking to people I didn't know or public speaking in general. Now, I don't get as anxious over it and I don't dread it."*

*"The **connections I've made** with other Green Iowa members, CEEE and GIA staff, and local organizations such as the TPC, Black Hawk County SWCD, and City of Cedar Falls have been the most important experiences for me. I've been able to **work to my strengths and display my work ethic** in memorable ways with those I've worked with."*

*"I feel more **confident in my skills** and ready to enter the natural resources field. Before Green Iowa, I had no idea where to begin or what I really wanted to do. **This program has helped me find direction.** I have also **gained confidence in my ability to advocate for the environment and other matters I feel passionate about.**"*

*"The opportunity to serve with GIA at Polk County Conservation was phenomenal. I got a **well-rounded experience with all areas of natural resources**, from seed harvest and processing to invasive species management to tree planting to volunteer coordination and so many other areas of skill. I knew I liked conservation, but **this point of entry gave me the chance to gain real-world work experience** and make connections where I wouldn't have been able to from the outside."*

*"A positive experience for me was how much I got to be outside during my term. **Getting out in my community**, interacting with people, sharing ways to make our home better, has all been so **impactful to me** and I'm really grateful for it."*

