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Youth Environmental Council

April 11, 2023

Youth Climate Conservation Corps (Green Team)

150 youth employees/year
Cincinnati Park Board
[METRIC CAPTURE](#)
Young-adult Pathway

Program Intersectionality:

- Certification: [CWC](#) & [NGICP](#)
- Connection to Climate Safe Neighborhoods
- City's Youth Environmental Council



"I think that Environmental Justice involves racial injustice. I think this because on Green Team I work on climate resilience projects in my own neighborhood where low-income people and people of color are a lot more likely to suffer from climate impacts" - Karlana, Lower Price Hill



Groundwork Ohio River Valley Fieldwork Dashboard

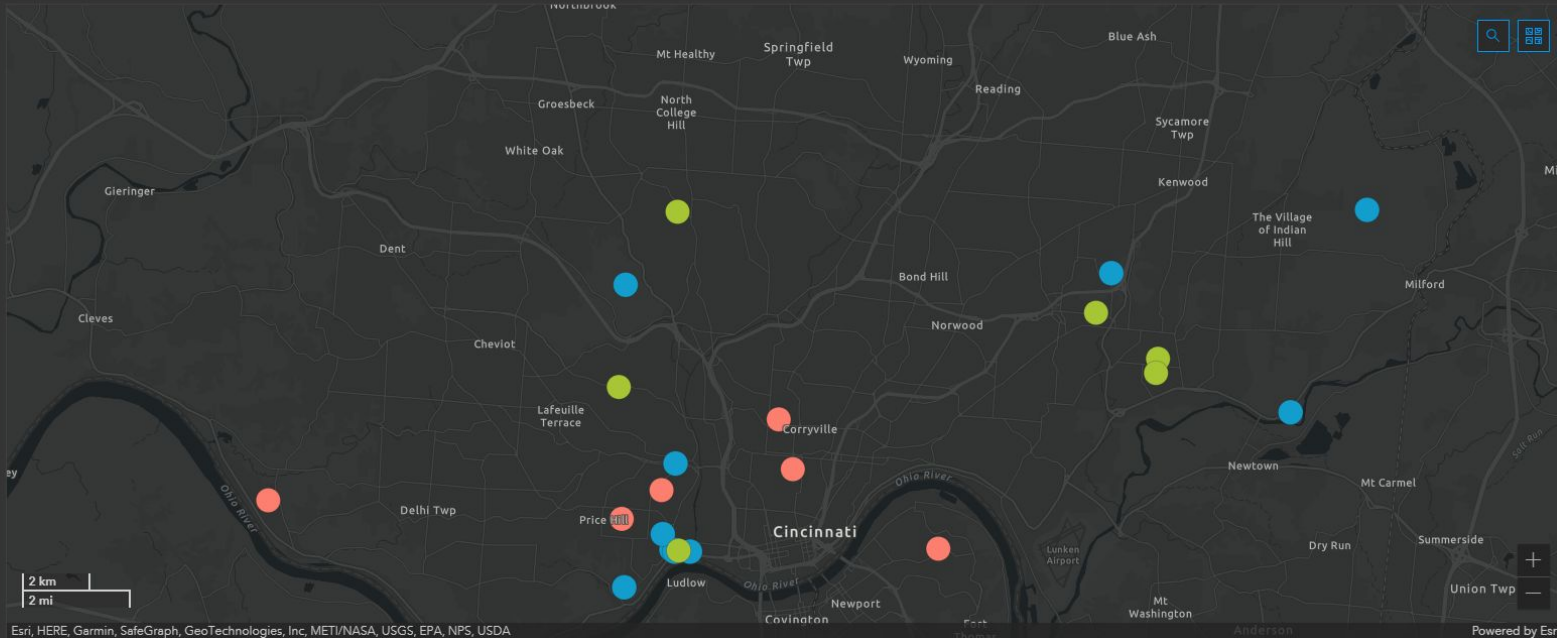
Explore the impact that Groundwork Ohio River Valley has had on the region's natural landscape

Map Legend

Groundwork Sites Zoom Out

Groundwork Program

- Green Corps
- Green Team
- Both



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[Groundwork Ohio River Valley Fieldwork](#) [Green Team Fieldwork](#) [Green Corps Fieldwork](#) Powered by Esri

331
trees
planted

1.8
miles of
trails built

106.4
acres of invasive
species cleared

32
green infrastructure
amenities installed

Youth Environmental Council Origins

- GCP & City of Cincinnati
- Process
- Now



Y.E.C's Mission

We, the Youth Environmental Council, are students all around Cincinnati. The mission of the Youth Environmental Council is to bridge the gap between people, ideas, and action so that all people, regardless of race or class, may feel hopeful for our shared future. As the youth generation, it is inevitable we will carry the burden of the climate crisis. We will help by creating action plans, educating the communities, and working together to a greener future. It is our mission to take action against the climate-related issues that our community faces through advocating for sustainable initiatives, collaborating with our city's elected officials, and voicing youth concerns about climate change.





Althaea Adams-Van Schaik

- Senior at Walnut Hills High School
- WHHS BioEco Club
- Interested in sustainable fashion
- Joined Groundwork in 2021
- Yellowstone Youth Conservation Corps
- Getting community involved with volunteer days
- Working with The Nature Conservancy
- Volunteering at Rialto Wetland
- Future plans

Aana Shenai

- Interest in sustainable agriculture
- Joined the climate activist movement
- Focused on environmental education, outreach, and other young people
- ACE Action Team
- Joined Groundwork in Fall 2022
- Attending GCP meetings
- Research + connecting with The Nature Center
- Community Outreach Events
- College and beyond





Tien Dao

Hello! My name is Tien Dao and I've been with Groundwork since the summer of 2022. I joined YEC and I honestly expected it to be similar to Green Team. However YEC exceeded my expectations. I was given so many opportunities to be in a leadership role which gave me the freedom to create environmental change. YEC has taught me about action plans, planning an event, and so much more that will help me in the future. Thank you to everyone at Groundwork for giving me this opportunity and I know YEC will thrive in the future.



Bienvenue Niyonkuru

Hello, my name is Bienvenue, and I am a member of Groundwork Ohio River Valley as well as the first Youth Environmental Council. I've been working with Groundwork since the summer of 2021 and I got into this amazing program because of the relationship I have with my boss, leader and former soccer coach Tanner Yess.

Since then I've been able to understand the issues of climate change as well be helpful myself by cutting honeysuckle, planting trees, pulling weeds, doing water tests, as well as planting flowers.



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