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Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa (CCMI)

Conservation Corps General Info and Monarch Project

As a nonprofit AmeriCorps organization, Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa (CCMI) engages over 450 youth and young adults, ages 15 to 25, in service-learning programs and projects that improve access to outdoor recreation, restore habitat on public lands, restore and protect water quality, and respond to natural disasters.

Iowa is in the heart of the monarch's summer breeding range and roughly 40% of all monarch butterflies that overwinter in Mexico are estimated to come from Iowa and neighboring states in the Midwest.

To protect this imperiled species and improve and protect biodiversity in Iowa, the Iowa Monarch Conservation Strategy seeks to establish and enhance Monarch habitat around Iowa. To accomplish local and statewide conservation goals, high-quality data is necessary. To collect high quality data, Conservation Corps' recruited six AmeriCorps members in Iowa in 2021 and will recruit an additional six members in 2022, who will carry out statewide Monarch habitat monitoring at priority blocks around the state.



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4:00 PM CST

Via Teams

CCMI is seeking students and new graduates for **volunteer and employment opportunities!** Check out their website: <https://conservationcorps.org/programs/>

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