

# My AmeriCorps Story: Volunteer Engagement and Education



# DCH Tree Program AmeriCorps Story



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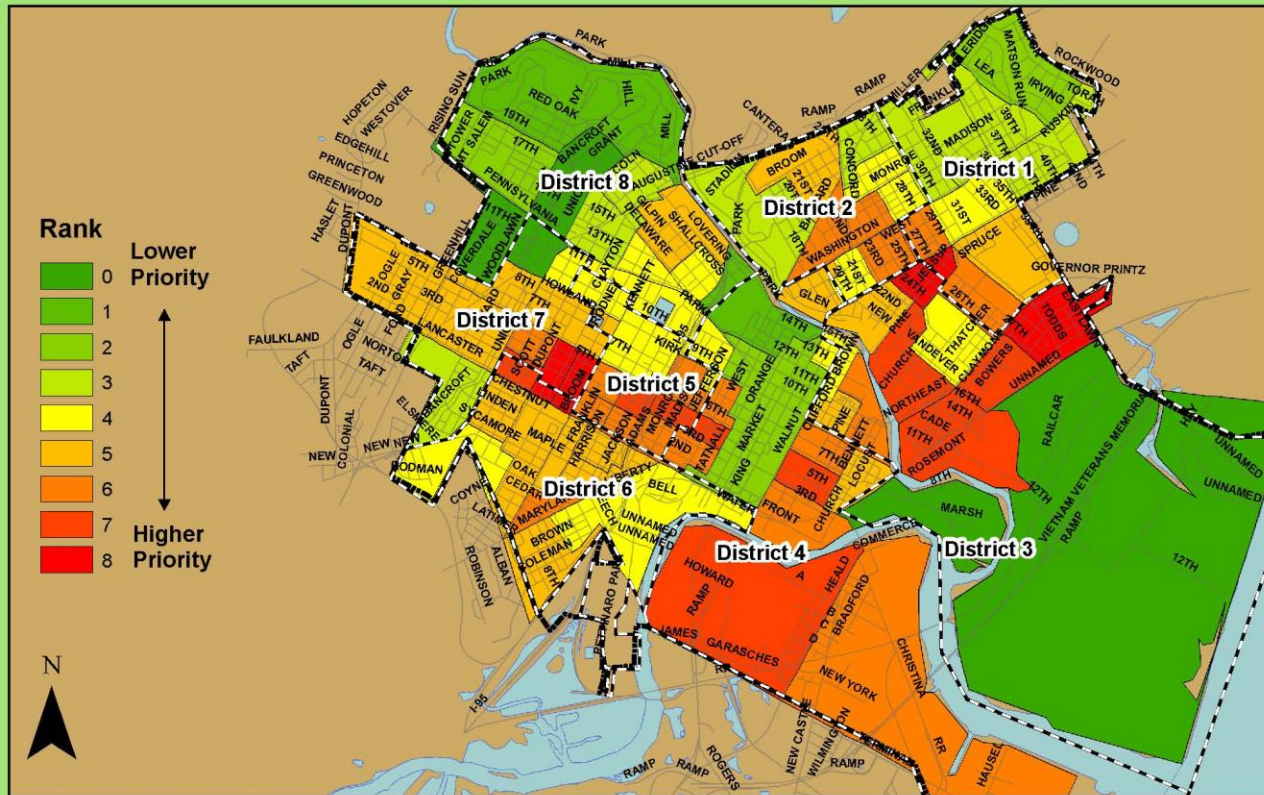
## AmeriCorps Story: The Legacy

- Tree Steward Handbook/Formalization
- Tree Press
- Tree Care Club
- Bare Root Trees
- Tree Steward of the Year Award
- Mobile Tree Care Workshop
- Recommended Street Tree Descriptions and Photograph Pages
- Partnerships with Affordable Housing, Service Organizations, Civic/Neighborhood Associations, City Government, Education Providers, etc...
- UFORE Urban Forestry Report
- GIS Map Analysis of Wilmington Priority Planting Areas

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### Wilmington Priority Planting Areas Ranked According to Median Household Income And Number of People Per Tree



Source: 2000 Census, Treekeeper Online, City of Wilmington Data.

Note: This analysis only includes Street Trees and Wilmington City Park Trees, not privately owned trees or state and county managed park trees. Higher numbers indicate a higher priority area. Ranks were calculated by DCH by assigning each Census block group a rank between 0 and 4 for both median household income (lower income brackets received a higher score) and the number of people per tree (more people per tree received a higher score). These were combined to calculate the overall rank for each Census block group.

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## AmeriCorps Story: The Mobile Workshop



# AmeriCorps Fast Facts

**574,000**

AmeriCorps members since 1994

**718 Million**

Hours served by AmeriCorps members

**\$1.59 Billion**

Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards earned by AmeriCorps members

**2.2 Million**

Volunteers mobilized by AmeriCorps members in 2008

**4,100**

Number of organizations AmeriCorps members served in 2008

**\$5.7 Billion**

AmeriCorps funds invested in nonprofit and community groups since 1994

# AmeriCorps Today

## Three Programs



**AmeriCorps  
State/National**

**AmeriCorps  
VISTA**

**AmeriCorps  
NCCC**

# AmeriCorps VISTA

- AmeriCorps' poverty-fighting arm
- Created in 1964 as part of War on Poverty
- 6,500 members serve each year
- VISTAs collaborate with low-income individuals and communities to fight poverty
- Focus on capacity building: raising funds, recruiting volunteers, and designing sustainable programs
- More than 1,200 project sponsors
- Full-time year-long service



# For more information



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