Chesapeake Conservation & Climate Corps

2026-2027 All-Hands on Deck Contest

About the Contest

Four of the mandatory training events this year will be proposed by YOU, the Corps Members!

You will be holding four dates on your calendars for these mandatory events, and you will be required to attend 3 of the 5 dates. All Corps Members are welcome to submit a one-day project idea that can be accomplished on at least one of those four dates (cost not to exceed $2,500) in which all Corps Members participate. The goals of the project should be to:

- Accomplish on-the-ground restoration, education, energy conservation, agricultural practices, forestry practices, and/or infrastructure work.
- Educate your fellow Corps Members on the practices/issues you are addressing.
- Engage the cohort of Corps Members in meaningful service.

Project Ideas

Example projects include, but are not limited to:

- Rain garden, wetland, tree installation, or other planting activities
- Energy Audit and conservation practices
- K-12 environmental education program assistance
- Nature place space or schoolyard habitat planting projects
- Trail maintenance
- Invasive removals
- Oyster restoration projects
- Water Quality or SAV Monitoring
- Community Engagement Projects



How to Apply

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis until **February 12, 2027 at 4:00PM EST**

Online Application Form: https://chesapeakebaytrust.us-1.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp

Application Narrative: https://cbtrust.org/chesapeake-climate-corps/current/all-hands/

Timeline: Proposals will be reviewed by a combination of Trust staff and a panel of objective Corps community members. Decisions will be released by March 15, 2027.

Of course this is not the only opportunity to engage other Corps Members in your projects! All Corps Members are encouraged to spend 4-10 days over the course of the year at site visits with fellow participants, helping with their project(s).