

# Join the Chicago Conservation Corps!

## What is it?

Chicago Conservation Corps (C3) is a network of volunteers working together to conserve and improve Chicago's environment, managed by the Chicago Department of Environment and run in collaboration with partners across the city.

## Who are we?

C3 volunteers, students, and teachers include Chicagoans of all ages and backgrounds engaged in grassroots environmental action in our communities.

## What do we do?

C3 recruits, trains, and supports a network of volunteers that improves the quality of life in our neighborhoods and schools through environmental service projects that protect our water, clean our air, restore our land, and save energy.



You care. Do something. We'll help.



## Join Us Today!

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# Make a Difference

The Chicago Conservation Corps (C3) offers **three** ways for you to help improve the environment in our neighborhoods and schools.



# How can I get involved?

1. Learn about the city's most pressing environmental issues from experts in the field
2. Transform your knowledge into action
3. Become part of a network of environmental leaders in your neighborhood who care about Chicago's future



C3 Leader Water Bottle Awareness at North Avenue Beach

## Lead

For adult residents



C3 Leaders lead a green bike ride

**C3 Leaders are expertly trained volunteers who implement the shared vision of improving Chicago's environment.**

Leadership training includes:

- One orientation
- Five, 4-hour classes
- Up to \$400 to complete an environmental service project

Leaders design their own projects to educate others about vermicomposting, weatherization, rain barrels, and more.

## Start a Club

For teachers in Chicago Public Schools



C3 Club members promote improved air quality at their school

**C3 Student Clubs are environmental clubs for students in grades 8-12 organized by trained teachers for their respective schools.**

The first year as a C3 Club includes:

- Three teacher workshops
- Three school-wide audits performed by teachers and students to identify project opportunities
- Three environmental service projects
- Materials, training, staff support, and project guides for teachers
- A first year teacher stipend and professional development credit

## Explore

For individuals and families



C3 Explorers planting native plants at the Montrose Bird Sanctuary

**Turn your passion for the environment into action: explore environmental service.**

Volunteers can take action by:

- Protecting natural resource areas
- Supporting community conservation efforts
- Partnering with C3 environmental leaders
- Engaging in monthly special events

Join the C3 listserv or visit the C3 blog for details on upcoming events.