

CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS



JOBS AND JUSTICE FOR FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES

What is the **CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS?**

A diverse and equitable mobilization of Americans will complete federally funded projects to help communities respond to climate change and transition to a clean economy.

The CCC's work will:

- **reduce carbon emissions**
- **enable a transition to renewable energy**
- **build healthier and more resilient communities**
- **implement conservation projects with proven climate benefits**
- **help communities recover from climate disasters**



The CCC will supercharge the existing network of more than 130 local and state service and conservation corps.

Corpsmembers will receive education and training in coordination with local institutions, including labor unions, to usher them into good jobs, and especially union jobs.

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What was the CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS?

The Civilian Conservation Corps was established by Franklin D. Roosevelt as a part of the New Deal Program in 1933.

Single men between the ages of 18 and 25 were invited to enlist and received payment, meals, lodging, and education in return for their work to improve public lands, parks, and forests.

What did the New Deal-era CCC accomplish?

Nicknamed “Roosevelt’s Tree Army,” the CCC planted 3.5 billion trees between 1933 and 1942.

The program also created 711 state parks.

Conservation Corps members spent the equivalent of 6.5 million days fighting fires and shrunk the annual U.S. forest loss acreage to its lowest point in history.

They also built over 30,000 miles of terraces, contributing to soil conservation and supporting farmers.

The CCC also created the Great Smokey Mountain National Park and Big Bend National Park.

While the original CCC employed 3 million people, the program was segregated, upheld racist practices, and allowed only men to join.

This legislation updates, modernizes, and expands the concept of the New Deal-era Civilian Conservation Corps:

ensuring that all Americans who want to participate may do so, regardless of race, age, or gender; broadening the range of eligible projects; providing 21st century health and education benefits; deepening partnerships with unions; and preserving Tribal sovereignty.

The CCC would put 1.5 million young people to work strengthening our communities and preserving our lands – doing everything from remediating blight and maintaining trails to creating entirely new green spaces. [...]

Americans across the political spectrum support the CCC - now we need to ensure the program is funded at a scale to reach every community.

***Congresswoman*
ALEXANDRIA
OCASIO-CORTEZ**



**To combat the interlocking crises
of the moment—climate change,
racial injustice, a global pandemic,
and income inequality—our
government has an
opportunity to
equitably reimagine an
idea from the past
and tailor it to meet
the present and
the future.**

***Senator*
ED MARKEY**



The Boston Globe

America needs a Civilian Climate Corps

America needs to get back to work, and we can do that while confronting the intersecting crises of the coronavirus

By Edward J. Markey

The United States needs more than a jobs program; we need a massive careers mobilization. Livable wages with benefits. On-the-job training supported by local unions. Sweat equity that builds toward racial, moral, and political equality. Work that rebuilds the economy and arrests the climate crisis.

We need a 21st-century Civilian Climate Corps.

Young people know that the environments many of them grew up in — in urban, suburban, tribal, and rural areas — have been degraded by pollution, mismanagement, and injustice.

CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS



**MILLIONS OF JOBS TO BUILD
A JUST AND LIVABLE FUTURE**

The existential threat of climate change is our greatest challenge, but also our greatest opportunity to protect our natural heritage and build a just future for the generations to come.

***Senator*
BERNIE SANDERS**



The Civilian Climate Corps for Jobs and Justice Act forges a new, visionary era of civic collaboration in this country by empowering & employing Americans of all walks of life to rebuild and revitalize their communities.

Sunrise Movement
VARSHINI PRAKASH



The Seattle Times

Civilian Climate Corps would be a win-win for climate and equity

By KC Golden

A robust CCC would signal that new bigness and collective agency in our national posture.

It would herald a bold national project, putting over a million people to work in good jobs, responding to pressing human needs, actively addressing racial and economic injustice, and tackling climate change with both hands.

So much good work to do. So many people who need good jobs. And it's getting ... So. Damned. Hot. Our house is on fire, and we desperately need a big, bold, public bucket brigade like the CCC.

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**A LIVABLE FUTURE FOR ALL THROUGH
JOBS, JUSTICE, & CLIMATE ACTION**

**We are standing together
to say survival is not radical.
A Green New Deal is not radical.
We are fighting to save lives and
livelihoods with bills, megaphones,
signs, and our voices.**

***Congresswoman*
CORI BUSH**



When the New Deal was implemented and we rebuilt America, we kept out care workers, we kept out farm workers, and we redlined Black communities. And we devalued those communities just because they were Black. [...]

We better go big and take it to another level.

***Congressman*
JAMAAL BOWMAN**



HUFFPOST

Here's What A Civilian Climate Corps Could Look Like

A new proposal from an influential policy outfit outlines how the Biden administration could put 1.5 million Americans to work.

By Alexander C. Kaufman

As its name implies, the new CCC would hark back to a similar program, the New Deal-era Civilian Conservation Corps. Starting at the peak of the Great Depression in 1933, the original CCC put up to 300,000 Americans (mostly young white men) to work planting billions of trees, digging flood-control channels and cutting hiking trails in public parks for the equivalent of more than \$600 per month in today's dollars.

The new corps described in Evergreen's memo, shared first with HuffPost, takes a far more ambitious approach. The program would be five times bigger, employing about 1.5 million Americans without the age cap or racial and gender restrictions that limited the original CCC.

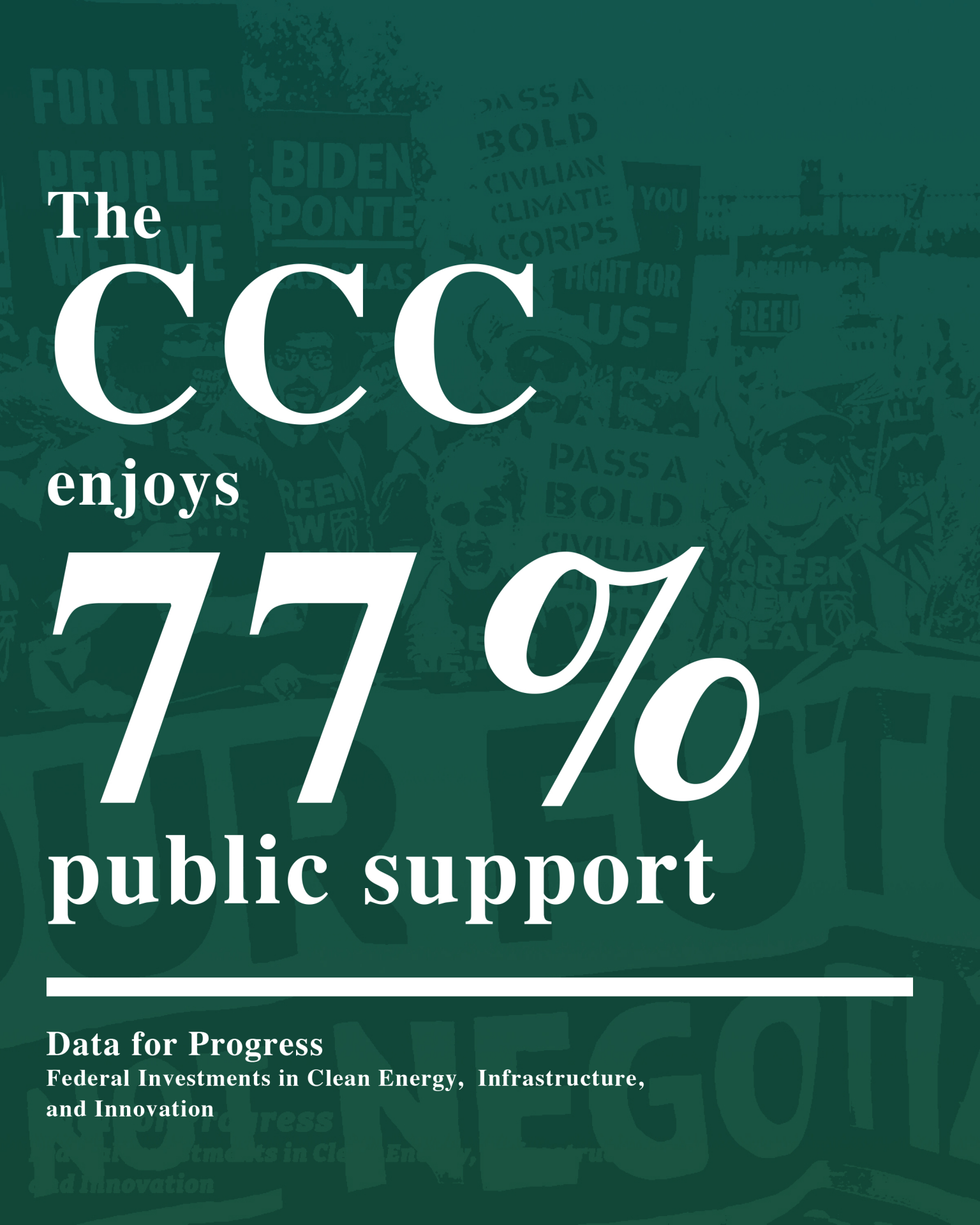
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CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS?



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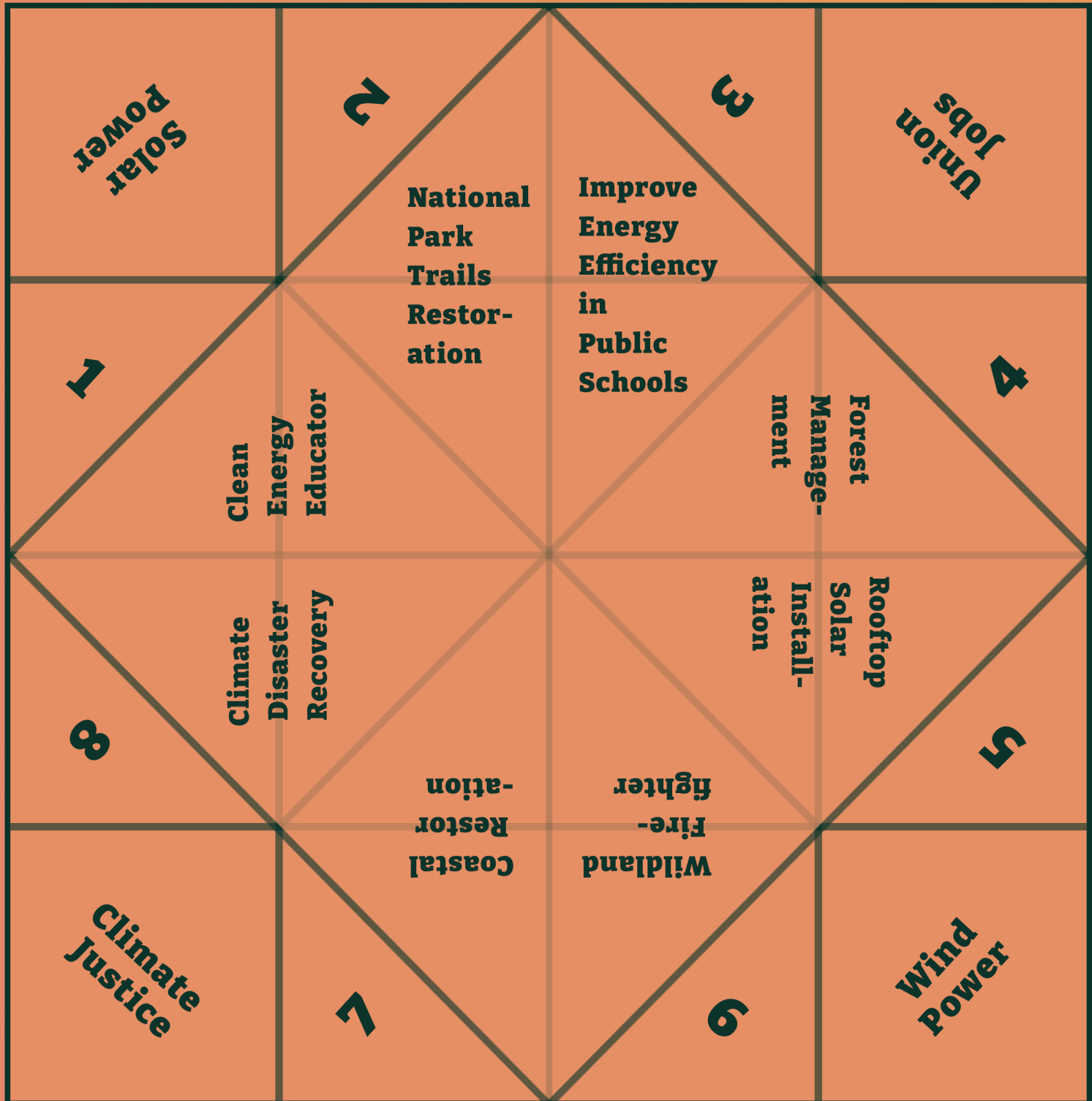
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Civilian Climate Corps Livable Future Teller

What will you do in the CCC?



SENATE CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

June 23, 2021

AMERICA'S SERVICE COMMISSION & SERVICE YEAR ALLIANCE

National service has a long and storied role in conservation and climate work. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps put millions of young men to work on conservation and infrastructure projects across the country. Many saved money to send their families and contributed to the growth of the local economies in the places they served. Since then, conservation corps and other national service programs focused on climate, disaster and resilience have grown across the country with young people serving in rural, urban, and tribal communities as part of AmeriCorps. [...]

Unlike the original CCC, the existing national service system also reflects the diversity of America. AmeriCorps members are as racially and ethnically diverse as the general population, and include men and women of all ages and backgrounds including low-income and minority young adults, Native Americans, and veterans. [...]

We are ready to build the CCC from a place of strength, incorporate new benefits to meet the challenges our nation is facing, and engage a diverse group of rural and urban youth all while maintaining a locally driven approach that is responsive to local needs and provides pathways to growing, and good paying, careers.

**This is the original
Civilian Conservation
Corps logo:**



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