

Summer Youth Employment Program



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Workforce Development



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources formed the first Civilian Conservation Corps unit on May 2, 1933, at Hiawatha National Forest, west of Sault Ste. Marie.

SYEP youth at Mill Lake campground at Waterloo Recreation Area on August 24, 2017, with AmeriCorps volunteers and DNR staff.



Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Background

During his Special Message on Public Safety on March 7, 2012, Governor Snyder stressed the need for the program

- Four Michigan cities were ranked among the top 10 most violent cities in the nation
- SYEP would help reduce crime and address juvenile unemployment in those cities

Initial Funding of \$2 Million (PA 236 of 2012)

(1) From the funds appropriated in Part 1, the department shall award funds to non-government organizations that specialize in the employment of at-risk youth in Detroit, Flint, Saginaw, and Pontiac. The department may utilize the funding to have the at-risk youth participate in outdoor recreation activities consistent with the department's mission. The funds shall be awarded in a form and manner prescribed by the department.

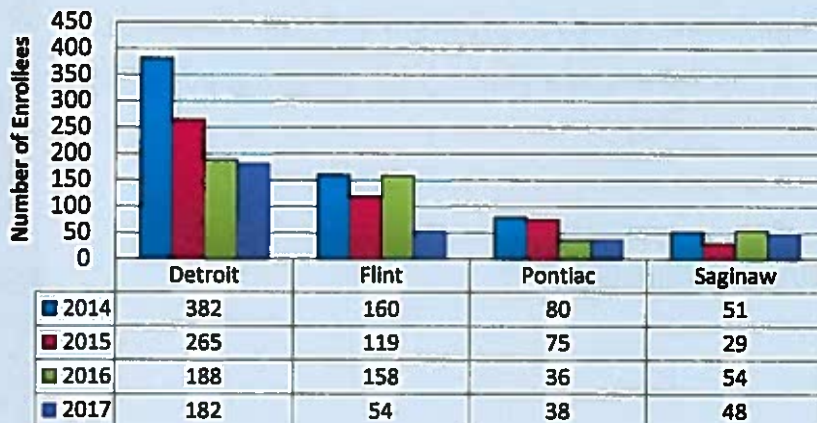
(2) As used in this section:

- (a) "At-risk youth" mean individuals between the ages of 16 and 19 who are eligible for the free lunch program.
- (b) "Department" means the Department of Natural Resources.

SYEP Appropriations (FY 2012 – FY 2018)



SYEP Enrollment (FY 2014 – FY 2017)



SYEP Partners (FY 2017)

Detroit

Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation
 Detroit Zoological Society
 Green Door Initiative
 Healthy Kidz R Us
 The Youth Connection
 Urban Neighborhood Initiatives

Flint

Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce – Genesee Area Focus Fund

Pontiac

Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA)

Saginaw

First Ward Community Services
 Saginaw Community Action Committee

SYEP Performance Metrics

- Average of 642 youth in program per year since 2012
- 69% of college eligible youth (high school graduates) went onto college
- 73% of participants returned to high school
- 32% of total participants went on to college or obtained employment

Additional Programming – AmeriCorps NCCC



Partnership with AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps).

- Awarded 9 service members
- Completed renovation of 4 historically designated cabins at Mill Lake Campground, located at Waterloo State Recreation Area
- Worked with 3 Summer Youth Employment agencies to complete project

- The SYEP has been awarded multiple NCCC teams serving SYEP agencies and DNR State Parks in 2013, 2014, 2016 & 2017!
- SYEP youth learn soft construction skills such as painting, woodworking, and installing floors, ceilings, & doors.
- SYEP participants were able to learn about AmeriCorps NCCC as an option before or during college.



Summer Youth Work Projects



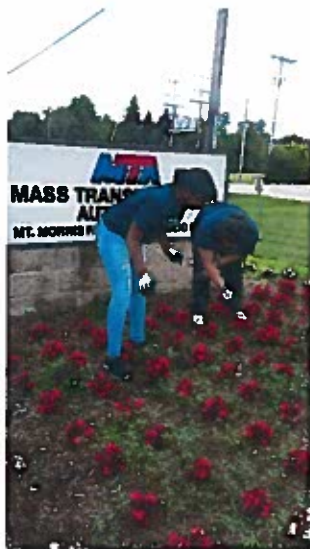
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**Flint teens
on the job
with the
State of
Michigan
DNR Summer
Youth
Employment
Program!**



*Thank you
for a great
experience
for Flint
teens!
Looking
forward to
2018!*



