

Program Accomplishments

- Employed over approximately 2,000 teenagers who gained valuable experience and knowledge in conservation work.
- Completed two managed natural areas at the Babcock Preserve.
- Beautified the exterior of the Town greenhouse at the Pinetum.
- Worked with residents of Armstrong Court on their community vegetable garden.
- Beautified and maintained a Town-owned cemetery on King Street.
- Maintained and developed hiking trails at Town parks and recreation areas.
- Installed benches at all of the Town's middle school athletic fields.
- Assembled an Adventure Playground at Wilbur Peck Court for use by the complex's children.
- Beautified grounds of the Nathaniel Witherell and Parsonage Cottage, Town residences for the elderly.
- Created a wildflower meadow at the Babcock Preserve.
- Painted playground equipment at Byram Park, Christiano Field and Island Beach.
- Planted shrubs at Greenwich Point, Bruce Park and Byram Shore Park.
- Helped Department of Parks & Recreation create a park at Strickland Road.
- Assisted with general maintenance at Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink.

SPONSORS

Conservation Commission
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Social Services
Garden Education Center of Greenwich
Greenwich Audubon Society
Greenwich Green & Clean

HOW IT IS FUNDED

THE GREENWICH YOUTH CONSERVATION PROJECT is a special youth employment program that utilizes public and private participation and funds for its operation.

The Town of Greenwich, through the Departments of Social Services and Parks and Recreation, provides the funds for the hiring of staff for onsite supervision. Personnel from Social Services, Parks and Recreation and the Conservation Commission donate hours of time for program planning, supervision and worksite development.

Donations from the private sector, through garden clubs, foundations, corporations, small businesses, community groups, and individuals provide stipends for the teens, program supplies, and transportation. In addition, volunteers serve on the "Friends of the Greenwich Youth Conservation Project" committee and donate valuable time making recommendations for program operations.



THE GREENWICH YOUTH CONSERVATION PROJECT



Provides significant and enriching employment opportunities for 14 and 15 year-old Greenwich residents through a paid two-week work experience program that concentrates on beautifying Town properties.

"Earth is the only home we have; its fate is literally in our hands."

-Secretary General of the Earth Summit
-Rio de Janeiro

THE PROGRAM

The **GREENWICH YOUTH CONSERVATION PROJECT** is a summer employment program for young teens. It is designed to provide opportunities for youth to feel useful and important through making valuable contributions to their community.

This unique public/private program successfully incorporates education, skill building and personal growth while encouraging an appreciation of the environment in a demanding two-week conservation and beautification work experience.

Starting in July, four consecutive groups spend two weeks doing outdoor work at Greenwich parks, nature preserves, managed conservation areas and Town facilities.

Project participants receive stipends from funds raised by the Friends of the Greenwich Youth Conservation Project.

Project worksites are developed with the advise and technical expertise of conservation and parks professionals to provide practical and important learning experiences. Teenagers work under qualified field supervisors.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Any 14 or 15 year-old Greenwich resident.
- Within program guidelines, participants with special needs will be accepted.

SELECTION

- Each teenager completes an application which can be obtained at school or from the Department of Social Services, Town Hall.
- Each applicant is interviewed.
- Final selection will be made by the interviewer with input from school and agency personnel.
- Parent/guardian written approval is required.



SPEAKERS

During lunch and other appropriate times, speakers on environmental and youth issues are invited to give the participants additional skills and knowledge which will be helpful to them in their future work and lives. Our speakers include representatives from:

Conservation Commission
Domestic Abuse Services
Greenwich Department of Health
Greenwich Hospital
Greenwich Recycling Center
Kids In Crisis
Police Department
Red Cross of Greenwich
Sexual Assault Crisis Center
Stamford Juvenile Court
Teen Crisis Service
Youth Options

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