

MONTANA YOUTH URBAN FORESTRY WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

Join us in building a paid training pathway that connects Montana youth to urban forestry careers—developing local skills, supporting employers, and strengthening communities.



VISION: Engage...

youth from Montana communities in:

- training & education
- connection to employment/opportunity in their home town or state

employers in:

- expanding & amplifying services for local, skilled workers

communities in:

- stewardship for urban & community forestry
- training & upskilling for state, public, private, and nonprofits

Goals & Impact

- Provide hands-on, paid learning, & mentorship
- Create pathways to certifications & steady jobs
- Build a local workforce to care for & manage community forests
- Employers and communities working together to create meaningful, sustainable jobs

Why Partner with Us

- Access trained youth ready to enter the workforce
- Align curriculum with your needs & staffing gaps
- Support your entry-level hiring with a pipeline of talent
- Raise your profile as a leader in workforce development
- Join statewide leaders building urban forestry capacity

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Who the Program is for

Young adults (18 -26) who:

- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Find the traditional educational path unappealing
- Have a passion for working outdoors
- Are motivated to give back to their community
- Seek steady employment in their hometowns
- Thrive with mentorship and hands-on learning

Our Leadership Team

This statewide initiative is guided by a coalition of eight partners:

Montana Conservation Corps

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Montana Nursery and Landscape Association

Montana State University Extension

Montana Urban and Community Forestry Association

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PowerCorpsPHL

Reach Higher Montana

Rocky Mountain College