

APPALACHIAN FOREST HERITAGE AREA AMERICORPS



Enhancing Assets to Benefit West Virginia Communities

DURING 2018, the AFHA AmeriCorps 40-member team served 66,167 hours with 35 organizations to improve our environment and communities.

Conservation: Members improved over 1550 acres of public lands and raised environmental awareness through environmental programs, children's activities, events and festivals, and social media.

Community Development and Heritage Tourism: Members served over 35,000 visitors and community members through exhibits they developed, tours they led, events and projects they supported.

Historic Preservation: AFHA Hands On Team assisted with 15 rehabilitation projects for historic properties, from repairing windows in a New Deal period community building to restoring a landmark area fire tower.

Volunteer Capacity: Members recruited and managed over 800 volunteers to further support and build capacity for rural communities.



Members provide one year service to their sites. They gain professional experience and an Education Award. AmeriCorps instills volunteer ethics in our members, which they then take with them and share with others throughout their lives.