



The Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) is one of 17 organizations statewide selected to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act administered by California ReLeaf. LACC’s mission is to provide at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success by providing them with job skills training, education and work experience with an emphasis on conservation and service projects that benefit the community.



The \$500,000 grant for LACC’s Nurturing Tomorrow’s Urban Forest Through Job Training Today Program assisted this Los Angeles County non-profit in recruiting and training nearly 80 young adults, ages 18 to 24, in how to plant and care for the urban forest. Corps members planted more than 1,000 trees, primarily in some of Los Angeles’ most disadvantaged and underserved neighborhoods, many of which Corps members call home. In addition, Corps members built tree wells, provided corrective pruning and other maintenance, watered young trees and removed stakes from established trees.

Once Corps members complete the program, they receive job placement assistance from the LACC in the arboriculture and urban forestry industries.



Fast Facts for the LACC ARRA Grant

Jobs retained: 38

Trees Planted: 1,014

Trees Maintained: 30,482

Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 20,003

Lasting legacy: this project provided critical training in the green jobs sector for young adults while also creating a healthier, cleaner, and more livable environment for both South Los Angeles residents and visitors.

“We’re targeting areas that have the lowest canopy and also have the highest unemployment rates, poverty levels and high school dropouts – not surprisingly, they coincide.” – Dan Knapp, Deputy Director, Los Angeles Conservation Corps.

