



WATERSHED CONSERVATION CORPS FOR HIRE

“EMPOWERING PEOPLE, RESTORING LAND”

The Watershed Conservation Corps (WCC) is dedicated to engaging and employing young people in hands-on watershed improvement. Based out of Springfield, Missouri, the WCC is available for hire year-round, though the number of members available may vary throughout the year. The crew can be contracted for projects ranging from a single day, several months or multiple years.

WHAT WE DO

Habitat restoration and improvement:

- Pollinator habitat and native plant installations in urban environments
- Prairie, savanna, glade and other Missouri native habitat types
- Forest/woodland management, including timber stand improvement

Vegetation management:

- Non-native/native invasive species management
- Site management plan development
- Prescribed burning
- Rain garden installation
- Retention basin maintenance
- Seed collection and dispersal
- Timber stand improvement
- Native plant augmentation

Trail maintenance:

- Trail construction
- Brushing and corridor work
- Bench-cutting and grading
- Trail erosion mitigation
- Turnpike construction
- Blowdowns/crosscut saw work
- Basic carpentry
- Split-log bridge construction
- Boardwalk work

TRAINING

The WCC provides a strong educational component for crew members, focusing on Missouri ecology and safety. Crews members are trained in herbicide application and operate as pesticide technicians under a certified commercial applicator. Crew members are well-versed in invasive species management and are knowledgeable about management methods to tackle invasive species. Crews are trained in wildfire suppression and possess “red cards.” Our program manager is also trained in Wilderness First Aid and is a certified timber harvester.

EQUIPMENT

Our crew is prepared to meet all projects needs within the scope of our mission. We provide the following equipment: personal protective equipment, herbicide equipment (ex. backpack sprayers, mixing tanks), chainsaws, STIHL brush-cutters, power tools and hand tools (ex. Pulaskis, pick mattocks, McLeods, rakes, shovels, double/single jacks, wheelbarrows, weed whips and handsaws).

HOW TO HIRE THE WCC

To hire the WCC or to discuss a potential project, please contact **Caleb Sanders, WCC Program Manager, at (417) 425-9320 or caleb@watershedcommittee.org.** Rates start at \$26 per hour and depend on crew size, type of work involved, mileage to project site, material costs and other factors.



SANDERS SPRING TRAIL AT THE WATERSHED CENTER BEFORE ...



... AND AFTER WCC RESTORATION