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PowerCorpsPHL Graduation Celebrates Service Work Across Philadelphia

Graduates are completing City's AmeriCorps environmental stewardship program

PHILADELPHIA – PowerCorpsPHL, a City of Philadelphia AmeriCorps program, and its partners will recognize the work of young adults, ages 18-26, who have completed the latest cohort. The program supports the City of Philadelphia's environmental stewardship initiatives, youth violence prevention and workforce development priorities through a six-month full-time AmeriCorps service term, followed by a three-month transition and workforce support program, administered by EducationWorks.

Cohort 7, the graduating class, started work in September 2015 and served 49,676 hours completing environmental improvement and maintenance projects across more than 60 sites in Philadelphia. The group alone restored 368 acres of land, collected and recycled 32 tons of debris, and planted 2,081 trees and plants.

WHO: **PowerCorpsPHL Cohort 7 and Cohort 8**
Lisa Varon, Executive Director, PowerCorpsPHL
Miles Wilson, President/CEO, EducationWorks

WHAT: PowerCorps Cohort 7 Graduation, Cohort 8 Induction

WHEN: **Friday, March 31, 2017**
3-5 p.m. (*Media invited to arrive at 3:30 p.m.*)

WHERE: **Free Library of Philadelphia – Parkway Central Branch**
1901 Vine Street
Philadelphia, PA

About PowerCorpsPHL

PowerCorpsPHL is a City of Philadelphia Partnership with EducationWorks and the Philadelphia Youth Network. PowerCorps is an AmeriCorps Initiative designed to support the City of Philadelphia's environmental stewardship initiatives, youth violence prevention and workforce development priorities. Partnering with EducationWorks



PowerCorpsPHL will annually enroll 160 individuals, ages 18-26, in a 9-month program: 6 months of full-time service and professional development as AmeriCorps members with City departments of Parks & Recreation & the Water Department followed by 3 months of intensive job placement support.