

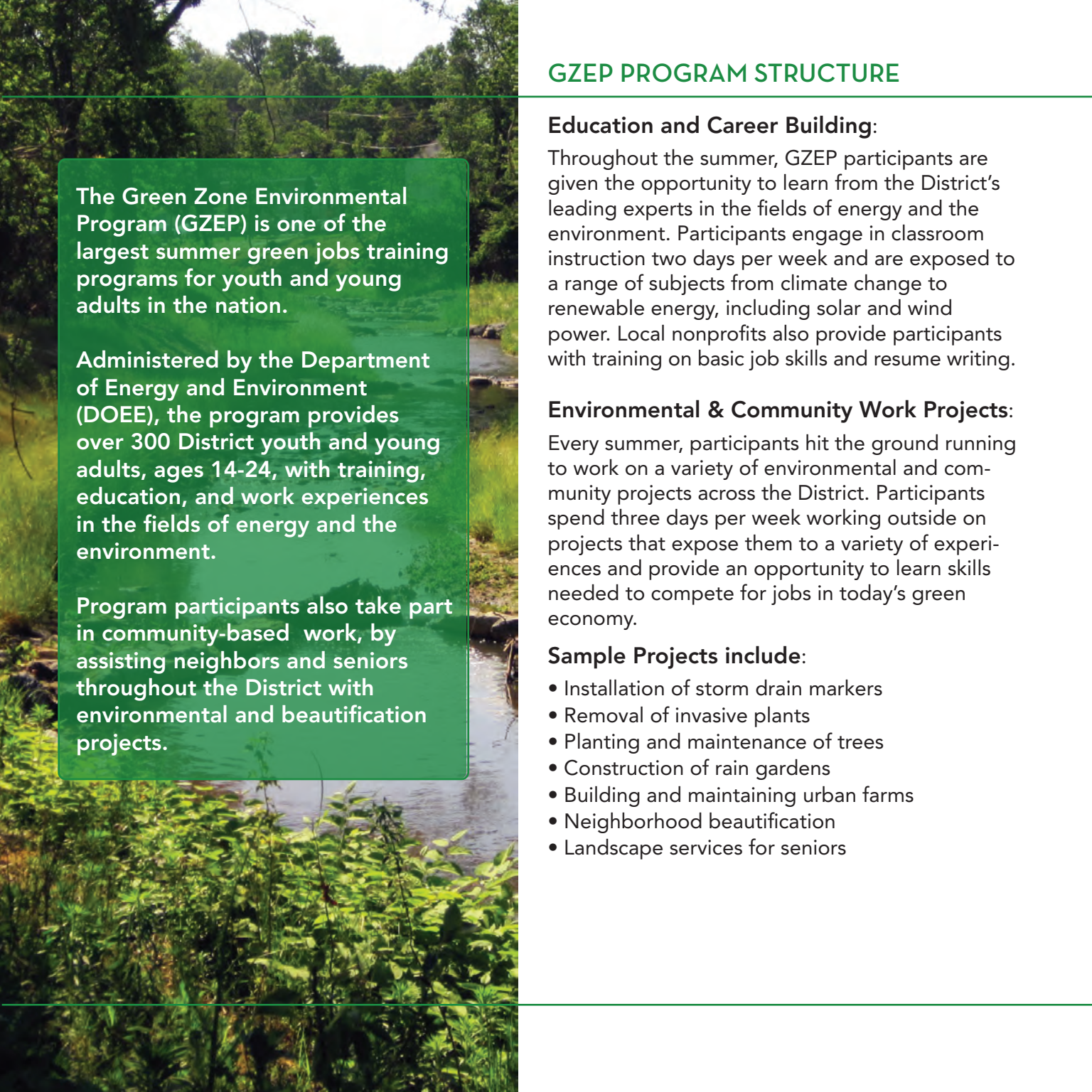


GREEN ZONE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM



EMPLOYMENT | EDUCATION | EXCELLENCE



The Green Zone Environmental Program (GZEP) is one of the largest summer green jobs training programs for youth and young adults in the nation.

Administered by the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE), the program provides over 300 District youth and young adults, ages 14-24, with training, education, and work experiences in the fields of energy and the environment.

Program participants also take part in community-based work, by assisting neighbors and seniors throughout the District with environmental and beautification projects.

GZEP PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Education and Career Building:

Throughout the summer, GZEP participants are given the opportunity to learn from the District's leading experts in the fields of energy and the environment. Participants engage in classroom instruction two days per week and are exposed to a range of subjects from climate change to renewable energy, including solar and wind power. Local nonprofits also provide participants with training on basic job skills and resume writing.

Environmental & Community Work Projects:

Every summer, participants hit the ground running to work on a variety of environmental and community projects across the District. Participants spend three days per week working outside on projects that expose them to a variety of experiences and provide an opportunity to learn skills needed to compete for jobs in today's green economy.

Sample Projects include:

- Installation of storm drain markers
- Removal of invasive plants
- Planting and maintenance of trees
- Construction of rain gardens
- Building and maintaining urban farms
- Neighborhood beautification
- Landscape services for seniors

Sample GZEP Partners

GZEP partners with these and other organizations to provide participants with meaningful training and career preparation:

- Anacostia Watershed Society
- Casey Trees
- Earth Conservation Corps
- Metropolitan Police Department
- Student Conservation Association

Each year, applicants have the opportunity to become either a GZEP Participant or a GZEP Staff member.

GZEP Participants:

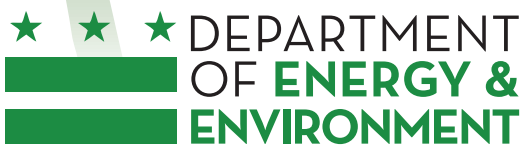
Participants begin their GZEP experience in late June and receive six weeks of training, education, and hands-on experience through community - based environmental projects. Older participants end their experience with a career day session in early August.

GZEP Staff:

Every summer, DOEE hires over 45 team leaders, supervisors, and program staff to help lead GZEP participants and manage GZEP work sites. GZEP staff can work up to 10 weeks from early June to mid-August.

GZEP staff work directly with GZEP youth and young adults. As such, they are expected to demonstrate the ability to work well with youth, and use their leadership and management skills throughout the summer. To help GZEP staff prepare for their day-to-day responsibilities, DOEE provides staff with a two week orientation to cover important subjects, including team building, safety and crisis management.





GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

For more information about GZEP,
visit: doee.dc.gov/summer

Or Email: green.zone@dc.gov

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HOW TO APPLY

Interested in participating in, or working for GZEP this summer? Registration is easy.

To become a GZEP Participant (Ages 14-24 year olds):

1. Visit summerjobs.dc.gov
2. Select Environmental/Green Jobs as your job category.
3. Select Green Zone Environmental Worker.

To become a GZEP Staff Member (Ages 18+):

1. Visit DOEE's Green Pathways website:
doee.dc.gov/greenpathways
2. Read and learn more about the responsibilities of a GZEP Team Leader, Site Manager, Ward Manager, Payroll Assistant and Program Assistant.
3. Apply online.

SAMPLE GZEP WEEKLY WORK SCHEDULE

Career Day Monday	Learn from professionals with local non profits on how to prepare for an interview, dress for success, and write a resume.
DOEE Tuesday	Learn from DOEE professionals about energy and environmental issues impacting the District.
Green Projects Wednesday & Thursday	Work with DOEE partners on local environmental projects.
Community Beautification Friday	Work in the community to provide outdoor landscaping and assistance to seniors.