

Construction

CECorps Policy

Community Engineering Corps (CECorps) is an engineering organization that provides pro bono engineering services to underserved communities in the US and territories. CECorps' expertise is in assessment, analysis, and design services. Engineering services may include consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning and design of engineering works and systems, engineering studies, and the review of construction for the purpose of assuring substantial compliance with drawings and specifications.

By providing engineering services, CECorps volunteers fulfill the program's mission of advancing infrastructure solutions for the communities we serve. Our work ends when the engineering report is approved and presented to the community for them to carry out. CECorps does not cover any volunteer's involvement in the physical implementation and/or construction beyond the tasks mentioned above for the following reasons:

- The CECorps program provides engineering services and is not set up to protect our volunteers engaged in construction activities.
- The program does not act in competition to commercial construction businesses.

CECorps volunteers that do participate in construction activities acknowledge that they are doing so at their own risk and outside the purview of the CECorps Program. For volunteers that wish to continue through implementation, the following are some options outside of the CECorps program:

1. Volunteer as an Individual: Individuals may choose to work with their communities as an individual volunteer under the direction of the community project leads. This may be appropriate, for example, when no building permit, grading permit, or other permitting is required for the project, and when the local and state government does not require construction to be carried out by a licensed or bonded contractor.
2. Volunteer with a Hired Contractor: Individuals from a CECorps project team may choose to volunteer for a contractor who is carrying out the construction of a project designed by their team. CECorps will not be responsible for the means and methods of construction, project construction safety, or for providing appropriate training and insurance to the CECorps project team members.

Please note: If/when volunteering on the implementation of a CECorps-designed project, the CECorps project team members will not be acting as part of CECorps as stated in the mandatory waiver signed as part of the project paperwork.

Questions

If you have any questions about any portion of this policy, please contact us at CECinfo@ewb-usa.org.