Provides clarity and focus for improving future impacts.

Currently, there is an urgent need to redevelop the pipeline of skilled trades professionals and, equally, an urgency to prepare today’s young adults for green collar careers - good jobs that benefit families while respecting the environment. An effective and direct response to this challenge starts with middle school lesson plans and kicks into high gear as youth enter the workforce and explore careers.

With this response in mind, the SEEDS Youth Conservation Corps’ program has been renamed the SEEDS EcoCorps. This career exploration program provides youth with the unique learning experience focused on learning skills related to parkland enhancement, habitat restoration, energy efficiency, green building, and carbon sequestering land management.

Crew members can be as young as 16; however, there is no longer a maximum age cap, opening the program to anyone who wants to gain new skills.

"It was important to us to not force a label like youth on our crew members any equally to not force a label like looking to change careers, and equally to not force a label like youth on our crew members any longer," added Flynn.