Most Americans accept the science behind climate change and are worried about the impacts, but feel helpless and don’t know what the solutions are. 40% of US emissions come from everyday household activities. The good news: there are now low-carbon and affordable alternatives to most sources of household emissions. CCS makes learning about solutions and taking actions simple, easy and fun. The platform is built to facilitate face-to-face collaboration between friends and neighbors.

My site placement was unique from that of most other Climate Corps fellows, but I’m grateful to have had the opportunity to gain experience in such a wide variety of roles and be exposed to everything from the nonprofit sector to local government to Silicon Valley startup culture. There are challenges to working in a fast-paced environment where you are expected to where many hats, but I’m certain I made a positive contribution and will carry the skills I learned in this fellowship with me to wherever I land next.

Successful Strategies:
• Always be flexible and able to adapt to whatever challenge pops up on a given day.
• Don’t be afraid to ask for help. My site supervisor has a saying that the goal of organizing is to “organize yourself out of a job.” I wasn’t quite that successful, but I did learn the importance of identifying strengths in yourself and your network and building off of them wherever possible.
• Organization is key to successfully working on a small team (Google Sheets is your best friend!).

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