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Dear Susan,

This letter is to follow up our Friday telephone conversation about the possibility of Eli Segal attending the Maine Conservation Corps' (MCC) Corpsmember Recognition Day on **August 19**. Our invitation to Mr. Segal was inspired by our understanding that on August 20 he will be visiting H.O.M.E.'s Rural Community Youth Corps, a Commission on National and Community Service subgrantee corps of the Maine Conservation Corps.

I don't know if you were also planning to visit H.O.M.E.'s youth corps, but regardless, I invite you to attend the MCC's Corpsmember Recognition Day. Bill Basl speaks highly of you and I would enjoy meeting you.

The purpose of the MCC's Corpsmember Recognition Day is to let the corpsmembers know that their service is important and appreciated by others.

This year's Corpsmember Recognition Day is being held in **Pownal, Maine**. Pownal is 16 miles northeast of Portland (Portland Airport), 10 miles southwest of Brunswick (Brunswick Naval Air Station) and adjacent to Freeport (L.L. Bean's).

The day will begin with a work project at Bradbury Mountain State Park involving all 19 of the MCC's teams. We will complete the building of a walking/cross country ski trail started by one of the MCC teams. The trail will be dedicated and opened to the public on that day. Our purpose is to build upon the Corpsmembers' commitment to service by including them in an effort with a statewide "team" on a project which will get the attention of the media and public officials.



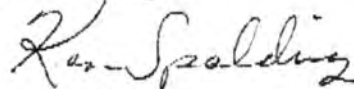
After lunch we will adjourn to the Pownal Town Hall where a Corpsmember from each team will give a presentation to the rest of the group about what their team has done during the summer, with a backdrop of slides of the team and the work they accomplished. We will end by expressing our appreciation for their hard work and presenting them with certificates of achievement and letters of recommendation.

The tentative agenda is enclosed. Mr. Segal, or you, would be welcome to address the Corps any time during the program, except that it would obviously not be practical during the work project.

In addition to the agenda, my July 21 letter of invitation to Eli Segal and background information about the Maine Conservation Corps is included with this faxed letter.

I do hope that participation in the Maine Conservation Corps' Corpsmember Recognition Day can fit with Mr. Segal's or your schedule. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon. My phone number is (207) 287-4931.

Sincerely,

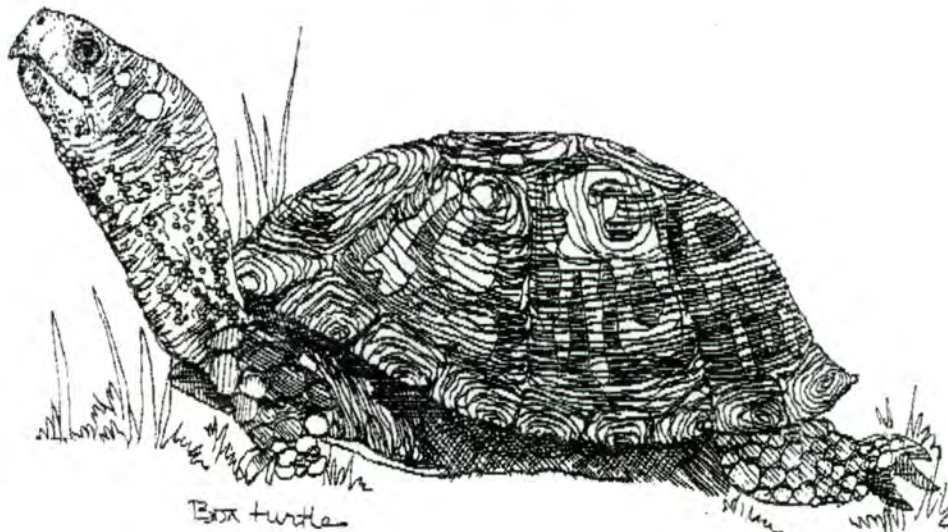


Ken Spalding
Director
Maine Conservation Corps

**MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS
RECOGNITION DAY
AGENDA**

Pownal, Maine
August 19, 1993

- 9:00 - 9:30 **Registration and Work Project Preparation**
- 9:30 - 11:30 **Corps-wide Work Project, Completion of
Knight Woods Trail, Bradbury Mountain
State Park**
- 11:45 - 12:00 **Dedication and Opening Ceremonies for the
Knight Woods Trail**
- 12:00 - 12:45 **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 2:15 **MCC Team Presentations of Accomplishments
with Slides, Pownal Town Hall**
- 2:15 - 2:20 **Break**
- 2:20 - 3:00 **Presentation: Certificates of Achievement
and Letters of Recommendations,
Pownal Town Hall**
- 3:00 **Evaluation and Adjourn**





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July 21, 1993

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Dear Mr. Segal,

Karen Saum of Homemakers Organized for More Employment (H.O.M.E.) has indicated that you will be visiting H.O.M.E.'s Rural Community Youth Service Corps on August 20. Thank you for taking the time to visit this small, but dynamic program in Maine operated by people dedicated to significantly improving their community.

I am writing to you to see if you might be able to combine your visit to H.O.M.E. with giving a talk to the corps members of the Maine Conservation Corps on August 19 at their statewide corps member recognition day. This is a day when all MCC corps members from around the state will come together for us to let them know how important their service is to the state of Maine. The day is also a time for the corps members to show their peers (through slides and oral presentations) what their individual teams accomplished and to participate in an educational activity.

Your presence at their day would serve as an inspiration to the MCC corps members. And, despite the fact that Maine has a long tradition of neighbors helping neighbors, your participation at the MCC recognition day would also be a tremendous boost in promoting national and community service efforts in Maine.

To introduce you to the Maine Conservation Corps I am enclosing a sheet which briefly describes the programs of the MCC. A second sheet further explains the MCC's programs funded by the Commission on National and Community Service. These programs include the College Conservation Corps of Maine (CCCM) and three local corps established by subgrant, including H.O.M.E.'s youth corps. All four of these new corps are dedicated to promoting an ethic of service and post secondary education. A third sheet shows the location and briefly describes this summer's corps projects.

I do hope it is possible for you to address the Maine Conservation Corps on August 19, 1993. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Spalding".

Ken Spalding
Director
Maine Conservation Corps



PROGRAMS OF THE MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS

The Maine Conservation Corps Program:

Natural resource projects for public and private nonprofit organizations are completed with teams of economically disadvantaged people. The dual mission of the program is to complete natural resource projects of long term benefit to the public and to provide jobs, job training and education to corps members. The Corps is also dedicated to building self esteem, team work, leadership and aspirations of corps members.

In 1992, with a state budget of \$160,000 along with contributions from the Jobs Training System and sponsoring natural resource agencies the MCC Program accomplished the following:

- 130 seasonal corpsmembers served in the corps and received the benefits of participation;
- 39,000 hours of labor were expended on outdoor recreation and conservation projects of long term benefit to the public which would not otherwise be accomplished; and
- \$250,000 of value in finished products (using conservative estimates) for binational, federal, state, municipal and private nonprofit organizations.

SERVE/Maine:

The use of volunteers to complete work on natural resource related projects of all kinds for public agencies is promoted and managed. Agencies are assisted in developing projects, supervisors are trained, a directory of projects is maintained, volunteers are recruited, screened, placed, tracked and insured, volunteers and supervisors are provided with support in their relations, reports and evaluations are collected and tabulated and recognition is provided to volunteers.

In 1992, with a state budget of \$50,000, SERVE/Maine accomplished the following:

- 708 volunteers participated;
- 24,848 hours were contributed to public natural resource agencies on projects that would not otherwise have been accomplished; and
- \$225,868 worth of volunteer labor was contributed.

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MCC Programs, continued

College Conservation Corps of Maine (CCCM):

The CCCM is a year round program established in August of 1992, made possible with a grant from the Commission on National and Community Service (CNCS). Young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who have low incomes and who face significant obstacles to post secondary education are recruited into the Corps. The CCCM accomplishes long term natural resource projects to benefit the public, instills an ethic of community service, provides training for natural resource jobs, provides post secondary education and prepares corps members to succeed in further education.

State funds from the MCC Program were used to provide partial support to the CCCM along with \$320,000 of CNCS grant funds and contributions from the Jobs Training System, Unity College, the University of Southern Maine and sponsoring natural resource agencies. There is not yet a full year of results. Combined estimated results for the CCCM and local corps are for 48 corps members and 85,500 hours of service at a minimum value of \$795,000.

Local Youth Service Corps:

Three local youth service corps were established late in 1992 through subgrants of funds from the Commission on National and Community Service (CNCS) to local organizations. The goals of all three local corps include instilling an ethic of community service within corps members, accomplishing important service work, providing training for a career and preparing corps members to succeed at post secondary education who otherwise face significant obstacles to such success.

Three hundred thousand dollars of CNCS grant funds are combined with state, local and other federal funds to make the programs run. There is not yet a full year of results. Combined estimates for the local corps and the CCCM are for 48 corps members and 85,500 hours of service at a minimum value of \$795,000.

MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS

COLLEGE CONSERVATION CORPS AND LOCAL CORPS PROGRAMS

In 1992 the Maine Conservation Corps submitted a proposal and was awarded a grant from the federal Commission on National and Community Service, (CNCS) to establish four pilot service/conservation youth corps in Maine. One program was established within the Maine Conservation Corps and three local community corps were funded during the first year.

The College Conservation Corps of Maine, (CCCM) operates as a year-round program of the Maine Conservation Corps (MCC). The MCC also operates a seasonal conservation corps program for youths age 14 - 21.

The state run CCCM program was established as a conservation corps linking community service work with post secondary educational opportunities for corpsmember participants between the ages of 16 to 24. The College Conservation Corps program provides an opportunity for economically disadvantaged youth to attend college and gain hands on work experience in the natural resource field through community service projects. Goals of the CCCM are to promote an ethic of community service; enable corpsmembers to continue in higher education; and, provide training for corpsmembers to be competitive for entry level natural resource positions at the end of the 14 month program.

During the initial year of the program three CCCM teams were operational. Two teams were based at the University of Southern Maine, the third team was at Unity College. Beginning with the 1993/1994 academic year all three CCCM teams will be based at Unity College.

The 14 month CCCM program consists of three components: Beginning in June, new corpsmembers form three teams of six corpsmembers and a team leader, and work in the backcountry for eight weeks. The teams move on campus for the fall and spring semesters. While on campus corpsmembers work on community service projects 20 hours per week and attend college classes full time. During their second summer corpsmembers arrange to serve as assistant team leaders for summer MCC teams, as interns for natural resource agencies or work as part of a backcountry team.

Three local service and conservation corps funded through the CNCS grant include:

- **Portland Youth Service/Conservation Corps** - an urban corps focused on providing community service in the Portland area. The PYSCC also offers a pre-technical training program in partnership with Southern Maine Technical Center. PYSCC enrolls up to 12 corpsmembers in their year-round program.
- **H.O.M.E. Youth Service Corps** - a program of Homemakers Organized for More Employment, (H.O.M.E.), in Orland. H.O.M.E.'s 11 member service corps performs community service projects for homeless people in the Hancock County area. The program also offers GED and other educational opportunities to program participants.
- **Region III Vocational School Service/Conservation Corps** - a rural corps in Lincoln, with 8 corpsmembers, provides individualized community service/job training opportunities for corpsmember participants during the school year. Corpsmembers work as a team on conservation projects during the summer vacation months. GED and high school diploma programs are offered to corpsmembers in the Region III corps.

WHAT KINDS OF SERVICE PROJECTS DOES THE CCCM PARTICIPATE IN?

Service projects undertaken during the academic year were all within commuting distance of the University of Southern Maine or Unity College. ALL CCCM service projects focus on providing jobs training in the natural resources field. Some examples of projects completed during the first academic year include:

Rehabilitation of a network of cross country ski trails, resurfaced a handicapped access trail to the coastline, participated in operating campus and regional recycling centers, conducted a campus-wide energy audit, designed, marked and cut new hiking trails at sites across the state and assisted in the management of city forests in Bangor, Maine's second largest city.

These projects took place in State Parks, on campus and at other state, local or private nonprofit owned lands that are open to the public.

During the summer the CCCM will be working at service sites in some of the most scenic backcountry sites in Maine. Teams will work in:

- Baxter State Park designing and constructing a new hiking trail and rehabilitating existing hiking trails
- West Branch of the Penobscot River Corridor & the Allagash Wilderness Waterway - Rehabilitating put in/take out sites along the Penobscot and shoreline stabilization and erosion control projects on the Allagash
- Donnell Pond Management Unit - Building two new hiking trails and constructing remote campsites on Tunk Lake

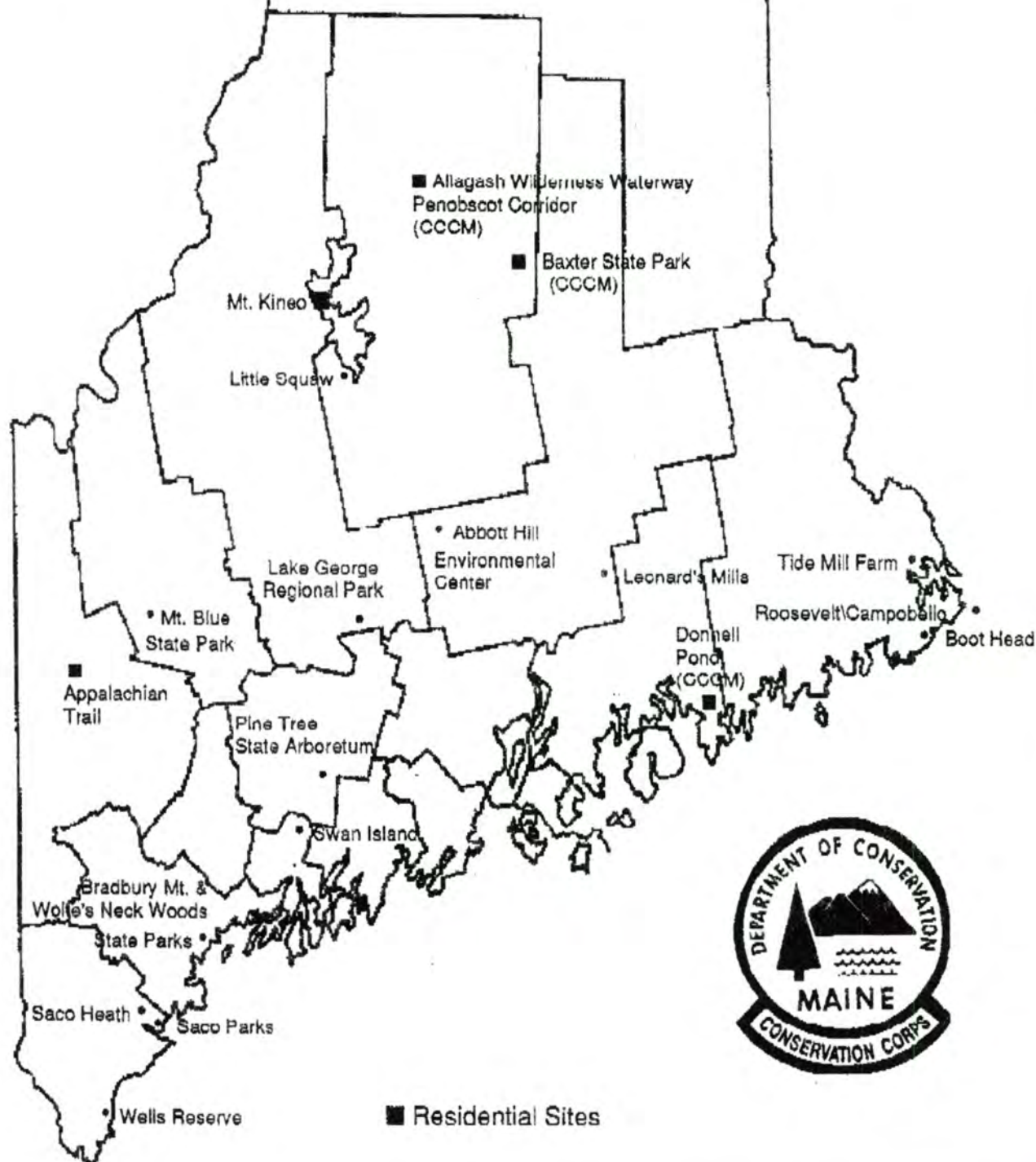
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Maine Conservation Corps

1993 Summer Projects



1993 MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS SUMMER PROJECTS

Most projects are local and Corpsmembers live at home and report to work each day

Wells Reserve	Construct boardwalk; brush trails; build storage shelves; paint historic structures.
Saco Heath	Build access trail and boardwalk to and on Saco Heath; Saco map the new trails; erect sign and registration box.
Saco Parks Saco	Develop new park including walkways, benches and plantings; plant trees; clear brush.
Wolfe's Neck Woods & Bradbury Mt. State Parks	Upgrade trail for use by disabled including leveling, building bridges & installing signs; renovate trails.
Mt. Blue State Park Wald	Construct, improve & maintain trails and vistas.
Swan Island., Richmond	Continue development of a new trail; painting.
Pine Tree State Arboretum Augusta	Plant and care for trees and shrubs; reconstruct trails, bridges & boardwalk; build & install bird houses.
Lake George Regional Park Skowhegan & Canaan	Develop a trail, build a trail bridge.
Abbott Hill Env. Study Ctr. Dexter	Improve waterfront access and trails, build amphitheater and tool shed, clear study sites. Education oriented.
Little Squaw Greenville	Rehabilitate hiking trails; build bog bridges, stone steps and waterbars.
Leonard's Mills Bradley	Develop outdoor amphitheater and sleigh trails; maintain trails.
Boot Head/Western Head Lubec/Cutler	Construct new trail and bog bridges.
Roosevelt-Campobello International Park	Plant flower gardens; maintain trails & vistas; construct bog bridges.
Tide Mill Farm Edmunds Twp.	Complete the building of a new trail system.
Mount Kineo Rockwood	Improve trails including erosion control and marking; restore campsite; install pit privie. RESIDENTIAL.
Outward Bound Appalachian Trail & WMNF	Renovate treadway of trail; construct wildlife observation blinds. RESIDENTIAL.

College Conservation Corps Projects

Penobscot River Corridor and Allagash Wilderness Waterway	Rehabilitate river access stairways. Stabilize shoreline and other campsite renovation.
Dennell Pond (Public Land) T 9 SD	Construct remote campsites, develop a new hiking trail rehabilitate existing trails.
Baxter State Park	Clear new trail, maintain and rehabilitate trails.