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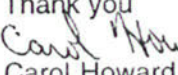

Chesapeake Area Recovery Communities Inc.
2630 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. 21218

Sept. 15, 1996

Dear Ms. McCall,

Thank you for sending the information on your program. We are very interested on becoming part of the Gleaning experience. If you could please fax me the particulars on what else we need to be aware of as far as who to contact, where and when we are needed so forth, it would be appreciated.

Fax (545-3242)

Thank you

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Congress of the United States
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May 23, 1996

Jan Jo
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Mr. Stephen K. Chick
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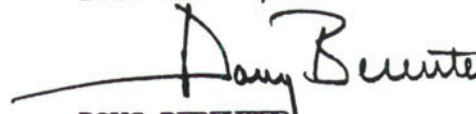
Dear Mr. Chick:

Thank you for your assistance in sending the Americorps/Team USDA to participate in the cleanup effort in Beatrice and the Homestead National Monument of America. Please convey my appreciation directly to the Americorps volunteers.

As you know, I visited Beatrice the weekend after the tornado struck and surveyed the extensive damage and the large amount of debris created by the storm. The participation of the volunteers from Americorps certainly made the difference in the cleanup process. The Americorps/Team USDA are to be commended for their work to remove debris from the Homestead National Monument and from Pioneer Acres. Their flexibility and quick response to the overwhelming need in Beatrice is an example of the good that Americorps was created to do.

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

Best wishes,


DOUG BEREUTER
Member of Congress

DB/js

29 MAY 1996

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215 North Lewis
Pierre, Nebraska 68767
April 24, 1996

Dear Volunteer Friends,

Thank you for telling the story to us. The picture was nice to have us by the tree in it. Thanks for remembering the Oklahoma bombing. I hope we can plant a tree again.

I liked the fun with tree planting. The story with the forest and planting new trees was good, too.

Your friend,
Ben Rowley

Dear Ladies -

THANKS so much for allowing us to be part of your memorial tree planting! We feel very privileged to have been included.

Nadene, you were good with the kids and they really did listen + enjoy the story.

Again - thanks!

Marcia Lubbe

127 South Pleasant Street
Pierce, Nebraska 68767
April 25, 1996

Dear Volunteer Friends,

I thank you for helping us plant a tree. It was very nice for you to help us plant the tree. I thank you for the pins and the story you told us.

I like the pins you sent us. It is my favorite color. You are great tree planters. I thank you for planting the tree in memory of the Oklahoma city bombing. The tree is planted for all to see and remember about the Oklahoma city bombing. The pins you sent us are beautiful.

Your friend,
Melissa Pospisil

APR 4 1996

To Whom It May Concern,

I write this letter of recommendation for Jeff Gorgen based on my experiences with Jeff involving a recycling program in Crete, NE. Jeff came to town with AmeriCorps at the same time our Recycling Task Force was establishing a recycling program - the timing of his arrival was perfect. We had a lot of work yet to be done and Jeff stepped to the plate in mid-stream and took the leadership role in the project. He sat down with us, assessed the situation, then set a game plan for completion. It was nice to not have to worry about things getting done. He is very organized and has been very thorough on following through with his tasks. His poise, maturity, and confidence are admirable for someone his age. He is hard working and very dedicated to our project. It is nice to have this quality individual devoting his time to such a worthwhile, environmental project. Jeff has and will continue to have a positive impact on our society. We are grateful he has helped make Crete a better community.

Sincerely,



Tom Sorensen
1132 Main St
Crete, NE 68333
402-826-5104

March 5, 1991
Plainview, NE

Dear Nadine Chavet,

Thank you for coming and showing us the slides. They were really cool, especially the one you took at Hawaii.

Thank you for the things you gave our class.

The stuff that you passed around was awesome.

Your friend,
Andrew Heck

Plains, NE
March 4, 1996

Dear Mary,

I thank you for showing us the
slides. I learned more about recycling
than I already knew. I liked the
pictures where you had to tell the answer
out loud. It was fun watching the
slides. I am originally a litter bug
but mostly I am not a litter bug.
I was surprised there was a shoe →

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made out of paper scrapings!
You had some interesting things that
were recycled. Thank you for the coloring
book, fun sheets, and the magnets. Thank
a lot!

Your friend,
Melissa Johnson

NH National & Community Service Executive Board
AmeriCorps: Getting things done in New Hampshire



May 2, 1995

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Mr. Joel Berg
US Dept. of Agriculture, Room 538-A
14th and Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-1300

Dear Mr. Berg:

The New Hampshire National and Community Service Executive Board would like to articulate its support for White Mountain National Forest AmeriCorps.

We are particularly proud of the accomplishments New Hampshire AmeriCorps members have achieved for the citizens and visitors of New Hampshire. Eli Segal, CEO of the Corporation for National Service, stated at a meeting of AmeriCorps State Chairs on December 6, 1994, "New Hampshire has given us some of the finest AmeriCorps programs in the country." The White Mountain National Forest has played an important role in this success.

Tourism is our largest industry with millions of people visiting New Hampshire's mountains and its wildlife every year. The White Mountain National Forest AmeriCorps program, the state's largest AmeriCorps program, not only helps preserve our natural resources but enhances economic growth as well.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend the renewal of the White Mountain National Forest AmeriCorps program for 1996. We look forward to a continuation of the close relationships we have formed with White Mountain National Forest administrators and the New Hampshire Conservation Corps.

Sincerely,

Terry Shumaker
Co-chair

Debbie Tasker
Co-chair



Marga Rowaan
One, Pennington-Lawrenceville Road
Pennington, New Jersey 08534

Joel Berg
Director of National Service
USDA
Room 538 A
14th and Independence Avenues, SW
Washington DC 20250

July 25 1995

Dear Mr. Berg:

I am writing on behalf of the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association, a community-supported environmental organization located in central New Jersey.

Since November 1994 we have been one of nine sites across New Jersey participating in AmeriCorps through funding appropriated through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The program was organized statewide by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Our site manager was from the local Soil Conservation Service, however, our four full-time volunteers were recruited, trained and managed by Watershed staff.


AmeriCorps increased the capacity of our organization from 6 to 10 full-time "staff". The impact of our AmeriCorps volunteers was substantial and impressive upon our small organization. Their accomplishments over the course of eight months are detailed on the attached sheet. One volunteer has been hired as full-time staff once his service hours have been completed.

We have been told by NRCS that although they will receive second year funding to continue the program, the Watershed Association will not be an AmeriCorps site past September, 1995. We received this information in June, well past the deadline to apply to AmeriCorps funding through a state-designated program.

While we always knew that our participation in AmeriCorps was an exceptional event, we know that the NRCS funding could be extended to include our site for a second year. We stand by our record as one of the most productive sites within the NRCS program these past eight months. We ask only for the opportunity to continue this good work past September, 1995.

The Watershed Association urgently seeks your assistance in making this possible.

Sincerely,



Marga Rowaan
Trustee Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association

2083 Lawrenceville Road
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-3099
609-896-5000



30 July 1995

Mr. Joel Berg
Director of National Service
Room 538A
14th and Independence Avenues, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Berg:

As I write to ask you to influence assignment of AmeriCorps funding for the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association (SBMWA), I wear two hats, one as a Professor of Biology and the other as a Board of Trustees member. This year two Rider biology students were among the five AmeriCorps volunteers at SBMWA. I've come to know the other volunteers through a presentation of an overview of my research (on tidal freshwater wetlands), on a field trip to the Hamilton-Trenton Marshes, and during planning meetings for an Earth Day Celebration / Dedication of the renovated Buttinger Nature Center. So I have had many opportunities to observe the program and the participants. In short, while they learned, these young people made a tremendous difference to the SBMWA.

Although each is so very different, together they have had a synergistic impact. They taught educational programs allowing a 30% increase in participation of school children. They wrote volunteer handbooks, developed exhibits in the Nature Center, and upgraded the eight miles of trails on the preserve. They trained volunteers for a rapid bio-assessment program to monitor water quality along 30 miles of streams and for a streamwalk program to monitor 60 miles of rivers within the watershed. In addition, and perhaps most important of all, they learned much more than they could have ever learned in a classroom. They had the opportunity to learn about organisms because they were there, at the SBMWA where nature is close at hand and by participating in and teaching the educational programs. They learned about effective writing and speaking, about the workings of a non-profit organization--about press coverage, assembling bulk mailings, attending to the details that make it all work, about teamwork, physical labor (building bridges and operating chain saws), and how to work effectively with a variety of people.


Because notification about the funding application was not received until **after** the deadline for submitting a proposal, the Watershed was unable to meet the deadline and this synergistic relationship may be no more. I urge you to help with assisting in a process that would make a second year's funding available to SBMWA. The highly successful AmeriCorps program at the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association in Pennington, NJ contributes to the positive accomplishments of the program nationwide as it educates a future generation!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Leck".

Mary Alessio Leck

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SOUTH BRANCH
WATERSHED
ASSOCIATION
"People Protecting Tomorrow's Environment"

November 18, 1994

Ms. Janice Reid
USDA Soil Conservation Service
Somerset County 4-H Center
308 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Dear Janice,

The South Branch Watershed Association was impressed by and thankful for the work completed by the Americorp participants. From October 31 through November 4, Kathy, Doris, and Marva conducted stream inventories of potential land use pollutions on 4 tributaries of the South Branch Raritan River. Working maps locating potential pollution sources were also completed. We would like to work with the Americorps participants again inventorying other tributaries if time permits.

In January of 1995, the SBWA will begin working on a well head protection grant. We could use Americorps' assistance in locating public non-community wells and collecting relevant best management plans for tier one wellhead areas. We will be mapping the wells using the county Geographical Information System (GIS).

I look forward to discussing this project with you further. Thanks again for all of your help.

Best Regards,

Marie Kneser

Marie Kneser,
Executive Director

MK/wf
Enc.

Janel Decker
795 Weehawken Avenue
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

April 5, 1995

The White House
The AmeriCorps Program
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C., 20502

Dear President Clinton,

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to participate in the AmeriCorps Program. I am currently serving with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Burlington County, New Jersey.

The work assigned to me here has dealt with environmental education and a variety of field work. The biggest challenge I face is attempting to explain to people why the Earth's resources are so vitally important to protect. I have visited landfills, construction sites, and farms. I can look with sad eyes at all the erosion and waste of our natural resources that people fail and refuse to protect. In my efforts to relay the importance of this message, I have organized all the informational pamphlets and mailed them to farmers. I also arranged them on an access shelf where they are visible for the many people who visit the office to take. I am assisting with the NJ Envirothon in May. The Envirothon asks questions about environmental issues to students in grades 9-12. In addition, I am writing articles for "NRCS This Week", planning a project for the "Celebration of the Land" promotion, and assisting the Soil Conservation Districts in numerous endeavors.

The work I have helped complete has assisted the community by letting them know that the Natural Resources Conservation Service exists and has a purpose. I have made useful information more visible and easier to access. Through the informational booths I have staffed, I provided the public with answers to any questions they may have. In summary, there have been many direct and indirect ways that my service in the AmeriCorps has helped the community.

The AmeriCorps Program has changed me as an individual in several ways. First, this program came along at a time when I desperately needed a change and a sense of purpose. Through this opportunity, I

have an increased respect for our government and the many jobs it tries to achieve. I also feel proud of myself. Second, this program has given me the chance to improve my self esteem, meet excellent people, and do something that has purpose everyday. The AmeriCorps Program has also had profound impacts on me as a citizen. I have come to realize that there are many things we can do to improve our country together, as citizens. It is important that we join together in cooperative efforts to make every aspect of our communities, country, and world better. The AmeriCorps Program is useful, helpful, and vital to many communities in our country.

I would like to thank you again for this opportunity. It has made a great difference in many aspects of my life.

Sincerely,

Janel Decker
AmeriCorps Volunteer

cc: Senator Bill Bradley
Senator Frank Lautenburg
Congressman James H. Saxton

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3001

July 31, 1996

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure for me to congratulate all of the AmeriCorps National Service Program graduates.

Your achievement is one that should make you, you parents and all those who care for you extremely proud. Our state is fortunate to have so many people who understand the value of individual initiative and commitment to the community.

The hours each of you has committed to completing your program are impressive by anyone's standards. It is clear that you have come to understand and exemplify the everyday realm of our lives that is governed by values such as responsibility, trust, fraternity, solidarity and love. As a result you have helped enrich the fabric of life in New Jersey.

My very best wishes to each of you for continued growth and success.

Sincerely,

Bill Bradley
United States Senator

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FRANK R. LAUTENBERG
NEW JERSEY

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3002

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July 31, 1996

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend today's graduation for your AmeriCorps members. Unfortunately, the Senate is in session and I must remain in Washington. However, I appreciate the opportunity to share a few words of congratulations with you.

I hope that you have enjoyed your experience working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. I know that the communities and non-profit organizations that you assisted have benefitted greatly from your hard work and expertise. Each of today's ten graduates has helped to make New Jersey a better place to live and we thank you for that.

You are the embodiment of what President Clinton envisioned when he created the National Service Program. While completing your education, you have provided important and invaluable services to the communities you worked with. This is a successful partnership which benefits everybody involved.

Congratulations again and I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Lautenberg

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Congress of the United States
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March 15, 1994

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Secretary Mike Espy
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Dear Secretary Espy:

I am writing to express my support for the AmeriCorps Educational and Community Service Initiative - Urban Conservancy within a Multi-Cultural Environment grant application for the fiscal year 1994/1995. The plan is the implementation of an urban conservancy within a multi-cultural environment proposed by the New Jersey Soil Conservation Service for the residents of the Arthur Kill Watershed in Union County, New Jersey. The participants chosen will be 17-23 years old receiving valuable education and training in soil conservancy, parks management and water processing techniques. The skills learned will stay with these youth and will be transferable to the career that they chose for their life's work. The curriculum and the materials will be bi-lingual to encompass the multi-cultural community of the Arthur Kill watershed, Union County, New Jersey.

It is my hope that you will give this application every consideration and will be able to fund this program at the requested level of \$400,000. These funds will enable the State Conservationist of New Jersey to continue their programs to better help our community. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my Executive Assistant, Donna Crews at 202-225-3436. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Donald M. Payne
Donald M. Payne
Member of Congress

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August 31, 1995



San Juan

United Way

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Phone: (505) 326-1195

USDA, Director of National Service
Mr. Joel Berg
Room 538-A
14th and Independence Ave. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250-1300

Dear Mr. Berg,

We are writing you to express our appreciation for the hard work and effort put forth from our local AmeriCorps Team. AmeriCorps is a wonderful project and group of people that have truly made a difference in raising the quality of life in our community.

HELPLINE of San Juan United Way is an Information and Referral Center that opened in October of 1994. Since then we have been Striving to develop a more comprehensive I&R Program to be more effective in helping people in our community.

What that means to us is: 1) knowing what is available so that all accessible resources may be used when helping people and 2) extending our services to out lying communities that do not currently have their own I&R Center.

Our local AmeriCorps volunteers, Mr. Erick J. Aune and Ms. Shantel Farnsworth, helped us greatly improve our program. They spent many hours making contacts and providing us with new information for our data base. They were able to connect us with many organizations that we had been unsuccessful obtaining program information in the past. Mr. Aune and Ms. Farnsworth also opened new areas that we were unaware were available.

We are grateful to your department for ensuring that AmeriCorps remains viable in our country. In this day and age it is most important that we focus on making families and communities stronger. Please know that AmeriCorps is helping achieve just that in San Juan County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Keith".

Robert Keith
Executive Director
San Juan United Way

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kimberly Alexander".

Kimberly Alexander
Information & Referral Director
HELPLINE of San Juan United Way

pc: Mr. Erick J Aune
Shantel Farnsworth



Genesis

Adult Day Care Center

P.O. Box 2467 Farmington, N.M. 87499
325-8005 or 334-8614

August 27, 1995

Dear Mr. Joel Berg:

Struggling to begin a new project, ANY new project, is a study in frustration and tenacity. Commitment and persistence (and might I add long-suffering) are the necessary elements in success of a new project. There are so many "no"s and "come back next year" and "while we do believe the work you are doing is worthwhile..." that sometimes one feels totally alone on the PLANET!

Ameri Corps was introduced to us through county public services. Eric was the first person we told our situation to and he listened carefully and made an appointment to come to the facility. Laura, Shantel and Eric arrived and discussed what they could do and what they couldn't. In short, they acquired donated materials, spread sheep manure and compost, planted grass seed, made a garden spot, trimmed tree's and planted flowers. They were wonderful.

They also wrote grants and sent six out to foundations (we were turned down by every one). But the most important thing they did was CARE; the most important thing they gave was HOPE and the most important thing we received personally was the knowledge that AT LAST someone out there really thought that what we were trying to accomplish was important enough for them to roll up their sleeves and say "What can we do to help".

We would add WELL DONE, and thank you from all our staff and board members. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Charlene Holt,
Executive Director

Mayor
Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

Mayor Pro-Tem
Richard R. Dial



City Commissioners

Mike Arnold
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Steve Neville

August 11, 1995

Director of National Service
Mr. Joel Berg
USDA/Americorps
AG Box 1310
14th & Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250-1310

Dear Mr. Berg:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you how much we have appreciated the Americorps staff in our Community. We have enjoyed working with Laura Horochowski, Ana Gomes, Erick Aune and Shantel Farnsworth. Theirs has been a true spirit of dedication, persistence and a commitment to the betterment of our City. They have shown an interest far above the normal realm of their duties and participated in Community projects beyond the scope of that which was required of them.

At this time, I would also like to give my support for any further appropriation of funds to continue this worthwhile and effective program.

I look forward to the opportunity of meeting you during your visit to our City.

Sincerely,

Debi Lee
City Manager

Copy to John T.

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August 3, 1995

TO: M. STEVEN ANAYA, STATE DIRECTOR, RECD
FROM: MARIA A. MIRABAL, CLT, RECD GRANTS, NM
SUBJECT: DONALD R. MONTOYA, AMERICORP VOLUNTEER

Maria A. Mirabal

Recently I completed a course in Public Speaking. For our final presentation, we were required to select a topic and then prepare a speech which was intended to either sell or convince the audience. I chose to speak on the USDA's Americorp Program. The members of the class were then asked to critique each presentation. One of my classmates stated that she was so caught up in my enthusiasm that she kept expecting a marching band to begin playing and for the flags to wave. I explained that my enthusiasm came from my intensive belief in the program.

When Mr. Don Montoya first began his term with FmHA as an Americorp Volunteer, I have to admit that I was more than a little skeptical about the success of this rural development initiative. However, over the next several weeks, Mr. Montoya and I had numerous conversations concerning his plan for this outreach program. He proposed a plan of action that would go beyond knocking on doors and expounding on the availability of our loan and grant programs. He was astute enough to realize that the Americorp Program might not be of a long term duration and felt that it was imperative that real efforts be made to empower the communities to organize themselves in a manner that would facilitate their ability to plan and coordinate activities necessary to assist them in obtaining funding needed for the economic development of their small communities.

Mr. Montoya has diligently pursued this course of action. He has made great strides in his efforts. For example, in the community of Cubero, NM he has successfully united the village and has aided them to get the funds they needed to complete the construction of a fire station. He has helped them set up a network and they are now attempting to secure a fire truck for the station. The members of the group have openly expressed their gratitude to Mr. Montoya.

He is now working with the Village of San Rafael. Several people within this small rural community have made known their desire to see a park constructed for the young people there. A landowner in the community has offered to donate a 2 acre parcel of land for the project. Mr. Montoya has been working on the community's behalf in seeking financial assistance from the Cibola County Board

of Commissioners and is also working with the Americorp Volunteer from the U.S. Forest Service in further developing this project.

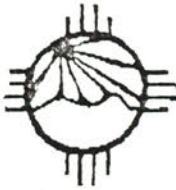
The efforts he has made on behalf of the Native Americans in Cibola County are outstanding. He has worked extremely hard in making the tribal government aware of the need to work with local, state and federal agencies to accomplish economic development for the Indian communities.

In conclusion, over the years during my employment with FmHA, I have seen people living in conditions which have moved me in a way that is hard to describe. With this program, we have been given an opportunity to help our rural residents have the decent, safe, and healthy standard of living that they deserve. Mr. Montoya has brought a wealth of knowledge and understanding about our rural neighbors to this office that we had been lacking before.

I believe that here in Cibola County, because of the efforts of Mr. Montoya, we have been able to make great strides in President Clinton's initiative to get things done for rural America, and we hope that with your help, Mr. Montoya will be given the opportunity to continue using his expertise in planning and promoting the economic development of our rural communities here in Cibola County.

Thank you for your patience and consideration.

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ANTHONY WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

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January 12, 1995

John Thomas, Jr.
State Director of America
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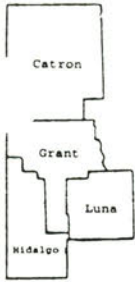
Dear Mr. Thomas,

We were visited by Ms. Paula Montez & Ms. Susan Burns from your organization AmeriCorp. RECD on January 10, 1995. Efficiency accompanied by courtesy is a rare combination in today's work world. Ms. Montez & Ms. Burns were very informative and helpful regarding the funding available for assisting families with water & sewer hookups.

There is a high need in Anthony for these services and we will take advantage of this opportunity. The ladies have our full cooperation and we will enjoy working with them. If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call at (505) 882-3922.

Sincerely,

Derek R. Schoonover
Office Manager



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December 20, 1994

Ms. Susan Burns
AmeriCorps---FmHA
2507 N. Telshor Suite 3C
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Dear Susan:

It certainly was a pleasure meeting with you and Paula yesterday. It's people like you, who make my job so much easier, and I look forward to working with you even more.

Enclosed please find the information I promised you. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Priscilla C. Lucero
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Community Development Planner

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February 15, 1995

To: Joel Derg, Director of National Service, USDA
From: Lloyd Wilhelm, Four Corners Americorps Region
Subject: Media Releases for the Region

Joel, we have enclosed several news releases that have been published in the region. Most are very positive with great detail used, to insure the integrity of the program is ongoing. The members are experiencing a tremendous amount of interest from their local communities. The word is out and results are happening, with many local organizations wanting become involved with Americorps. The local community groups are realizing things can happen through the commitment that our Americorps members are showing.

Our tangible numbers, or accomplishments are just beginning to become reality. Our members have had to become established in the community and build the bond of trust before actual partnerships could be built. This has occurred, and all I can say is "look out" because our members are "MAKING THINGS HAPPEN."

Sincerely,



Lloyd Wilhelm

Four Corners Americorps Facilitator

Enclosure



Genesis

Adult Day Care Center

P.O. Box 2467 Farmington, N.M. 87499

325-8005 or 334-8614

August 27, 1995

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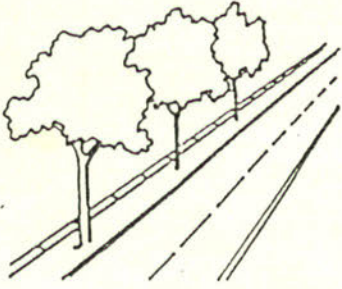
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We would add WELL DONE, and thank you from all our staff and board members. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Charlene Holt,
Executive Director

Farmington



Clean & Beautiful

Farmington Clean & Beautiful

Leon Martinez
HUB Resource Conservation & Development
4374 Alexander Blvd. NE, Suite G
Albuquerque, NM 87107

June 19, 1996

Dear Mr. Martinez,

This note is to let you know how much I appreciate the work of Laura Horochowski.

As an Americorps member Laura has devoted a great deal of time to the Waste Reduction Education Program which I manage for Farmington Clean & Beautiful. Laura and I have worked together on numerous projects throughout the past year and I am extremely grateful for all her contributions. Together, I believe, we have been far more productive and valuable than either of us would have been alone.

Today I delivered to the printer a brochure on "Safe Use and Disposal of Paint" which Laura researched and produced particularly well.

With Laura as an outstanding example, I find the Americorps program a wonderful contribution to our community. Thank you for helping her accomplish this valuable work.

Sincerely,

Beth Richman
Waste Reduction Education Manager

cc: Joel Berg
Laura Horochowski

Chamber of Commerce Plaza
203 W. Main, Suite 101 Farmington NM 87401 (505) 325-0279

9-23-95

Dear Joel,

Thank you for attending the luncheon meeting in Coyote, New Mexico.

We appreciate the interest ^{of Americorp} in our community through Barbara Cooney,

Vallecitos has been dependent on logging for its livelihood since the early 1900s. With the curtailment of logging, we are in dire need of alternative sources of employment:

Barbara has been instrumental in providing encouragement and guidance in this area as well as to the Water Association which we represent.

We fully support the program of Americorp and hope the program will continue to support communities such as ours.

Sincerely,

Sandra S. Samora - President
Jean K. Jerome Sec. Treas.
Vallecitos Mutual Domestic Water Assn.



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Charlene Holt,
Executive Director

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August 11, 1995

Director of National Service
Mr. Joel Berg
USDA/Americorps
AG Box 1310
14th & Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250-1310

Dear Mr. Berg:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you how much we have appreciated the Americorps staff in our Community. We have enjoyed working with Laura Horochowski, Ana Gomes, Erick Aune and Shantel Farnsworth. Theirs has been a true spirit of dedication, persistence and a commitment to the betterment of our City. They have shown an interest far above the normal realm of their duties and participated in Community projects beyond the scope of that which was required of them.

At this time, I would also like to give my support for any further appropriation of funds to continue this worthwhile and effective program.

I look forward to the opportunity of meeting you during your visit to our City.

Sincerely,

Debi Lee
City Manager



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Farmington District Office
1235 La Plata Highway
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

FOR REFERENCE:
6700 (07427)

APR 5 1995

Mr. Eric Aunc
Americorps
504 N. Main
Aztec, NM 87410

Dear Eric:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for the assistance you provided for the habitat improvement projects being implemented by the Farmington District. Your voluntary support for these projects is truly appreciated and we applaud your commitment to improvement of natural resources on public lands. Like many offices in the Bureau, Farmington volunteers are an integral component for on-the-ground activities and your contributions are, in many cases, a key component to successful completion of the tree planting projects.

Again, thanks for volunteering the time to help.

Sincerely,

Jack E. Farrell
Assistant District Manager for Resources

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Ms. Ana Gomez
Natural Resource Conservation Service
AmeriCorps Team USDA
504 North Main
Aztec, New Mexico 87410


Dear Ana:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your superb assistance with the Aztec and Bloomfield business survey. Without your dedicated effort we would have been unable to meet the stringent deadline set forth for the completion of the project.

I've spoken with Patty Lundstrom and Jennifer Dowling at the COG, and they were equally impressed by the timeliness in which you were able to conduct all of the surveys. Though the analysis is currently in its early stages, the results appear to be promising and we anticipate gaining a great deal of insight.

Thank you again for your help and we will forward a copy of the final report to your office.

Sincerely,



Charlie Chavez
Chairman
Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments

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AMERICORPS APPRECIATION BANQUET

The Southwest Oregon Rural Development Team celebrated the end of ^athe year of community service at a banquet held at Wildlife Safari. After a drive through tour we enjoyed a ceremony where AmeriCorps members, community members, agency partners and RC&D board members reflected on the things we are proud of accomplishing together. Each member took a few minutes to share their proudest accomplishments, afterward community representatives and partners eagerly spoke about their appreciation for what they have been able to get done with the help, enthusiasm and skills of the AmeriCorps members.

This year's AmeriCorps members were proud of personal growth, learning new skills and conquest over challenges. They all learned the benefits of working with a wide diversity of people including ranchers and environmentalists, elderly and youth, government and private. They gained a profound appreciation for the importance of community involvement in identifying and resolving local issues.

Community members related that they too have gained some special insight into themselves and their own situations through the experience of working with an AmeriCorps member. Several community hosts felt that the members themselves have a hard time realizing how much they have accomplished. In Curry County, J. R. was able to create a coalition to enhance environmental education throughout the county; the part that is hard for J.R. to recognize is that previously these schools and educators barely communicated with each other. Pat helped North County develop and submit projects, but most importantly she helped them learn to represent their own interests at the county level in a way no expert could have ever accomplished. Dave coaxed four school districts to agree to developing joint outdoor learning sites on Bear Creek; this is the first time these four districts have ever signed a joint agreement!

The Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board program manager also honored AmeriCorps members by being our guest speaker. He caught the contagious energy and appreciation for the assistance AmeriCorps members had provided to local citizens' groups. He commented how important local, voluntary organizations were to watershed and fisheries efforts in Oregon where Threatened and Endangered Species Listings are changing our use of natural resources.

As we handed out awards, a lion's awesome roar grabbed our attention through the open window. We may have walked more quickly back to our cars, but we left reflecting that in southern Oregon, AmeriCorps members are proud to help communities help themselves by getting things done, the community hosts are proud of what they are able to accomplish with their AmeriCorps members and the RC&D is proud to sponsor a USDA rural development team.

EnviroCorps,
c/o Jennifer Thompson,
Natural Resources Conservation Service,
2115 SE Morrison,
Portland, OR 97214.

MAY 30 1996

May 27, 1996.

Dear Ms. Thompson,

I am the parent coordinating the installation of a native plant garden at Markham Elementary School. Please convey my sincere thanks to the EnviroCorps volunteers who have been so helpful to us in this endeavor. All members of the team worked extremely hard, for longer than anticipated, to remove turf and prepare the ground for the plantings. They were also obviously interested in the project, and enthusiastically exchanged information with parents and children with whom they worked. Just recently, they returned to Markham to help unload a free delivery of barkdust, thus saving our school both time and money. The project would have been very much more difficult to complete without them.

We appreciate the contributions of the EnviroCorps workers very much, and hope they will return to Markham to view the gratifying results of their labors whenever they choose.

Sincerely,



Amanda Fritz

Director, Friends of Arnold Creek

4106 SW Vacuna Street,
Portland, OR 97219.

**MAIL TRIBUNE
MEDFORD, OREGON
FEBRUARY 15, 1995**

AmeriCorps update

The last time we wrote defending President Clinton's national service program, AmeriCorps volunteers were up in Butte Falls, hammering away on improvements to the Butte Falls community hall.

They're still in Butte Falls, working at the county library branch building, the fire hall and restrooms at the park. Earlier, they maintained national forest trails, planted trees, and worked on erosion-control projects.

THE NATIONAL SERVICE program provides young workers with a living stipend and money for college. But the GOP Congress is still eager to make AmeriCorps an example of its willingness to spare no "liberal" program (although it wants to spend more money for young soldiers to do make-work on obsolete military bases) — especially a program that President Clinton can properly be proud of.

Anyway, since that last editorial AmeriCorps crews are now helping improve the popular but heavily worn trail on Upper Table Rock. Literally, your tax dollars at work.

AmeriCorps forest project shows what can be done

At the top of Morton Street in Ashland is a unique neighborhood of big beautiful homes with grand views, where residents can relax on their decks and watch the shadows play on the eastern hillsides and follow the spring squalls as they sweep through the valley. It's also one of Ashland's neighborhoods in the forest interface - known for both its beauty and potential fire danger. Last week a crew of young people in the AmeriCorps program braved wet, steep slopes and wrestled with downed logs, dying trees and poison oak to help make this area less of a fire danger.

The city of Ashland owns about 1,000 acres of undeveloped land, so the four acres of city land cleaned up by the Forest Service and AmeriCorps crew will not have a major impact on our city's vulnerability to fire. But the clean-up does illustrate the value of this national service program. AmeriCorps/USDA has three broad programs: Empowerment and Anti-Hunger, Rural Development, and Public Land and Environment. The work done in the Ashland watershed was part of the latter program, and the work is dispatched out of the Applegate Ranger District. Members of this hard-working and enthusiastic team live at the Star Gulch facility and are paid the equivalent of about \$1,200 a month for living expenses and tuition credits. In addition to watershed work, the crews protect wetlands, restore recreation areas, increase handicap accessibility, and much more.

The AmeriCorps program has been criticized by Rep. Newt Gingrich and others as being too expensive, but important work is being done and the long-range benefits are great in learned job skills and educational incentives. Investments in education pay big dividends, as we have witnessed with the GI Bill.

The local project also serves as an example of what can be done to reduce fire danger even on steep slopes with decades of accumulation of dead fuel. The slash was piled up and covered with tarps for burning next fall, and enough dead and dying trees were hauled out of the area to generate \$2,000 for the city's forest land clean-up fund.

So private forest land owners take note. Even difficult property can be managed to reduce the danger of forest fires. You won't be able to get an AmeriCorp team for private projects, but a lot of good ideas and direction are available through the Ashland Fire Department and the local Forest Service ranger station.



METRO

March 24, 1995

Senator Mark Hatfield
711 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatfield:

Attached is a resolution adopted March 23, 1995, by the Metro Council, in support of continued funding for the AmeriCorps program. We have found AmeriCorps to be a valuable tool to provide valuable work experience for urban youth and college students, while helping local projects aimed at cleaning and restoring the environment.

We have local experience with AmeriCorps, through an EnviroCorps project employing 20 young people working to restore parts of the Columbia Slough and other fragile natural environments. This program is already producing results from a committed group of workers.

We hope that you will give strong consideration to continuing funding for AmeriCorps on a national level, to continue producing benefits, like those already accruing to the Portland metropolitan region, in communities throughout the United States. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruth McFarland
Presiding Officer

Mike Burton
Executive Officer

Ed Washington
Metro Councilor

Wally Ross
Clerk of the Metro Council

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING)	RESOLUTION NO. 95-2119
SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL)	
AMERICORPS PROGRAM)	Introduced by Councilor
)	Ed Washington

WHEREAS, The AmeriCorps program was established in June, 1994 to provide opportunities for young men and women across the country to work on conservation projects while earning a small stipend and college tuition credit; and

WHEREAS, The AmeriCorps program also provides the opportunity for its participants to gain valuable work experience while contributing to their community; and

WHEREAS, Metro is a participant in a local EnviroCorps program that is affiliated with AmeriCorps, which provides work experience for up to 20 young adults in helping to restore the Columbia Slough area adjacent to the former Whitaker School; and

WHEREAS, The local EnviroCorps program provides an excellent opportunity for inner-city youth to serve their community by cleaning and restoring this part of the Columbia Slough, and serve their own interests by doing productive work; and

WHEREAS, The EnviroCorps program is an excellent example of federal and local cooperation to achieve the multiple goals of assistance to our young people and environmental restoration; and

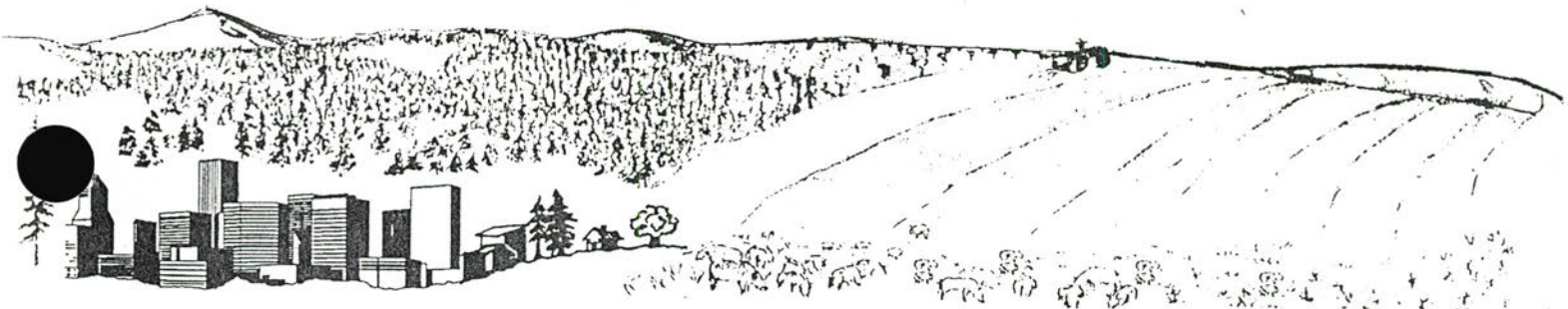
WHEREAS, Reduction or elimination of funding for the program at the federal level will deprive residents of the Metro area and across the country from realizing the multiple benefits of this most worthwhile program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council supports continued funding for the AmeriCorps program by the U.S. Congress, and directs that this resolution and a cover letter be sent to all members of Oregon's and southwest Washington's congressional delegations.

ADOPTED this 23 day of March, 1995.

J. Ruth McFarland
J. Ruth McFarland, Presiding Officer



EAST MULTNOMAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2115 S.E. Morrison

Portland, Oregon 97214

Phone (503) 231-2270

March 6, 1996

Jennifer Thompson
EnviroCorp
2115 SE Morrison
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Jennifer:

Thank you for participating in *Cleaning Up Our Act - A Watershed Fair*. EnviroCorp's presence contributed to the success of this community event which was attended by 198 adults and 101 youths and children.

Enclosed please find an evaluation form. Please take a few minutes to give us your comments and return the form at your earliest convenience; a self-addressed envelope is also included. Your comments will help us to make next year's fair an occasion that better serves the needs of our exhibitors as well as those of homeowners and families who come to find out about water-friendly conservation practices.

Thank you for your feedback.

Sincerely,

Patt Opdyke
Fair Coordinator

Encl.



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June 6, 1996

EnviroCorps
c/o East Multnomah SWCD
2115 SE Morrison Street
Attention: Jennifer Thompson

Dear Ms. Thompson,

On behalf of Portland Community College, I would like to thank the following EnviroCorps Team: Michael Grosso, Joe Nichter, Jill Cox, Mike Metcalf, Lara Utman, Kirtsi Krejs, LaMarr Cannon, Cheng Cha, Jen Szolnoki, Angela Parker and Jim Closson for the work they did to improve our Wetlands.

I think it appropriate to quote the Great Chief Seattle of the Dumwamish and Squamish, 1854:

This we Know: "All things are connected like the blood that unites us.
We did not weave the web of life,
We are merely a strand in it.
What we do to the web, we do to ourselves."

The work the EnviroCorps Team did at Portland Community College is evident of the team's dedication to preserve the air, the land, the rivers, and the wild animals of earth for future generations of Americans to love and enjoy. It is my hope that EnviroCorps continue to do the good work they have started.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Martínez
Technical Skills Instructor
Portland Community College

P.O. Box 19000
Portland, Oregon
97280-0990
503/244-6111

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May 31, 1996

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EnviroCorps
c/o Jennifer Thompson
Natural Resources Conservation Service
2115 SE Morrison
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Ms. Thompson:

As principal of Markham Elementary School I want to thank you for your assistance in our native plant garden. Your EnviroCorps volunteers were able and enthusiastic help. They provided assistance that children could not have offered.

Your staff person, Emily Roth, did an outstanding job supervising our project. She was an excellent teacher and patient assistant. She has a fine blend of technical and personal skills that made her a joy to work with.

I look forward to an opportunity to work with your excellent team.

Sincerely,

Jeanne F. Pace
Principal

MAR 26 1996



The Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes support the permanent protection of Smith & Bybee Lakes in recognition that natural areas are a valuable resource in an urban environment.

Friends of
Smith & Bybee
Lakes
P.O. Box 83862
Portland, OR
97203

March 25, 1996

Envirocorps Team
c/o East Multnomah County Water Conservation District
2115 SE Morrison
Portland, OR 97214

Re: Planting at Bybee Lake in Portland, March 2, 5, & 16th, 1996

Dear Envirocorps Team:

The Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes is a community based group that advocates the conservation, maintenance, restoration and enhancement of the Smith & Bybee Lakes Region as an historical remnant of the Columbia River Estuary System.

This letter is to thank you for all of your wonderful assistance for our vegetation planting and shoreline restoration projects on Saturday, March 2, Tuesday, March 5, and Saturday, March 16th.

Our group is truly indebted to you for your careful planting with native species, and the placement of these various species to achieve maximum benefit to the plants themselves and the animals that will inhabit this area.

We were so fortunate to have your expertise that provided us with a beautifully illustrated planting plan and plant matrix; describing each species, its characteristics, specific location needs and ultimate growth size. This information allowed us to give these plants the very best start in a less than optimal location.

We appreciate your muscle power help to our neighborhood volunteer environmental organization. We could not have done it without you in such a timely and professional manner. Your planting skills helped us to fulfill a grant from the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services that funded this planting. The addition of beaver guards will continue to protect these new additions to the Smith & Bybee Lakes ecosystem.

As this planting is only the first step in the reclamation of a sand fill area, our group will monitor this site throughout the coming months and years, watering, weeding, etc.; please come back any time to see how well these young plants are faring in the difficult growing conditions of this hot and sunny site.

Again, thank you for all of your great work, we are truly thankful that an organization such as yours was available to help our group in protecting this fragile wetland area.

Sincerely,
Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes

Anne McLoughlin
Secretary & Treasurer



Mt. Tabor Middle School

5800 S.E. ASH / PORTLAND, OREGON / 280-5646

June 20, 1995

Dear Karen and the Envirocore Crew,

Thank you so much for participating in the SWOOPE Project and the restoration of the Blue Lake Wetland. The field work was a valuable learning experience for all of my students. I feel fortunate to have been able to give my students the opportunity to work with such caring professionals on a "real life" environmental science project.

Together we have removed some of the unwanted exotics and have identified and mapped many of the plants growing in and around the wetland. Next year we will need to continue these activities and several others. Ultimately, our goal is to develop a planting plan for the wetland to enhance the animal habitat in order to attract more native animals to the area.

Thank you again for your help, time and support. I look forward to working with you again next year. Enclosed are thank you cards made by my students.

Sincerely,

Teresa Whelan

END OF SUMMER RALLY

AUGUST 24-25, 1995



September 5, 1995

Envirocorps at Metro Parks & Green Spaces

Att: Jennifer Thompson

600 NE Grand

Portland OR 97232-2736

Dear Jennifer,

The first annual End-of-Summer Rally is history. We show over 90 participants plus the additional guests for the rally program. Without the combined contributions and efforts of many people, this event could not have happened.

Thanks for sending such a an energetic group of leaders to assist Andrew & Erik in coordination of this event.

We have received positive feedback from participants. I believe they will remember with pride the fact that they accomplished a planned four hour trail building project in less than two hours, the friends that they made from other parts of the State, and the public acknowledgment that they and their work are important.

Thank you again for your contribution!

Sincerely,

Mim Swartz
OYCC Staff

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ALYSON BREATHED COLLINS

August 28, 1995

Jennifer Thompson
Enviro Corp Coordinator
METRO
600 N.E. Grand Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97232

Dear Jennifer:

Emily Roth and her swat team of Enviro Corp workers came to my rescue last Wednesday, like the answer to my wildest dream. She came out to the site once, to assess what services or advice she might be able to offer. Based on my limited resources available to fix my drastically compromised hillside on Arnold Creek, Emily conceived of a plan, gathered the necessary resources and faxed me a list of equipment I needed to provide. We set a work date - they showed up on-site earlier than expected - we put on good music, my children baked cookies and Emily, Tamara and their crew of incredibly hard working, relentless and dedicated workers sweated until the job was done!

I have never experienced private sector businesses that run as efficiently, timely and professionally! Emily and your staff are a real and wonderfully valuable asset to our community. Thank you for all you do.

Best regards,

Alyson Breathed Collins

11006 SW Sixteenth Drive Portland, Oregon 97219



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December 5, 1995

Jennifer Thompson
Envirocorps
c/o East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
2115 SE Morrison
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Jennifer,

I wanted to take the time to thank you and the Envirocorps for coming through for Portland Audubon on November 24th. As you know I was at my wits end trying to find a crew to help us with setting up our Wild Arts Festival after the expected group fell through at the last minute. I sincerely appreciate your efforts in putting together the exceptional group of folks that came and helped out. There were many comments on how efficient and smoothly set-up went.

Of course, this was not the first time Envirocorps has helped Portland Audubon help the community. Your crews and individual interns have always been dependable and hard working. Rich and his crew again demonstrated this on the 24th. I applaud the Envirocorps efforts and look forward to working with you in the future!

Sincerely,

Ron Carley
Conservation Outreach Coordinator



THE UNIVERSITY OF

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OFFICE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES

November 13, 1995

Terri
Envirocorps
2115 SE Morrison
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Terri,

Oh, what a night!! Thank you very much for taking time out of your busy schedule for **Life Trek: Beyond U.P.** last Wednesday. It was a complete success, due mainly to your presence! The energy level in the lounge was very high and very positive Wednesday evening. The UP student body was able to pick up a lot of extremely useful information for making that big post-graduate decision.

Enclosed is a copy of the list of the interested students who attended the informational evening. We will follow up with these attendants and assist them in making further connections. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact the office @ (503) 283-7132.

Thank you again!!!

Sincerely

Sarah Leonard
Student Coordinator

Petria Malone
Director



METRO

November 15, 1995

To: Envirocorps Members that were at Blue Lake Wetlands

From: Lynn Wilson, Grants Coordinator

I want to take a moment and tell you how much I appreciate your efforts at the Blue Lake Wetlands on November 6 & 7. You were an outstanding group of individuals and when Jennifer told me that many of you had not worked with this age group, I was astounded. You all worked so well with those youngsters and gave them positive direction and support, that I figured this was just another day in the field for you.

The smoothness of the operation was because of your mentorship. Productivity was extremely high, over 900 plants got put in the ground because of you, individually or because of your leadership, which I really feel is the most important.

I have worked with all ages of individuals. I have been a high school Biology teacher for 13 years and this is one of the most successful outings I have experienced. And I have had a few and some very good ones. I want to send a heartfelt thank you and hope you can continue to work with us.



YWCA of Portland Centers

November 21, 1995

Envirocorps
c/o Jennifer Thompson
East Multnomah Soil Conservation District
2115 SE Morrison
Portland OR 97214

Downtown • (503) 294-7400
1111 SW 10th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97205
FAX (503) 294-7399

East County • (503) 248-5480
2900 SE 122nd Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97236
FAX (503) 248-3490

Dear Jennifer,

Northeast • (503) 721-1750
5630 NE MLK Blvd
Portland, Oregon 97211
FAX (503) 721-1751

Thank you for organizing and supervising the volunteers who painted our second floor school rooms. They look wonderful. It would have cost us approximately \$6,300 to hire a professional paint crew to do the work you and your volunteers did. Please convey our thanks to all the members of your group who were involved.

St. Johns • (503) 721-6750
8010 N Charleston
Portland, Oregon 97203
FAX (503) 721-6751

We are very grateful for your time and effort and we are grateful that you thought of us. The YWCA is always willing to work with groups to foster community involvement especially among teens. We hope you will think of involving us at your next conference.

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1111 SW 10th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97205
FAX (503) 294-7473

Westwind Site • (503) 994-2393
2353 N Three Rocks Road
Otis, Oregon 97368
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathy'.

Kathy Batz
YWCA Volunteer Coordinator

cc: Tricia Long
Oregon Commission for National and Community Service
Portland State University
369 Neuberger Hall
PO Box 751
Portland OR 97207-0751

YWCA of Portland...for the
advancement of women and
the elimination of racism and
other forms of discrimination.



METRO

October 24, 1995

Jennifer Thompson
Envirocorp

Re: Envirocorp's Contribution to Salmon Festival

Dear Jennifer,

I just wanted to take a moment to personally thank you and all the Envirocorp team members for the contribution of time and energy to the 12th Annual Salmon Festival.

As you've probably heard by now, this event equaled or exceeded our previous attendance record of 10,000. This kind of public response can create problems for an event which depends heavily on volunteers. However, this year we were able to rely on members of the Envirocorp team to provide additional assistance in a number of areas. This extra "edge" allowed us to fully respond to the added demand of so many attendees.

I personally had the opportunity to work with a number of Envirocorp volunteers in the Salmon Bake area. I was impressed by their willingness to help out on short notice. Quite frankly, we would have been in trouble on Saturday without their help.

Again, thanks to you and team members for your flexibility and dedication. Both characteristics contributed to a very successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles".

Charles Ciecko, Director
Regional Parks & Greenspaces



CITY OF GRESHAM

Department of Environmental Services
1333 N.W. Eastman Parkway
Gresham, OR 97030-3813
(503) 669-2549
FAX (503) 661-5927

May 6, 1996

Gregory E. DiLoreto
Director

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Guy Graham
Development Engineer

Parks & Recreation
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Julee Conway
Manager

Sanitary Sewer &
Wastewater Treatment
Plant Division
Gareth Ott
Manager

Stormwater Division
Mel Miracle
Manager

Transportation Division
Dave Rouse
Manager

Water Division
Dale Anderson
Manager

Office of Solid Waste &
Recycling
Lynda Kotta
Manager

Customer
Services
Lane
Manager

Office of Support Services
Shar Escudero
Manager

MAY 8 - 1996

Ms. Jennifer Thompson
EnviroCorps
2115 SE Morrison
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Jennifer,

On behalf of the City of Gresham Environmental Services, Stormwater and Parks & Recreation Divisions, I would like to thank the EnviroCorps crew for their work to make Oregon Day of Service a success. Your crews were extremely helpful during preparations and to volunteers at the event.

Rich Melo and Cheng Cha were responsible for much of the overall coordination of the project. They did a wonderful job and deserve much of the credit for the successful event. They diligently worked to develop a planting plan and order all of the planting materials for the day. Unfortunately, heavy rains the week before the big day changed some of these plans, but they quickly assessed the situation and re-evaluated the plans. The actual event ran smoothly thanks to the methodology they developed to organize the 200 volunteers.

I would again like to thank Rich, Cheng and the rest of the EnviroCorps crews for their dedication to the community and the environment.

Sincerely,

Amy Cortese
Stormwater Division

MARK O. HATFIELD
SPECIAL DISTRICTS CENTER
700 CENTER STREET N.E., SUITE 305
SALEM, OR 97301

MARK O. HATFIELD
ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER
121 S.W. SALMON STREET, SUITE 1420
PORTLAND, OR 97204

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3701

June 23, 1994

Dear Friend:

The National Community Service Act of 1993 has provided the foundation upon which the Administration and Congress created a "domestic peace corps" called AmeriCorps. In this program, young Americans will receive educational grants in exchange for their national service work.

As part of this program, the newly formed Northwest Service Academy has received support to sponsor ninety individuals eighteen years and older to work on projects which will focus on unmet needs in the Pacific Northwest. In addition to completing worthwhile projects, Academy participants will learn civic responsibility by serving their communities.

At the end of ten months of service, each participant will receive a post-service benefit of \$4,725 toward college tuition, or if they have graduated, to repay a college loan. Communities will be mobilized to address their unique needs by assistance from the federal government, which will provide \$6.00 for every \$1.00 raised from the private sector.

I believe this model holds tremendous potential for new public-private partnerships and I urge your support for the Northwest Service Academy, an Oregon/Washington program. Your participation will ensure continued education for participants and completion of important projects in our Northwest communities.

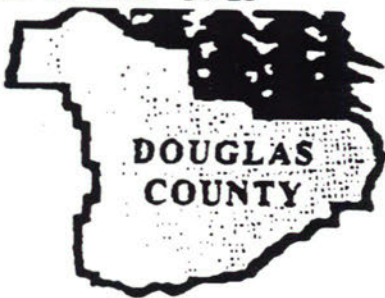
With best regards.

Sincerely,



Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator

MOH:aw



DOUG ROBERTSON JOYCE MORGAN MIKE WINTERS

1036 S.E. Douglas Ave., Room 217 • Rosburg, Oregon 97470 • (503) 440-4201

July 3, 1995

Ms. Pat McVein
Americorps
P.O. Box 158
Drain, Oregon 97435

Dear Pat:

I would like to extend my appreciation as the Chair of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and the Umpqua Regional Council of Governments for your assistance and help last week at the Ecosystem Investment Team meeting.

Your willingness to take care of the little details counts for so much on such a full-day of activity. Please accept my thanks for taking such good care of all of us at the Civic Center and helping with the dishes!

Sincerely,

Joyce Morgan
Chair, Board of Commissioners

Dear Cheng,

5-31-96

Hi how are you doing? me I am fine. Thank you for hosting me. I really appreciate it. I really learned a lot. I learned how hard this job is, and I noticed how hard you work. I really enjoyed talking to you I had a really great time. This experience meant everything to me once again
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lee Viong
R.H.S.



The Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes support the permanent protection of Smith & Bybee Lakes in recognition that natural areas are a valuable resource in an urban environment.

Friends of
Smith & Bybee
Lakes
P.O. Box 83862
Portland, OR
97203

February 27, 1996

LaMarr Cannon
Lara Utman
Envirocorps - Portland State University
Harrison Street Building
PO Box 751
Portland, OR 97207

Dear LaMarr and Lara, and the PSU Envirocorps members:

The Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes is a community based group that advocates the conservation, maintenance, restoration and enhancement of the Smith & Bybee Lakes Region as an historical remnant of the Columbia River Estuary System.

This letter is to thank you for your incredible Planting Plan and Planting Matrix for our revegetation project on the west end of Bybee Lake.

Our group is truly indebted to you for your careful planning regarding native species, the combination of deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs, and the placement of these various species to achieve maximum benefit to the plants themselves and the animals that will inhabit this area.

Your dedication to this neighborhood volunteer environmental organization is extraordinary. We can utilize your colorful planting plan as a requirement of the Bureau of Environmental Services grant that funded this planting, as well as an educational tool for schools learning about native vegetation and ecosystem maintenance and enhancement. We know that we will be able to count on you and your group to get physical and do some serious digging on March 2, our planting day. We have an ambitious 1/2 acre site to plant, and we certainly appreciate all of your assistance!

As this planting is only the first step in the reclamation of a sand fill area, our group will monitor this site throughout the coming months and years, watering, weeding and adding beaver guards; and we know that the Envirocorps students are always willing to help!

Again, thank you for all of your great work so far, and we will see you on Saturday!

Sincerely,
Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes

Anne McLoughlin
Secretary & Treasurer

3/12/19

August Macke
Gartentor/Garden Gate, 1914
Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus, München

Aus dem Kunstbuch/from the art book:
August Macke, Die Tunisreise/August Macke: Tunisia
(German edition) Prestel, München

What a team!

*Thanks for all
the help*

- * distributing posters & fliers*
- * helping with set-up*
- * greeting & welcoming visitors*
- * running the door prize table*
- * clowning & facepainting*

Thanks!!! Kati



FANS OF FANNO CREEK

MAR 19 1996

March 17, 1996

Dear Envirocorps Members;

Thank you so much for your wonderful leadership on the Fanno Creek project March 9th. The reason the project went so smoothly was because of your skills and mentorship with the community. I got a chance to hear and watch each site leader and I was once more impressed with your communications skills. It was also refreshing to know that your expertise in these kinds of projects was utilized. How nice to have you come over and say, "well, we don't have enough plants here or too many there and we need to substitute these plants because we don't have those plants...." and so forth. I love working with you all. I have never run into such a great group of people in my life, except maybe my ecology club at David Douglas...this is pretty high praise from an old biology teacher!

I hope we will have more chances to work together before your tenure is up.

Thank you for making Saturday such a great success and a positive experience for all, including myself.

Most sincerely,



Lynn Wilson
Project Manager

Roosevelt High School
Renaissance 2000
Job Shadow Program
6941 N. Central, Portland, OR. 97203
503-280-5260 x478
fax: 280-5663

To: Jennifer Thompson, *EnviroCorps*
fax: 231-2277
From: Michele Hirschhorn

Hello Jennifer,

We got a lot of positive feedback from the students hosted by Cheng Cha. The Hmong students said they were happy to have the opportunity to experience a job shadow in their native language, and to be able meet someone new. They recognized that if they want to get the job they are interested in, then they cannot afford to be lazy. They also wrote that they understood the importance of higher education, and goal planning. Lastly they wrote that working within a group is not only a vital experience, but also makes work more fun.

Thank you again for participating in the program!

Sincerely,

Michele Hirschhorn

Michele Hirschhorn
Program Assistant

Journal Entry from Lomerr Connon
EnviroCorps Full-time Member
Portland, OR

SAT
JAN 1

What A Great Day! we had both teams working together all day - we started out salvaging native plants from an area in Tualatin that was going to be bulldozed. We saved A TON of oregon grape, salal, sword fern, trailing blackberry, willow, hazelnut, oceanspray, thimbleberry, ~~the~~... We planted a bunch at the St Johns landfill easily doubling the amount of plants they had with their \$300 budget. And we still had hundreds of dollars of plants left to donate to the middle school. The rain let up when we got to the landfill and as we drove to the planting area Blue heron after Blue heron would poke its head up and fly away - we usually see one or two out there but on Saturday we saw more than 20! it was amazing to see so many of the large birds all at once, their normal habitat must have been flooded out - the Slough was very high. it felt great to do such a good job on this planting project - it was all done in one day and we really boosted the magnitude

of the project with the salvaged plants. The cover we're providing will boost the bird population and the diversity of plants will create an oasis in the grasslands - I felt like we were doing something for all those heron at the landfill on a RAINY DAY.



METRO

SEP 13 1995

Jennifer Thompson
Metro
600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Jennifer:

September 8, 1995

Enclosed you will find the final Whitaker Ponds Concept Master Plan. The Metro Council adopted the Master Plan on June 1, 1995. We had 100 copies of the Master Plan made and will notify interested citizens that they are available on a first come first served basis. We also wanted to be sure that the Whitaker Ponds project partners each have a copy.

We would like to thank you again for all that you have contributed to this project. This project provides opportunities for project partners to realize commonly shared goals for natural area protection. With the collaboration of interested project partners, natural areas like the Whitaker Ponds can be preserved for the enjoyment of generations to come.

The Final Master Plan differs in a few areas from the Draft Master Plan. Chapter IV of the Final Master Plan discusses phased implementation for the relocation of the northernmost ball field (see Pg. 38, Active Recreation, second paragraph). Chapter V now includes cost estimates for recommended site improvements (see Pg. 45). The appendix now includes public comment letters in response to the Draft Master Plan; the Metro Council Resolution adopting the Final Master Plan and additional public involvement materials.

As you may recall, environmental testing and purchase of the Klein property (junkyard on NE 47th Ave.) were the top two priorities for initial plan implementation. We are pleased to report that results from the Level I and Level II Environmental testing for the Klein property met our acquisition parameters and the property is now in Metro ownership. Clean up activities continue on the parcel thanks to assistance from the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and EnviroCorps. Other Phase 1 activities continue as Metro, in association with the City of Portland (BES) and Multnomah County, work with interested landowners to acquire other priority parcels in the Whitaker Ponds Master Plan area.

Yours truly,

Charles Ciecko, Director
Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department

Jane Hart, Project Manager

Encl.

CC:

Central NE Neighbors: Erwin Bergman

EnviroCorps: Jennifer Thompson, Barry Messer, Emily Roth, Dianna Pope, Brian White

Lakeside Little League: Karen Shade, Renee Zollitsch, Margaret Speck

Lila Wallace Readers Digest Fund: Peter Howell

Multnomah County Board of Commissioners: Commissioner Stein, Commissioner Hansen

Multnomah County Dept. of Environmental Services: Betsy Williams, Gordon Howard

Multnomah County Drainage District #1: Tim Hayford

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife: Kin Daily, Al Smith

Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation: Rod Brobeck, Kim MacColl, Marcia Hartman

Pacific Power and Light Co.: Debbie Fellman

Portland Public Schools: Dr. John Bierwirth, Pamela Brown, Sally Creasman, Edna Mae Pittman

Portland Bur. of Environmental Serv.: Cathryn Collis, Dave Kleiwer, Chee Choy, Liane Scull

Portland Parks and Recreation: Dave Yamashita, Jim Sjulín

Trust for Public Land: Bowen Blair, Jim Desmond

Urban League of Portland: Tahja Jackson

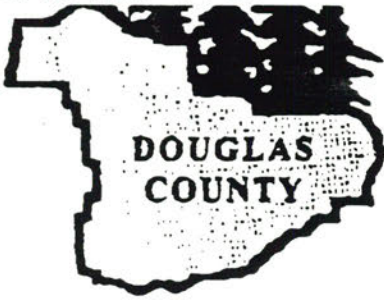
Note: The copies I gave you are to be shared
with EnviroCorp sponsors & members. Barry
Messer & Emily will receive their own copies.
Limited complimentary copies are
being distributed to partners. Jane

11-9-95

DEAR TERRI,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
AND SPIRIT LAST NIGHT AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND. YOUR
PERSPECTIVE FROM WORKING IN A
PROGRAM IS VITAL TO OUR OUTREACH.
THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION.

BEST WISHES AND I WILL BE
IN TOUCH. KEEP UP THE GOOD
WORK — *David*



DOUG ROBERTSON JOYCE MORGAN MIKE WINTERS

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July 3, 1995

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Morgan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Joyce Morgan
Chair, Board of Commissioners



METRO

To: Jennifer Thompson and EnviroCorps
From: Ann Ishimaru *Ami*
Re: Smith and Bybee Lakes Day
Date: 5/2/95

Thanks to the efforts and commitment of so many dedicated people like you, Smith and Bybee Lakes Day was an outstanding event. I have had many comments about the high educational value of the stations, the outstanding work of the students, and how much fun visiting kids had seeing native wildlife, fishing, and participating in the hands-on stations. The mural and banners were much admired by visitors, many of whom were surprised to discover they had been painted by middle school students. And even the weather decided to cooperate for the duration of the event (I heard that elsewhere in the city it was pouring rain)...

Smith and Bybee Lakes Day was such a success this year that it looks as though it will become an annual event. As such, any suggestions or changes for next year would be very welcome. Please feel free to call me at 797-1886 with your comments.

I think we succeeded in helping people to explore the many opportunities for enjoying Smith and Bybee lakes and even opened the door for some people who had never been to the area before. Thanks again for your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm!

Ann

*The EnviroCorps folks
were INDISPENSABLE! Please
let them know they are
greatly appreciated for all their
various helps!
Thank you for all your work
putting the pieces together to
playing rubber stamps with me!
etc*

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Steering Committee Agencies

*****April 25, 1995

- AmeriCorps*VISTA
- Cascade Education Corps
- EnviroCorps
- Kennedy Middle School
- Looking Glass Job Center
- Northwest Service Academy
- Oregon Commission on Children and Families
- Oregon Commission for National and Community Service
- Oregon Department of Education
- Food Bank
- Oregon Youth Conservation Corps
- OSU Extension Service
- North Portland Youth Conservation Corps
- Synergo
- The Oregon Governors' School
- The Volunteer Center

April 27, 1995

Ms. Jennifer Thompson
 c/o EnviroCorps
 Portland METRO
 NE Grand Avenue
 Portland, Oregon 97212

Dear Jennifer:

Just a note to thank you for your help in orchestrating the McDonald's Farm project for National Day of Service on Tuesday. It sounds like your site in Corbett accommodated lots of people. I can't wait to see the photos and/or video!

I am enclosing some leftover buttons -- I'd appreciate it if you would pass these along to your AmeriCorps members (and to anyone else who would like one!) There were a few YSA* tee shirts but they disappeared in a hurry. I'm checking with their D.C. headquarters to see if we might get our hands on more.

In the meantime, I'm enclosing a copy of the Project Evaluation form. I would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to complete the sheet and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Thank you again for your help. And if you are ever on campus, I hope you will stop by the Commission Office so that we can meet.

Yours truly,



Kate Clinton-Jacky
 Special Projects Coordinator

*Youth Service America

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... BECAUSE NO ONE SHOULD BE HUNGRY

December 9, 1994

Mr. Mark Berkland
State Conservationist
USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service
1835 Assembly Street, Room 950
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the work performed by the Americorps Greenwood No. Two Volunteer team. Initially, I had submitted a proposal for the Americorps volunteers to code SCDHEC's water classifications on hardcopy maps of the state's stream system for a nine county area. I had anticipated this work effort would take approximately three to four weeks. Work was to begin October 17, 1994, with a completion date of November 17th. The team finished the initial task within a week's time and continued to complete the water classification coding for the entire state. The process incorporated a rigorous quality assurance/quality control program that the volunteers adhered to diligently. In addition, the team labeled and sleeved 2,000 photographs associated with our National Aerial Photography Program, indexed and inventoried hundreds of topographic maps, keyed in historic data on our state's water classifications and accompanied staff field biologists on sampling expeditions.

For each team member their week consisted of traveling one day to the SCDHEC's Central office in Columbia to key in data and assist in GIS coding, one day travel to meet with the field biologist for sampling, two days in the Greenwood Office for stream map coding and on their 'Free Friday' cleared and developed nature trails and erected fences at an Earth Education Resource Center in Laurens. Days began at 8:00 sharp and whether they were traveling from Augusta, Laurens or Greenwood, all volunteers arrived at the various work locations promptly. The Americorps volunteers were always professional and enthusiastic about their work, maintaining a wonderful sense of humor even when tasks became difficult or tedious. Each volunteer was a joy to work with and I cannot overstate how appreciative SCDHEC is of being the recipient of the work produced from the volunteer's effort. I believe the Americorps Program has established a wonderful beginning with this initial effort from the Greenwood Office and I wish the program continued success with future endeavors. You can be proud of the work the Greenwood No. Two team has accomplished. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to have been associated with the Americorps Program.

Sincerely yours,


Jeannie Pickett Eidson
Environmental Quality Manager

cc: Wally Turner, USDA-NRCS
Jim Wilson, USDA, Americorps Coordinator
Russ Sherer, SCDHEC WPC Bureau Chief
Glenn Trofatter, SCDHEC WPC Division Director
Dave Payne, SCDHEC WPC Section Manager
Americorps Greenwood No. Two Team

RIFF
COUNTY



O. DUDLEY RUSHTON

TELEPHONE: (803) 445-2112
(803) 445-2116

205 E. CHURCH ST. • SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

January 20, 1995

Mark W. Berkland
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
135 Assembly Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Sir;

As Sheriff of Saluda County and being in charge of the Jail and Dispatch Services for the Sheriff's Office, The Saluda Police Department, The Ridge Spring Police Department, Nine(9) Fire Departments in the county along with having to communicate with State Highway Patrol through the Greenwood District Office as well The Department of Social Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the local Department of Probation-Parole and Pardon Services, and local Wildlife officers through Edgefield Wildlife, no one realize the importance of more than I.

I have found that there is a lot of preliminary work to be done before 911 can become a reality. this is not only time consuming, but also expensive. this created a problem, as I was not sure where this money or the qualified personnel would come from to undertake such an enormous and tedious task.

Fortunately however, I was informed by our Chamber of Commerce of an organization called AmeriCorps and the services they offer. This has been a blessing to us. The job these young people have done has been very professional. We are not only very pleased with their work but also impressed with the way it was done.

To you Sir and AmeriCorps we are forever greatful.

Sincerely,

Dudley Rushton
Sheriff Dudley Rushton

DR/mrw



February 6, 1995

Mark W. Berkland
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
1835 Assembly Street
Columbia SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland:

On behalf of the Saluda County Chamber of Commerce, I wish to express my thanks to the NRCS for their assistance in allowing us the opportunity to witness firsthand the services of AmeriCorps volunteers in our community from January 3 through January 25th.

The Newberry I team; Diggs Hill, Abbe Gage, Karen Kinard, Madeline Cislo, and John E. Morgan III exhibited sunny attitudes, abundant energy, and a willingness to work that will be hard to match by anyone else. Their work was so extremely significant to our project here for the implementation of the "911" program.

The team divided the county, researched information and gathered data, physically visited and inventoried every road in the county and prepared maps showing the location of homes, hazards, roads, etc. They developed spread sheet information identifying five fire districts in the county and computerized all the data. The information will now be assembled into revised maps of the county which will be distributed to the emergency and law enforcement personnel. The AmeriCorps Newberry I team touched the lives of every resident of Saluda County with their work in a very short time, and we truly appreciate having met and known them all.

We do look forward to seeing our friends again soon. Please extend our thanks for an excellent job! A photo is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Carol S. Williams
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

c Mr. Dan Guy
District Conservationist, Saluda County

South Carolina Department of
Natural Resources



February 9, 1995
205 Yosemite Drive
Greenwood, S.C. 29649

James A. Timmerman, Jr., Ph.D.
Director
W. Brock Conrad, Jr.
Deputy Director for
**Wildlife and
Freshwater Fisheries**

Mr. Mark Berkland, State Conservationist
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
1850 Assembly Street
Strom Thurmond Building, Room 950
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland:

I would like to thank you and your staff, especially Jim Wilson, for the assistance provided to Wildlife Management Region II, S. C. Department of Natural Resources, by the Greenwood 1 AmeriCorps team. The team was eager and enthusiastic and, other than initial instructions, went about their tasks with little need for supervision by my staff. They posted about 100 miles of Wildlife Management Area boundary with about 900 signs, coded over 3,000 deer data cards, and used GPS technology to obtain location and size information on 30 of our permanent wildlife openings. Along with our personnel they helped in control burning about 300 acres to improve wildlife habitat and erected 24 new wood duck nest boxes.

The members of team, Chris Bever, Angi Paulus, Susan Miller, Sherell Stevens and Chad Weston, showed considerable interest in and appreciation for the wildlife resources of the area, even though their career choices lay in other fields. Hopefully their brief exposure will help them be more aware of the need for natural resource conservation as they pursue their careers.

I am hopeful that we will be able to obtain the assistance of another AmeriCorps team either later this year or in future years. Their help will make a significant impact on our ability to more effectively management the wildlife resources of the area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert W. Gooding".

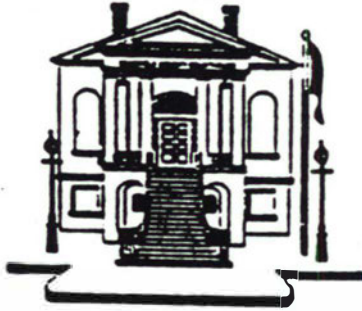
Robert W. Gooding
Regional Wildlife Biologist

cc: Tim Ivey

Edgefield County Tax Collector

Mr. Mark Berkland
Mr. Jim Wilson

Linda B. Priest
Tax Collector



SUITE 203
129 Courthouse Square
EDGEFIELD, SOUTH CAROLINA 29824
(803) 637-4068

FEBRUARY 16, 1995

MR. MARK BERKLAND
STATE CONSERVATIONIST
USDA-NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
COLUMBIA, SC 29201

DEAR MR. BERKLAND:

THIS LETTER IS TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK PERFORMED BY THE AMERICORP TEAM IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY. THE AMERICORP VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR COUNTY CONSISTED OF CHAD WESTON, ANGI PAULUS, CHRIS BEVER, SHERRELL STEVENS AND SUSAN MILLER.

THEY DID A ROAD INVENTORY TO HELP US IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 911 SYSTEM HERE. THERE HAD BEEN NO ACCURATE RECORDS UPDATED AS TO ALL ROADS AND ROAD NAMES IN OUR COUNTY IN A LONG TIME. DUE TO THEIR EFFORTS, WE NOW ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE NAMING OF ROADS.

OUR TEAM HAD A VERY PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZED OUTLOOK ON THE PROJECT. THERE WAS NEVER A DAY THAT WENT BY THAT THEY WERE NOT A BLESSING TO US.

PERSONALLY, I CAME TO KNOW EACH PERSONALITY TRAIT AND I HOPE WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE A LASTING FRIENDSHIP BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY DEAR FRIENDS TO ME.

IN APPRECIATION FOR EDGEFIELD COUNTY AND THE 911 PROGRAM, I SAY "THANK YOU".

SINCERLY,

Linda

LINDA PRIEST AND MIKE CASEY
E911 COORDINATORS FOR
EDGEFIELD COUNTY

CC: MS. MARTHA RICH, ACTING CO. ADM.
MR. JIM WILSON, AMERICORPS COORDINATOR
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June 14, 1995

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William W. Culler, Director
Division of Solid Waste Management

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Forest Lake Elementary School

6801 BROOKFIELD ROAD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29206

OF THE PRINCIPAL

PHONE: 803-782-0470

April 21, 1995

Mr. Mark Berkland
USDA NRCS
1835 Assembly Street, Room 950
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland:

On behalf of the entire Forest Lake Elementary community, I would like to thank your Americore Volunteers, Madeline Cislo, Diggs Hall, and Karen Kinard. These students made our School Improvement Council's Beautification Project a reality. Their hard work has begun the process of creating an outdoor learning environment for our community of learners.

Our students will benefit from the positive role modeling of these fine college students. Everyone involved with Forest Lake has admired the efforts of the Americore Volunteers. Neighbors have already inquired about how they can contribute their own time and talents to continue the development of an outdoor classrooms. Our vision is now becoming a reality and the involvement of everyone is critical to the success of our dreams.

Again, thank you for providing these excellent students to Forest Lake Elementary School. We truly appreciate their contribution to our community.

Sincerely,

Martha R. Roberts

Martha R. Roberts
Principal





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Department of
Agriculture

Natural
Resources
Conservation
Service

301 University Ridge
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Walley Turner
ASTC (P)

FROM: Dave Demarest *DWD/sh*
Urban Resources Conservationist

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DWD:sh
cc: Jimmy Sanders
Sherrell Stevens/Team Leader G1



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
COWPENS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD
POST OFFICE BOX 308
CHESNEE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29323

*Wally who
is on this
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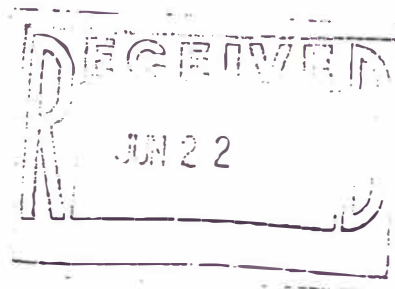
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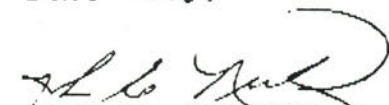
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Presents this

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to

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AMERICORPS RURAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM

for bringing Americans together to strengthen our communities. Faced with apathy, you have taken action. Faced with conflict, you sought common ground. Faced with adversity, you persevered. May you carry this commitment with you this year and always.

May 4, 1996



August Krickel, Chairman
South Carolina Commission on National and Community Service

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National Trust for Historic Preservation Drayton Hall

January 2, 1996

Mr. Mark W. Birkland
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Strom Thurmond Federal Building
1835 Assembly Room 950
Columbia, S. C. 29201

*Sherell, Erik
Meredith & Doug
Thanks for the good
work. It is much
appreciated. I'm proud
to have people like
you associated
with NRCS!*

JAN - 4 1996

*cc: Melly
Steve
Dwayne*

Dear Mr. Berkland,

I wish to congratulate you and your organization for the work you have been able to accomplish utilizing the Americorps volunteers. We've had many experiences with the Americorps Organization via the National Civilian Community Corps as well as the Americorps group under your agency's sponsorship.

Drayton Hall is a 625 acre site owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which owns about 125 acres including an 18th century Palladian style mansion house in virtually original condition, and the State of South Carolina which owns the balance of the land which is kept as a buffer for development and to provide passive recreational opportunities to the visiting public. You might guess that we operate on a very limited budget and have many pressures and tasks to deal with at a property which sees approximately 60,000 visitors a year come through the gate.

We requested assistance from your agency to do a drainage and topographical features survey along the main road and other key areas of the property. The group led by Sherell Stevens and including Erik Greene, Meredith Mauldin, and Doug Mclean performed their work in a professional and efficient manner. They had very capable guidance in the project from Mr. Steve Edwards in your Walterboro office and from Dwayne Mangum in the Charleston office. As mentioned, the project was to identify key drainage features and patterns on the property. This survey has helped us to target our efforts to correct existing drainage problems and to help us plan future projects along the property's main road. The team was required to learn from scratch how to use surveying equipment, orient themselves on a landscape, record and finally to plot results of the survey onto a usable map of the property. They did each of these things quite well especially considering their inexperience with surveying prior to their arrival on this site!

3380 Ashley River Road
Charleston, S.C. 29414
(803) 766-0188 / FAX (803) 766-0878

Drayton Hall is a museum property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and of the state of South Carolina.

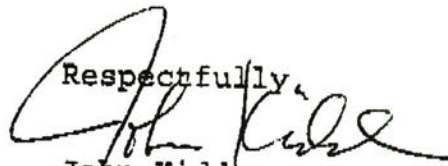
In addition to the tangible value a survey such as this has, this project has helped us to identify features which we may not have otherwise. They came upon what I believe are railroad ties from a railroad transport system for phosphates mined on the property. We know there was a rail system, but don't know the exact route it traveled. This was a chance find to be sure, but the survey they performed will help us to better understand the lay of the land and how it has changed or been manipulated over the last 3 centuries of Drayton family ownership.

Again, I must commend this group and the Americorps program for taking on a project which we needed to have accomplished, but which we had neither the expertise nor the funds to do ourselves.

I'd like to express my gratitude to the group as a whole and to each member individually. Sherell for her capable leadership and organization, to Erik for his attention to detail and drafting skill, to Meridith for her professional attitude and pleasant demeanor, and to Doug for his great attitude and sense of humor. They each made a contribution to the success of this project and to the pleasure we had hosting them for the week they were here.

This was a fine group, yours is an important organization which does valuable work for all of us.

Respectfully,



John Kidder
Superintendent



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge
Route 2, Box 330
McBee, South Carolina 29101



**COPY FOR YOUR
INFORMATION**

December 7, 1995

Mr. Wylie T. Owens
300 Russell Street
Room 209
Darlington, SC 29532

Dear Mr. Owens:

I wanted to send you a letter and thank you for allowing the AmeriCorps group to work on the refuge. Frankly, I was amazed at the amount of work that these four dedicated individuals were able to perform in two weeks.

Due to the Federal Government shutdown we were able to provide only minimal checks (usually once daily) with the crew, but they were very self sufficient and motivated. I think this is an excellent program and I would love to have a team on the refuge for a year.

I am enclosing another proposal in case you need more projects this winter or spring. Thanks once again for allowing us to use this excellent crew.

Sincerely,

Richard P. Ingram
Refuge Manager



December 14, 1995

Mr. Mark Berkland
State Conservation
USDA-NRCS
Room 950
1835 Assembly Street
Columbia, S. C. 29201

*John -
Congratulations to you
and your group on a
job well done! Keep up
the good work.
cc: Wally
Wally*

Dear Mr. Berkland:

I am writing you this letter to let you know how pleased West Florence High School is with the job that John Morgan of Americorps did with our pond project. Our teachers and students are very much enjoying the outdoor classroom that John and his group built for us. They worked very hard the three weeks they were with us clearing trees and brush and identifying wildlife and plants in the area.

John was an excellent group leader and public relations person. He made us a wonderful notebook illustrating our pond area and all that it offers.

John was a pleasure to work with. We wish he could have stayed longer.

Sincerely,

Pam Quick

Pam Quick
Assistant Principal

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To <i>Wally Toland</i>	From <i>Ray PSC</i>
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Blackville Communitywide Downtown Development Association (BCDDA)



May 2, 1995

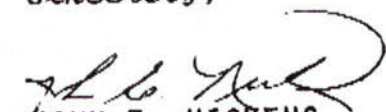
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City of Bennettsville

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
803 479-9001 P. O. BOX 1036
Bennettsville, South Carolina 29512

December 28, 1995

Mr. Mark Berkland,
State Conservationist
1835 Assembly Street, Room 950
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland:

I would like to express the City's thanks to the AmeriCorp Team (Wilbert Kennedy, Chris Bever, and Joan Bethea) for their work in Bennettsville. The members were very professional in their demeanor and the presentation of their work. The City has benefited from their work with us, and they did all that was asked of them.

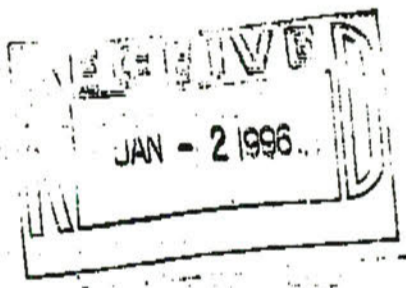
The AmeriCorps program is a good one for the participating agencies as well as the members. If the program continues, public agencies may be able to put more thought into relevant projects for these young people to assist with. Once again, thanks and best wishes. I am--

Sincerely,

Damon L. Sanders,
Bennettsville Planning & Zoning

*Wilbert, Chris & Joan -
Congratulations on a
job well done! We are
proud to have you
associated with NRCS!
Mark Sanders*

cc: wally



SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST "GREAT" TOWN
"Governor's Rural Economic Achievement Trophy"

Mally *MB*

Cottageville Elementary School

P.O. BOX 208
Cottageville, S.C. 29435
803-835-5716

Daniel D. Green
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Mark W. Berkland
Strom Thurmond Federal Building
1835 Assembly Street
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Columbia, SC 29201
February 23, 1996

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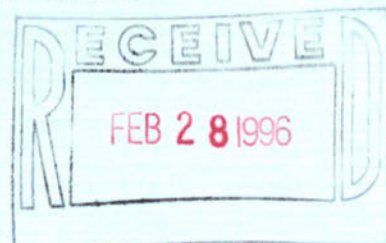
I am writing to commend the team of Americorp workers who helped us on our Outdoor Learning Center. The finished product that we have as a result of their efforts is impeccable. Their work and craftsmanship have breathed new life into a project that was snailing along. The team, under the leadership of Sherell Stevens, was friendly, courteous, professional and quite effective. I want to thank them for building to our needs. Our Eagle Trail will thrive thanks to the help of Americorp.

While I was working in the outdoor classroom on Thursday with my class, I found it to be quite a coincidence that a team appointed for community help is building on the foundation of a community project appointed by president Roosevelt in the 1940's. This is kind of like history repeating itself right here in Cottageville with president help groups.

Sincerely,

John E. Cobb
John E. Cobb

Daniel D. Green
Daniel D. Green



Blythewood Middle School
2351 Longtown Road
Blythewood, South Carolina 29016

Office of the Principal

July 8, 1996

Mr. Mark Berkland
State Conservationist
Natural Resource Conservation Service
1835 Assembly Street, Room 950
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland:

The Americorps team, led by Kim Gundler, which recently completed a two-week activity at Blythewood Middle School provided an invaluable service. Their efficiency and professionalism were beyond my expectations. The resource guide they provided will ensure effective use of the property for environmental studies in all disciplines.

Americorps works. We surely look forward to future opportunities to work with dedicated young people such as those on this team.

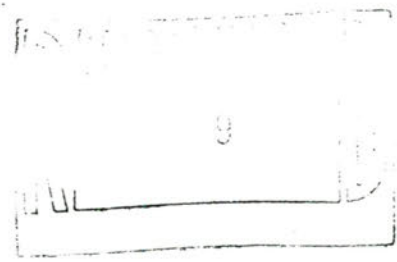
Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Americorps and the service it provides.

Very truly yours,

Jo Hecker
Jo Hecker, Principal

/fj

*The Americorps team did well!
I appreciate their work.
I hope you are proud
of your team.
I will make me proud
to be associated with people
and with quality employees.
The rest of the team
Wally
Keith*





Richland School District Two Child Development Centers

7900 Brookmont Lane

Columbia, South Carolina 29203

(803) 935-0123

May 1, 1996

Mr. Keith Cain
East Piedmont RC&D
414A South Congress St.
Winnsboro, S.C. 29180

Dear Mr. Cain:

The purpose of this letter is to commend the AmeriCorps volunteers who worked with the Richland Two Child Development program. These volunteers presented individual lessons to our young students based upon The Second Step Violence Prevention Curriculum. They also helped each child write and illustrate their own booklets related to the curriculum. In addition these volunteers helped to beautify the school setting by planting a flower garden.

The enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism exhibited by our volunteers was exceptional. The entire faculty has expressed their overwhelming support for this project. We look forward to the possibility of working with AmeriCorp volunteers again in the future. Thank you for sending us such a great group of young people!

Sincerely,

Sandra Euster, Ph.D
Principal

SE:lw



The Town of Cheraw

*To: Chris, Wilbert, Joan & John
congratulations on yet
another job well done!
Mark*

May 28, 1996

Mr. Mark Berkland
NRCS State Conservationist
1835 Assembly Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

cc: Walsh

Dear Mark:

The Town of Cheraw recently used the Americorps team from Darlington to complete a couple of projects and was pleasantly surprised at the quickness and professional manner in which they were completed.

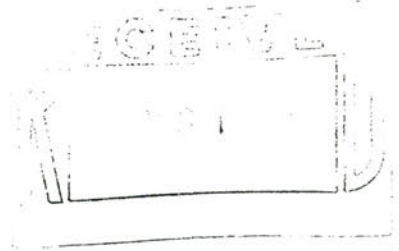
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The Americorps program is a very valuable tool for local governments and projects like the ones we had done enables them to save valuable tax dollars which is so critical these days. The Town of Cheraw is very grateful for these young men and women and hope the program will be funded for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Mike Smith

Mike Smith
Community Development Director



WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL
 117 Branch Street
 P.O. Box 848
 Abbeville, S.C. 29620

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Douglas	---	---	---

Henry Madden
 Principal

From: Berkland (803) 459-5998

Date: _____

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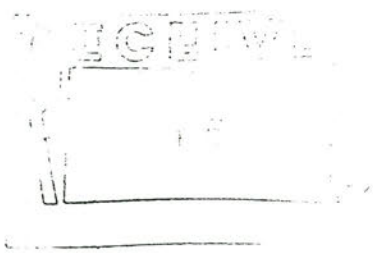
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In addition to the fine work turned in by Americorps, each member of the team has gone beyond the expected to involve the school in the projects and to answer all questions. Students, teachers, and administrators were always made to feel welcome and at ease when they were with the teams. Americorps has certainly been a big plus for our school.

Thanks again for everything. We will always be very grateful and appreciative for the projects made possible by Americorps.

Respectfully,

Henry Madden
 Henry Madden





TOWN OF LYNCHBURG

P.O. \angle 14,

LYNCHBURG, SC 29080

(803) 437-2933

Fax (803) 437-2983

MAYOR
Clifton Jefferson

July 3, 1996

SC T45A 4 E090

SFA-AmeriCorps
1927 Thurmond Mall
Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29127
ATTN: Mr. Robert Eaddy

Dear Sir;

It is with pleasure that I write to you expressing our Thanks for a job well done by the team that was sent to the Town of Lynchburg.

The team worked very well in painting the inside of the Quola Building which will be housing our Police Department soon. We will let you know when the Building is complete. The team also painted and cleaned around seventy three (73) fire hydrants, which they done an excellent job.

We truly enjoyed having them in our Town and their company was much to enjoy. We thank you so very much for your assistance.

Your in Christ

Rev. Carnes Duren, Jr.

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Freedom Florence
P.O. Box 12638
Florence, SC
29504

National Day Of Service Project

Mr. John Rogers
FSA AmeriCorps
Florence, S.C.

Just a brief note to inform you that the trees planted during the FSA AmeriCorps National Day of Service are doing just fine. The crabapple tree planted for the victims of the Oklahoma bombing is really doing well.

These trees are adding a much needed boost to the continuing landscape and beautification of Freedom Florence Recreation Complex. I know that in later years when the smaller trees have attained more height, the sight of all those beautiful trees should be breathtaking.

Again, thank you so much for choosing Freedom Florence for the site of the National Day of Service conducted by FSA AmeriCorps.

Sincerely,

Phil Gardner, Director
Freedom Florence Recreation Complex



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
COWPENS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD
POST OFFICE BOX 308
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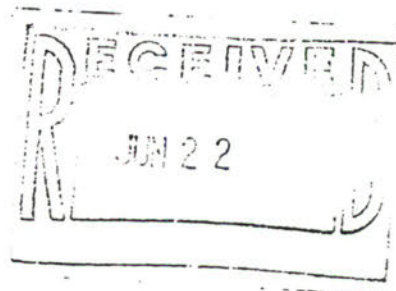
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Blackville Communitywide Downtown Development Association (BCDDA)



May 2, 1995

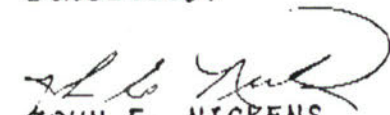
Ms Jacqueline Porter
Americorp Representative
213 N. Lartigue Street
Blackville, SC 29817

Dear Ms Porter,

I would like to commend you for all the hard work you've done within the Blackville communitywide area as an Americorp member. Your assistance to our organization in the local community has been like a guiding light out of a dark tunnel. Your expertise has assisted individuals in our community in such areas as housing, rural development, creating public and private ventures for adults as well as our youth, and avenues for low interest loans to established businesses and future businesses. The spirit of this community has changed from "just wait and see" to "we can create and improve for ourselves." I'm sure that this "spirit" has a lot to do with your desire and drive for progress in this community.

Your dedication and desire to help the community is to be commended by all who know you. Myself and the BCDDA would like to say "thank you and keep up the good work!"

Sincerely,


JOHN E. NICKENS
President, BCDDA



Forest Lake Elementary School

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April 21, 1995

Mr. Mark Berkland
USDA NRCS
1835 Assembly Street, Room 950
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland:

On behalf of the entire Forest Lake Elementary community, I would like to thank your Americore Volunteers, Madeline Cislo, Diggs Hall, and Karen Kinard. These students made our School Improvement Council's Beautification Project a reality. Their hard work has begun the process of creating an outdoor learning environment for our community of learners.

Our students will benefit from the positive role modeling of these fine college students. Everyone involved with Forest Lake has admired the efforts of the Americore Volunteers. Neighbors have already inquired about how they can contribute their own time and talents to continue the development of an outdoor classrooms. Our vision is now becoming a reality and the involvement of everyone is critical to the success of our dreams.

Again, thank you for providing these excellent students to Forest Lake Elementary School. We truly appreciate their contribution to our community.

Sincerely,



Martha R. Roberts
Principal



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March 30, 1995

Ms Jacqueline Porter
205 Izlar Street
Blackville, SC 29817

Dear Ms Porter:

I would like to commend you on your work for the Blackville community as an Americorp volunteer. After reading your letter concerning services for HIV positive citizens, I contacted Ms Debra Dicks of the Barnwell City Health Department. The following is a list of services Ms Dicks indicated are available for citizens of the area:

- Pre-test Counseling regarding what HIV is;
- Counseling on being HIV positive once a test is positive, including counseling about health factors and lifestyle behaviors;
- Counseling on the AIDS disease once a second lab test indicates HIV positive status;
- Questioning on whether the client has a private medical provider and/or health insurance;
- A client is then referred to an HIV case manager who is in the district. Case management is based on individual need and is funded by Ryan White funding that just recently became available;
- Help in filling out disability of Medicaid form;
- Referrals to other departments, such as the South Carolina Mental Health Department, which also provide services for HIV positive individuals; the HIV Consortium; and given information on private counseling groups (located in Aiken, South Carolina);
- At the choice of the client, follow up lab work regarding T-4 counts can be performed by the Health Department. This work is based on availability.

Edgefield County Tax Collector

Linda B. Priest
Tax Collector



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129 Courthouse Square
EDGEFIELD, SOUTH CAROLINA 29824
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FEBRUARY 16, 1995

MR. MARK BERKLAND
STATE CONSERVATIONIST
USDA-NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
COLUMBIA, SC 29201

DEAR MR. BERKLAND:

THIS LETTER IS TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK PERFORMED BY THE AMERICORP TEAM IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY. THE AMERICORP VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR COUNTY CONSISTED OF CHAD WESTON, ANGI PAULUS, CHRIS BEVER, SHERRELL STEVENS AND SUSAN MILLER.

THEY DID A ROAD INVENTORY TO HELP US IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 911 SYSTEM HERE. THERE HAD BEEN NO ACCURATE RECORDS UPDATED AS TO ALL ROADS AND ROAD NAMES IN OUR COUNTY IN A LONG TIME. DUE TO THEIR EFFORTS, WE NOW ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE NAMING OF ROADS.

OUR TEAM HAD A VERY PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZED OUTLOOK ON THE PROJECT. THERE WAS NEVER A DAY THAT WENT BY THAT THEY WERE NOT A BLESSING TO US.

PERSONALLY, I CAME TO KNOW EACH PERSONALITY TRAIT AND I HOPE WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE A LASTING FRIENDSHIP BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY DEAR FRIENDS TO ME.

IN APPRECIATION FOR EDGEFIELD COUNTY AND THE 911 PROGRAM, I SAY "THANK YOU".

SINCERLY,

Linda

LINDA PRIEST AND MIKE CASEY
E911 COORDINATORS FOR
EDGEFIELD COUNTY

CC: MS. MARTHA RICH, ACTING CO. ADM.
MR. JIM WILSON, AMERICORP'S COORDINATOR
MR. CHAD WESTON, AMERICORP VOLUNTEER

South Carolina Department of

Natural Resources



February 9, 1995
205 Yosemite Drive
Greenwood, S.C. 29649

James A. Timmerman, Jr., Ph.D.
Director
W. Brock Conrad, Jr.
Deputy Director for
**Wildlife and
Freshwater Fisheries**

Mr. Mark Berkland, State Conservationist
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
1850 Assembly Street
Strom Thurmond Building, Room 950
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland:

I would like to thank you and your staff, especially Jim Wilson, for the assistance provided to Wildlife Management Region II, S. C. Department of Natural Resources, by the Greenwood 1 AmeriCorps team. The team was eager and enthusiastic and, other than initial instructions, went about their tasks with little need for supervision by my staff. They posted about 100 miles of Wildlife Management Area boundary with about 900 signs, coded over 3,000 deer data cards, and used GPS technology to obtain location and size information on 30 of our permanent wildlife openings. Along with our personnel they helped in control burning about 300 acres to improve wildlife habitat and erected 24 new wood duck nest boxes.

The members of team, Chris Bever, Angi Paulus, Susan Miller, Sherell Stevens and Chad Weston, showed considerable interest in and appreciation for the wildlife resources of the area, even though their career choices lay in other fields. Hopefully their brief exposure will help them be more aware of the need for natural resource conservation as they pursue their careers.

I am hopeful that we will be able to obtain the assistance of another AmeriCorps team either later this year or in future years. Their help will make a significant impact on our ability to more effectively management the wildlife resources of the area.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Gooding
Regional Wildlife Biologist

cc: Tim Ivey



The Saluda County



Chamber of Commerce

NEW RANGE
SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

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February 6, 1995

Mark W. Berkland
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
1835 Assembly Street
Columbia SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland:

On behalf of the Saluda County Chamber of Commerce, I wish to express my thanks to the NRCS for their assistance in allowing us the opportunity to witness firsthand the services of AmeriCorps volunteers in our community from January 3 through January 25th.

The Newberry I team; Diggs Hill, Abbe Gage, Karen Kinard, Madeline Cislo, and John E. Morgan III exhibited sunny attitudes, abundant energy, and a willingness to work that will be hard to match by anyone else. Their work was so extremely significant to our project here for the implementation of the "911" program.

The team divided the county, researched information and gathered data, physically visited and inventoried every road in the county and prepared maps showing the location of homes, hazards, roads, etc. They developed spread sheet information identifying five fire districts in the county and computerized all the data. The information will now be assembled into revised maps of the county which will be distributed to the emergency and law enforcement personnel. The AmeriCorps Newberry I team touched the lives of every resident of Saluda County with their work in a very short time, and we truly appreciate having met and known them all.

We do look forward to seeing our friends again soon. Please extend our thanks for an excellent job! A photo is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Carol S. Williams
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

c Mr. Dan Guy
District Conservationist, Saluda County

RIFF
COUNTY



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205 E. CHURCH ST. • SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

January 20, 1995

Mark W. Berkland
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
135 Assembly Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Sir;

As Sheriff of Saluda County and being in charge of the Jail and Dispatch Services for the Sheriff's Office, The Saluda Police Department, The Ridge Spring Police Department, Nine(9) Fire Departments in the county along with having to communicate with State Highway Patrol through the Greenwood District Office as well The Department of Social Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the local Department of Probation-Parole and Pardon Services, and local Wildlife officers through Edgefield Wildlife, no one realize the importance of more than I.

I have found that there is a lot of preliminary work to be done before 911 can become a reality. this is not only time consuming, but also expensive. this created a problem, as I was not sure where this money or the qualified personnel would come from to undertake such an enormous and tedious task.

Fortunately however, I was informed by our Chamber of Commerce of an organization called AmeriCorps and the services they offer. This has been a blessing to us. The job these young people have done has been very professional. We are not only very pleased with their work but also impressed with the way it was done.

To you Sir and AmeriCorps we are forever grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dudley Rushton".

Sheriff Dudley Rushton

JDR/erw

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MELLETTE/TODD RESOURCE COORDINATION PROJECT
P.O. BOX I
WHITE RIVER, SOUTH DAKOTA 57579

April 26, 1996

NRCS Americorp
314 South Henry St. Suite 300
P.O. Box 1258
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-1258

Dear Americorp Team:

The Mellette and Todd County Conservation Districts would like to express our sincere appreciation for your participation at the Environmental (Water Quality) Fair. Without dedicated individuals such as yourself these programs could not be successful.

This is my last year for the fair, and it is my hope that you will continue to provide your area of expertise to whoever coordinates the future fairs. They are such a wonderful way for students to learn about protecting our environment.

Thanks again,

Sena Lauritsen

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