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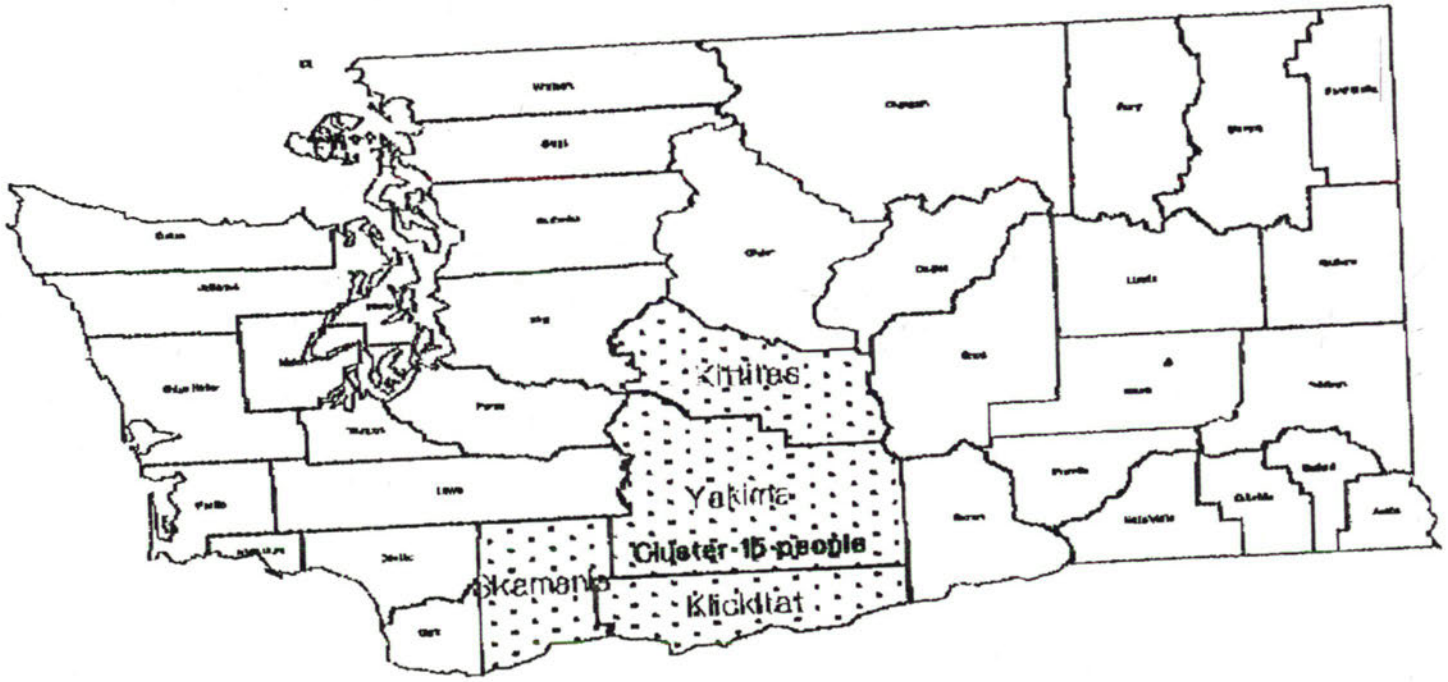

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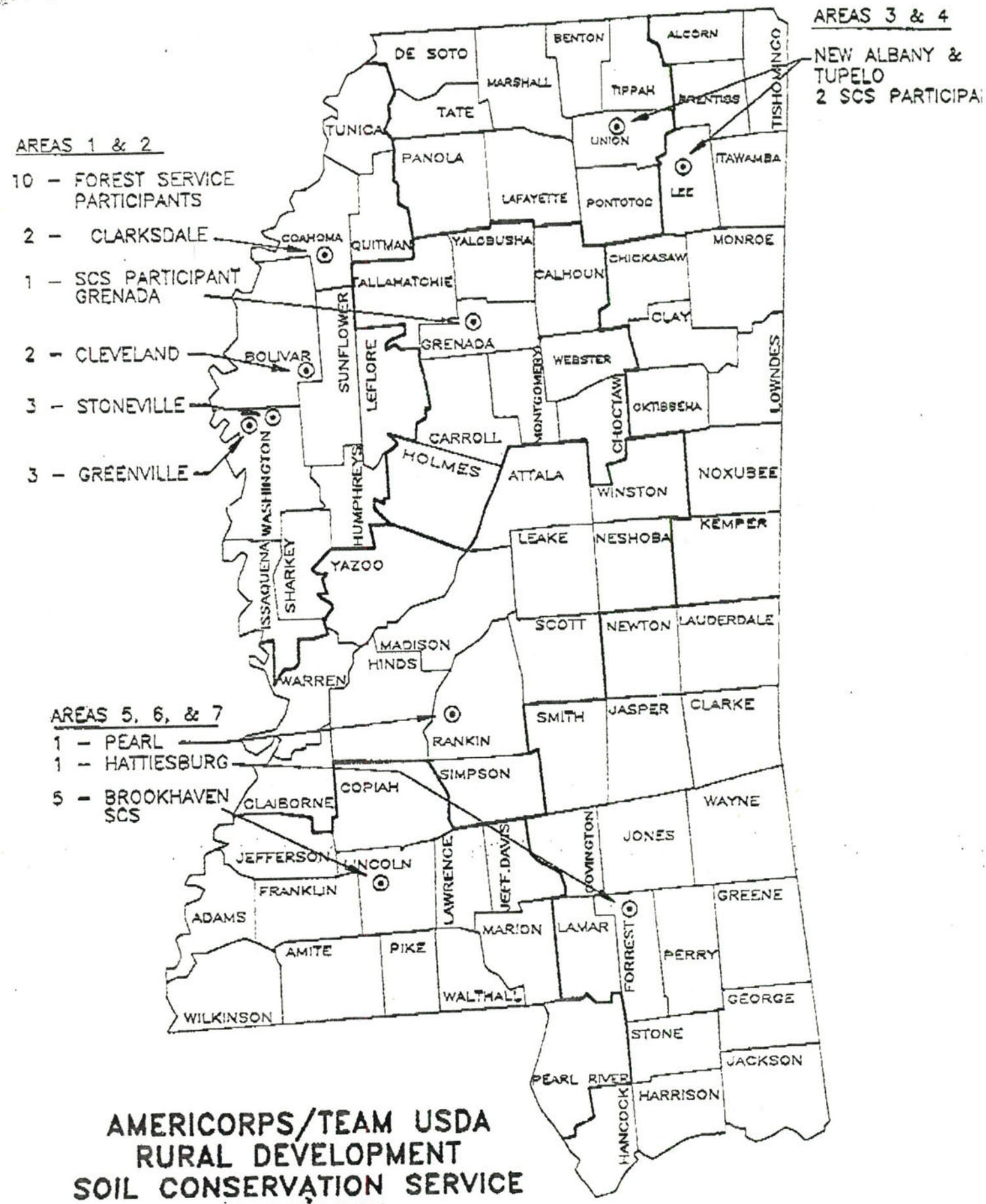

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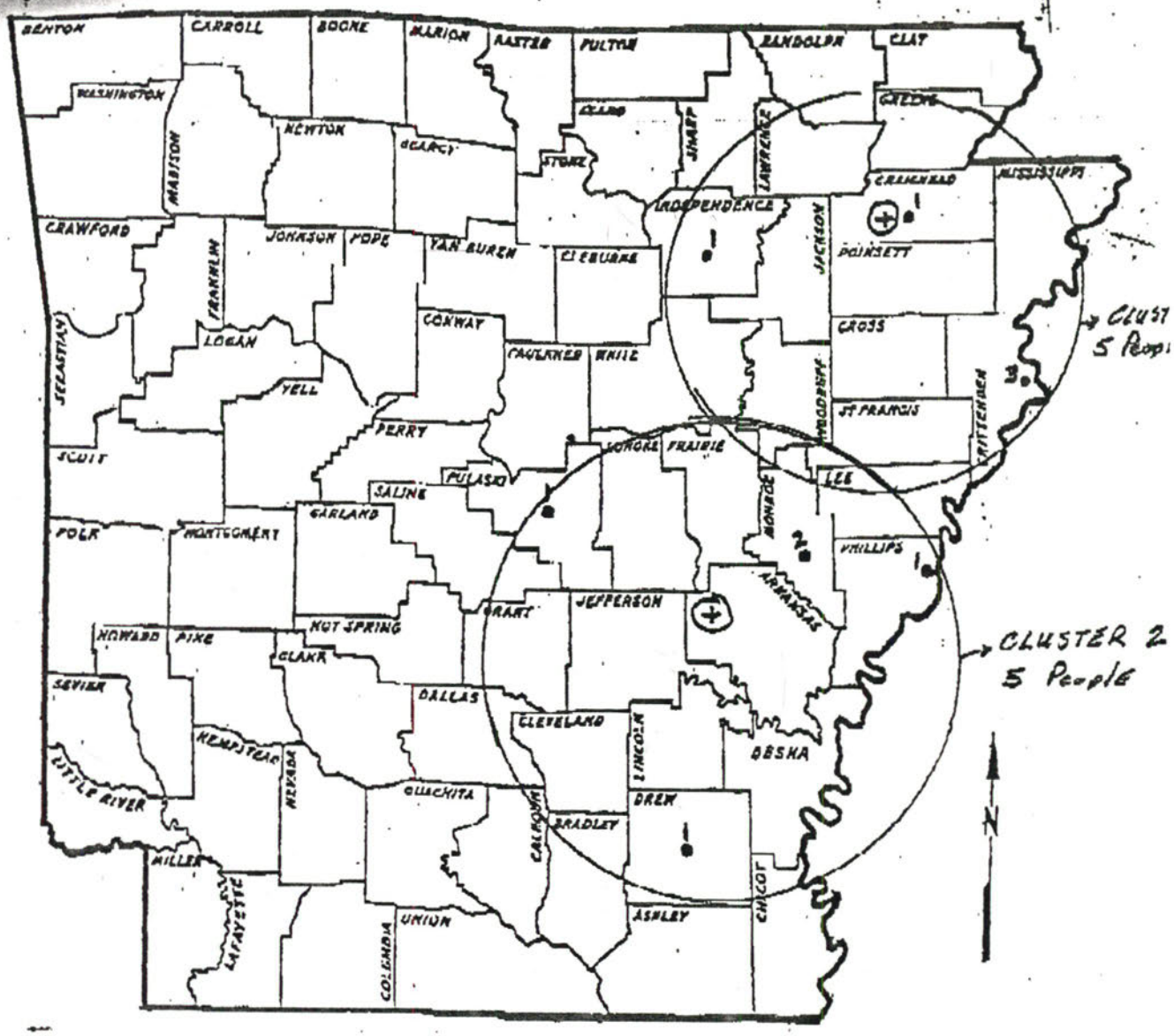

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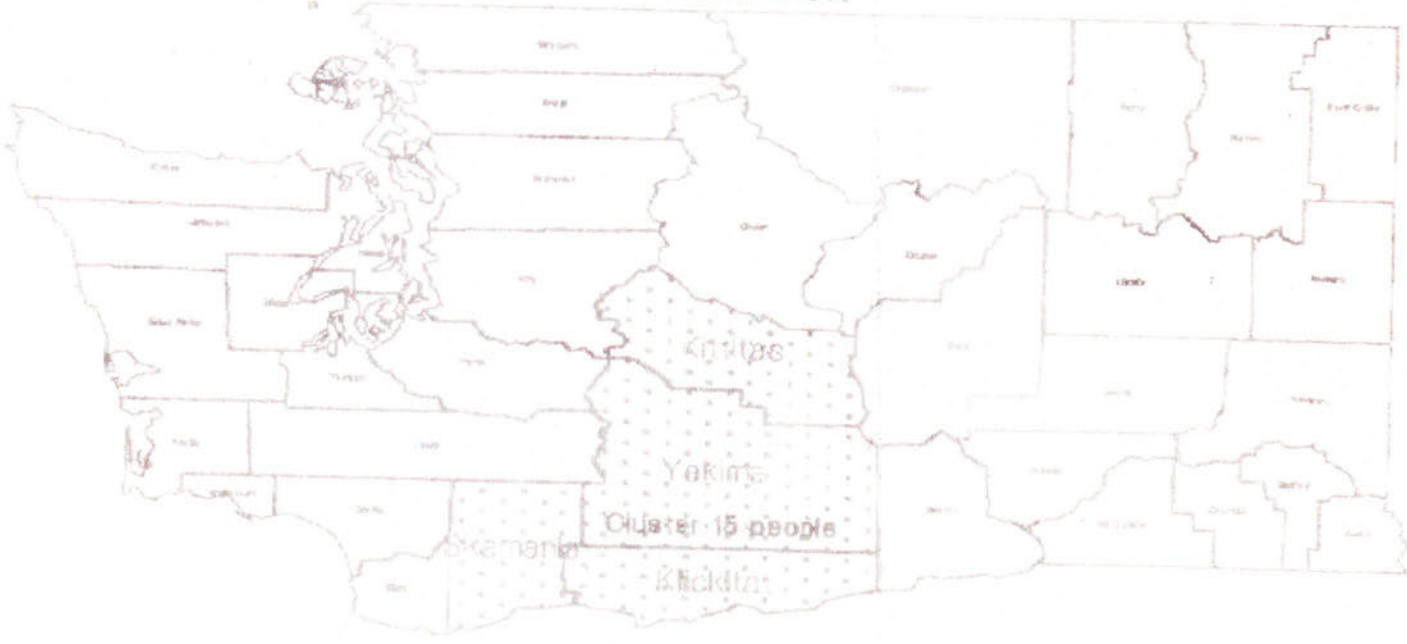

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- FIELD OFFICE
- WSSD PROJECT OFFICE
- SCS PLANT MATERIALS CENTER
- 5 — AREA NUMBER AND BOUNDARY
- SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
- Americorps Major Team Areas
- Satellite location at Kahoka (NE Missouri)

Approximate Scale - Miles
0 20 40 60 80 100

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BREAK OUT OF POSITIONS IN THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT MODEL – BY AGENCY
(This breakout reflects the final distribution of positions as forwarded to CNCS on 6/7/94)

Project No.	Title	FmHA	FS	RDA	SCS	ASCS	TOTAL	APPLICATION
Agency Detailing coordinator SCS	24 NEW ENGLAND							45
	Maine 95rds024				30		30	
	95RDS029/95RDS024							
	SUBTOTAL:	0	0	0	30	0	30	45
FS	25 APPALACHIA							95
	95RDFA25		20				20	
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	95RDS030/95RDS025				30		30	
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	95RDFC25		6				6	
	95RDFD25							
	SUBTOTAL:	12	26	12	30	0	80	95
~~FmHA~~ RDA	26 SOUTH CAROLINA							45
	RDA Table/95RDH026	6					6	
	95RDS031/95RDS026				20		20	
	95RDFA26		5				5	
	RDA Table/95RDR026			6			6	
	95RDFB26							
	SUBTOTAL:	6	5	6	20	0	37	45
FmHA	27 MISSISSIPPI DELTA							75
	95RDF027 N		15				15	
	95RDS037/95RDS027				22		22	
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	95rdfb27							
	SUBTOTAL:	15	15	15	22	0	67	75
SCS	28 GREAT LAKES							20
	95RDS039/95RDS028				20		20	
	SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	20	0	20	20
ASCS	29 MINNESOTA							21
	95RDF029		11				11	
	95RDS029				10		10	
	SUBTOTAL	0	11	0	10	0	21	21
RDA	30 TEXAS – COLONIAS							60
	RDA Table/95RDR030			15			15	
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Americorps
Michigan Priority Watersheds
Cluster Sites

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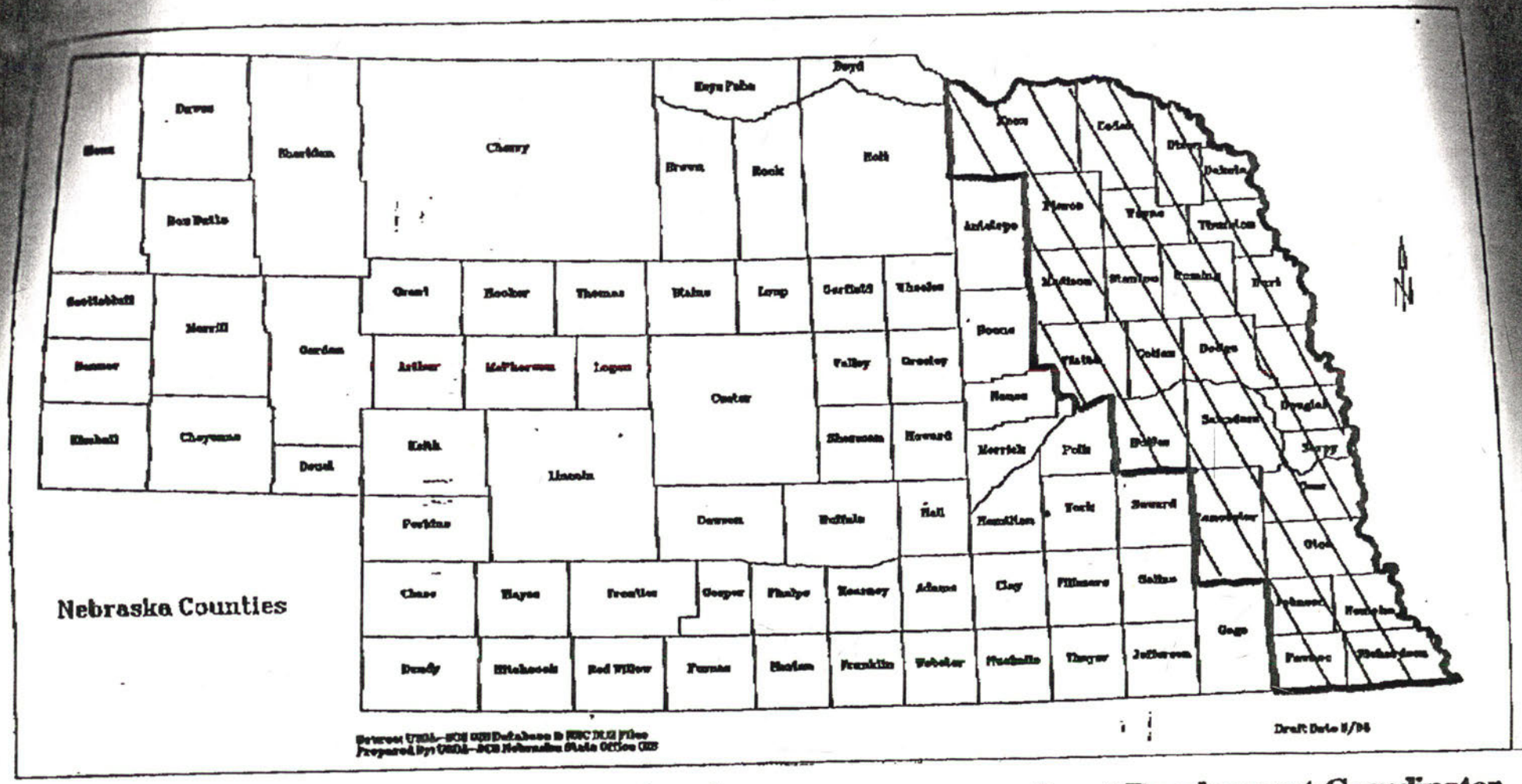

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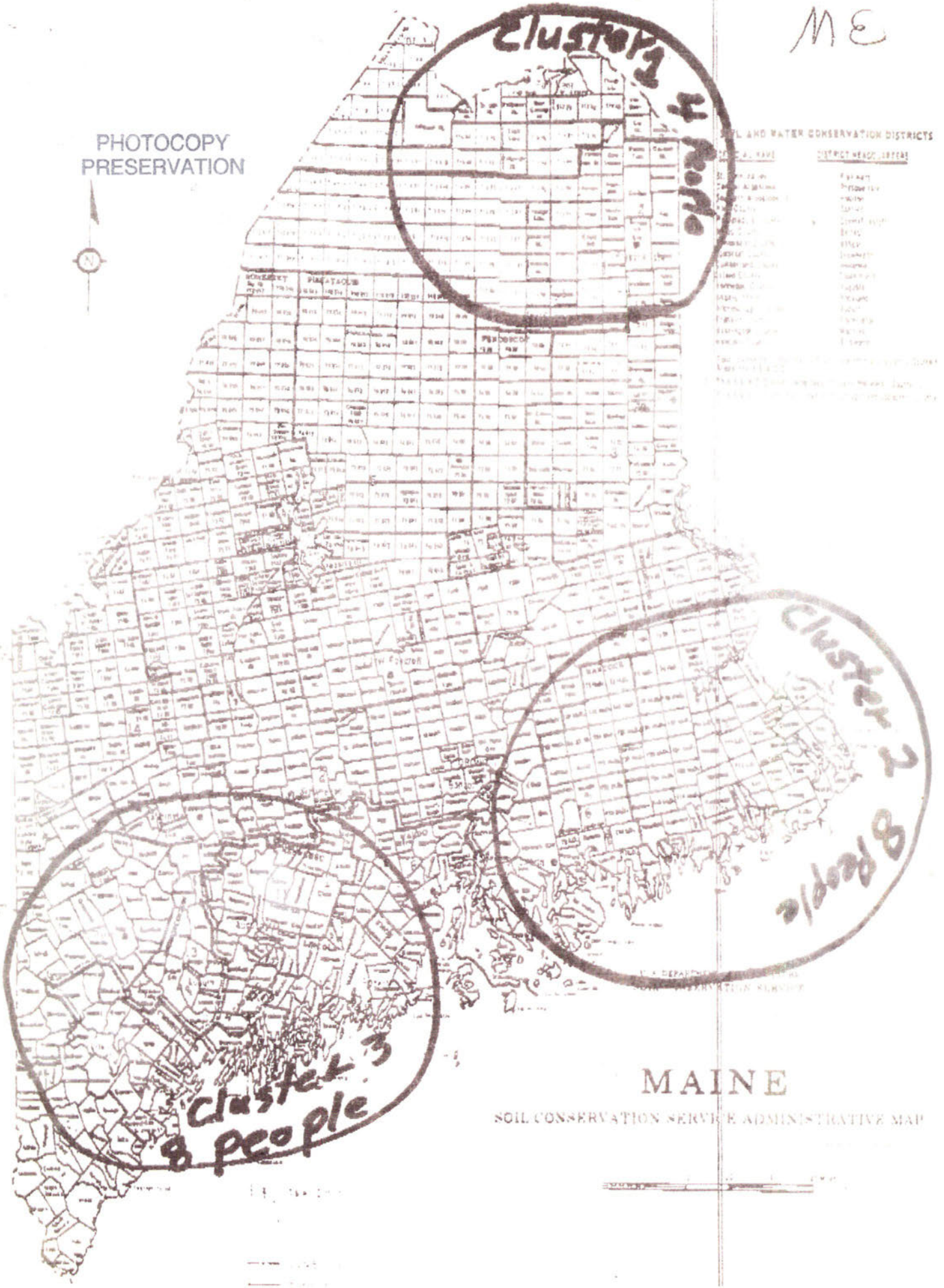

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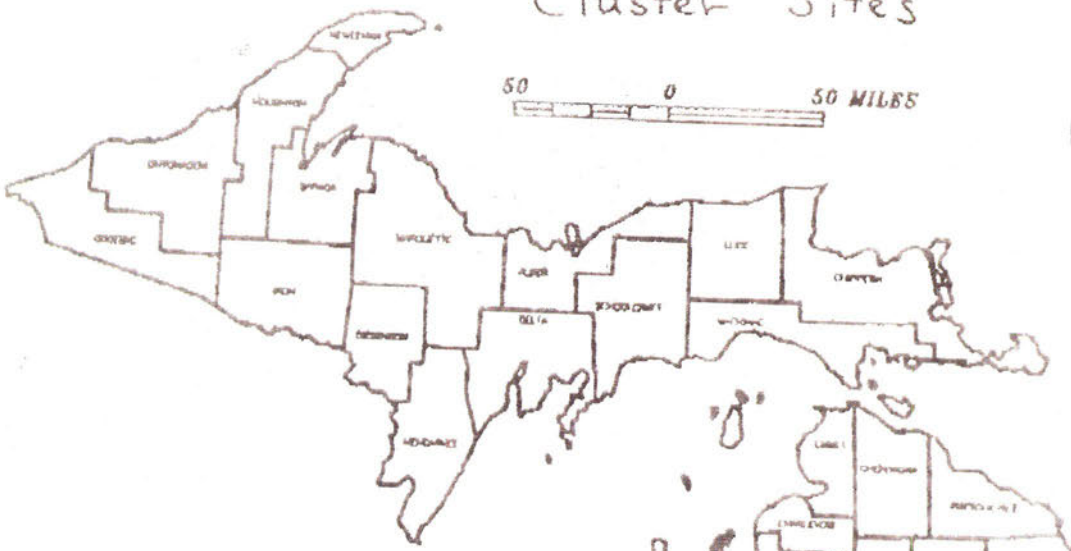

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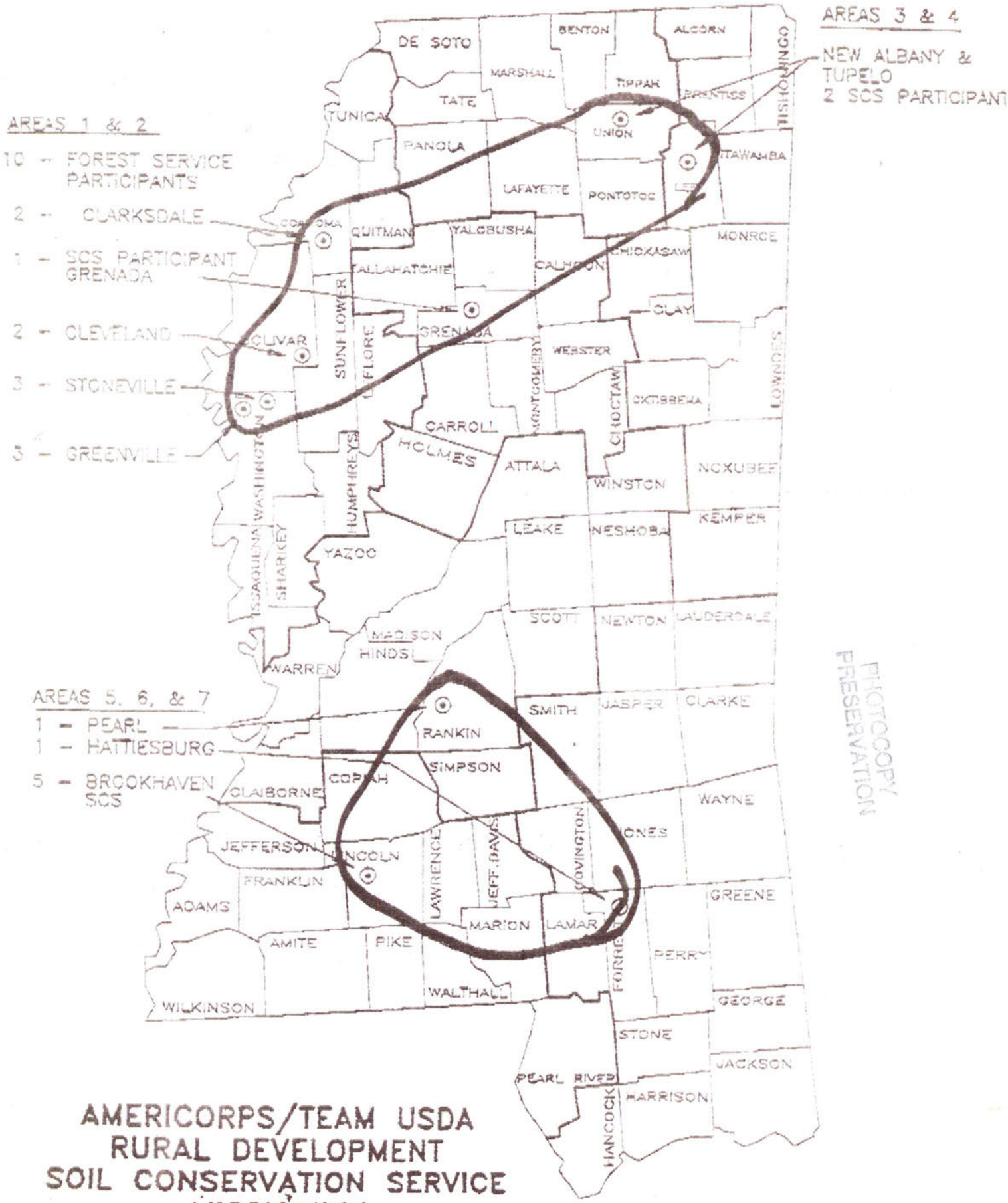

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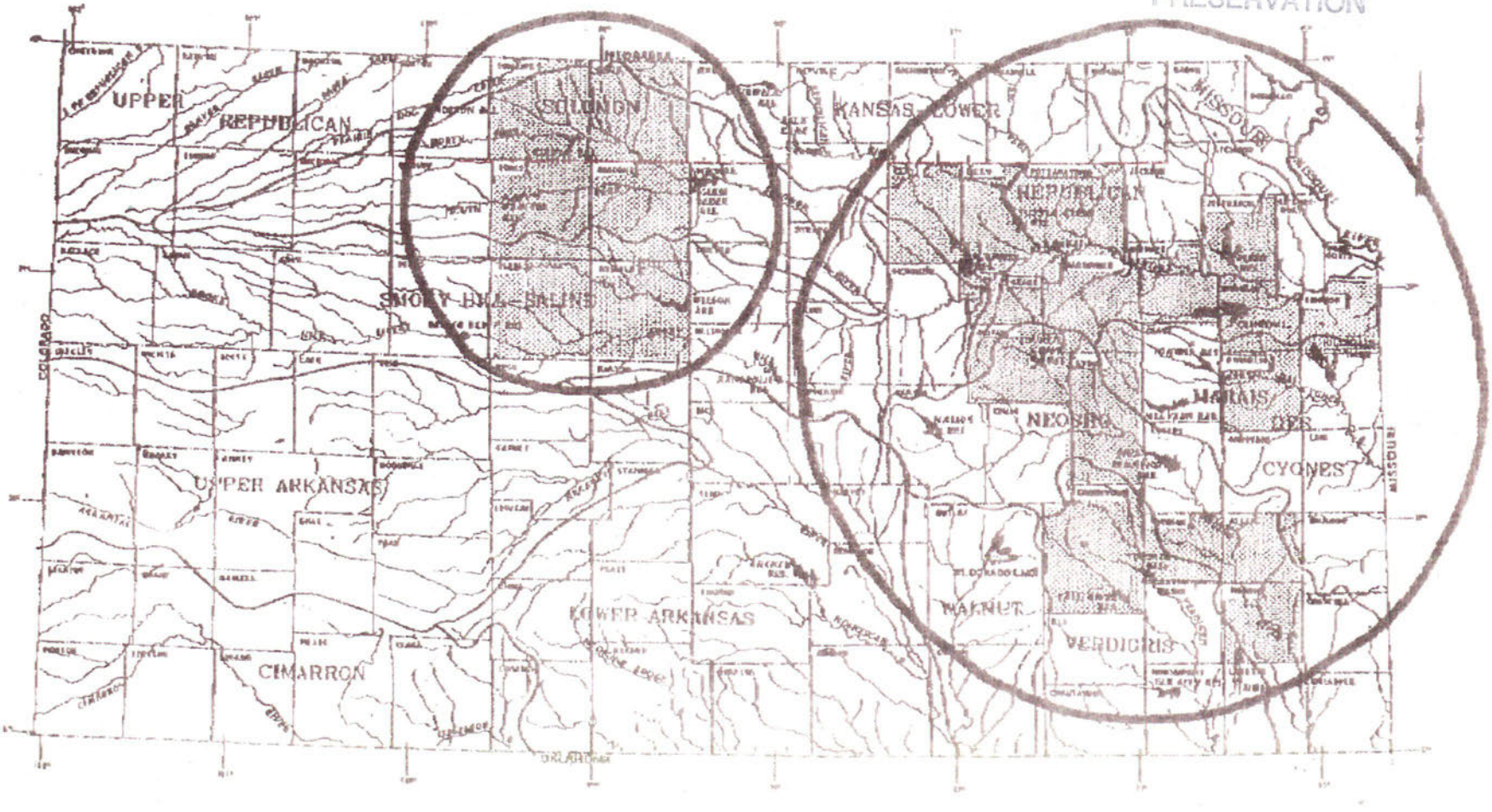

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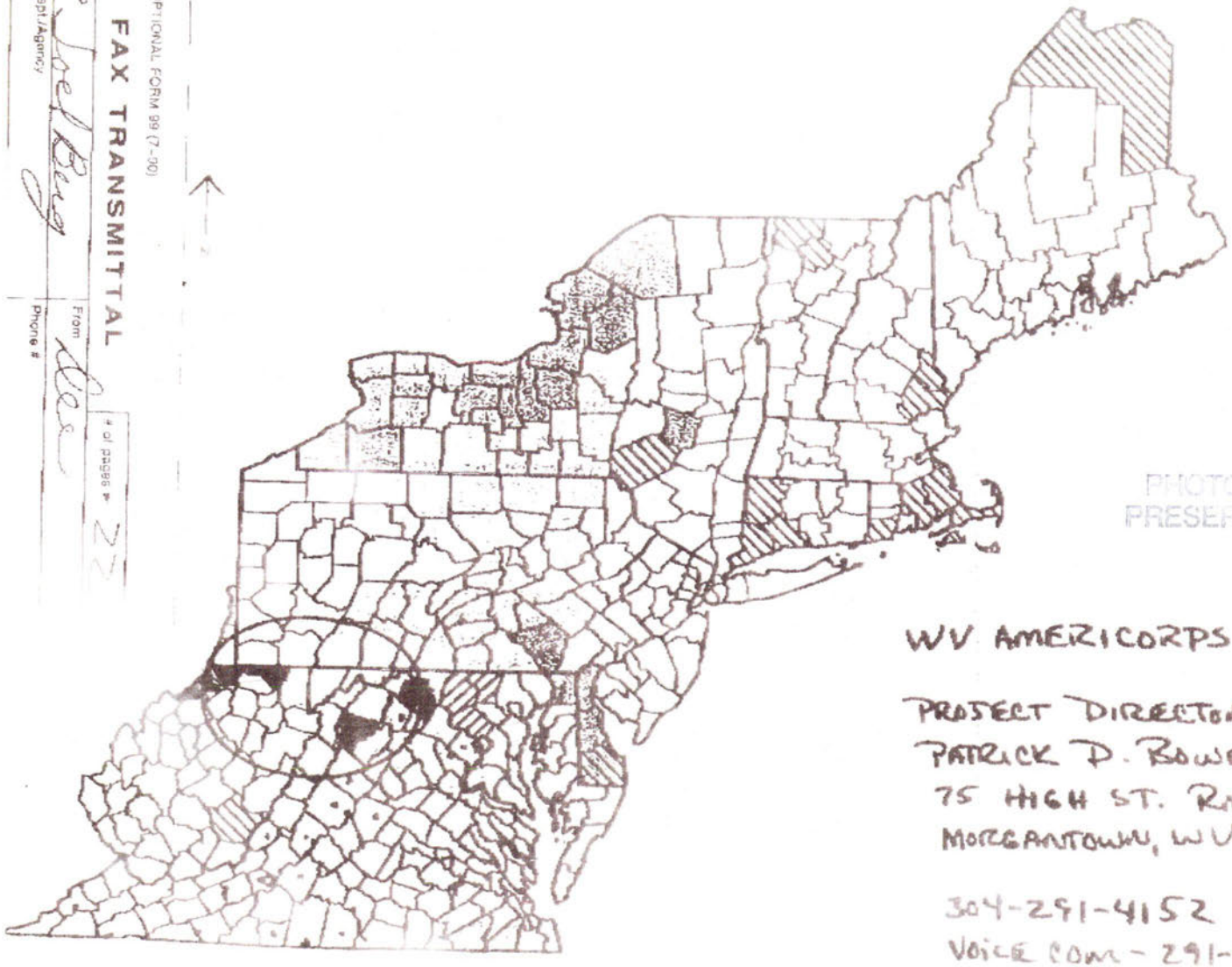

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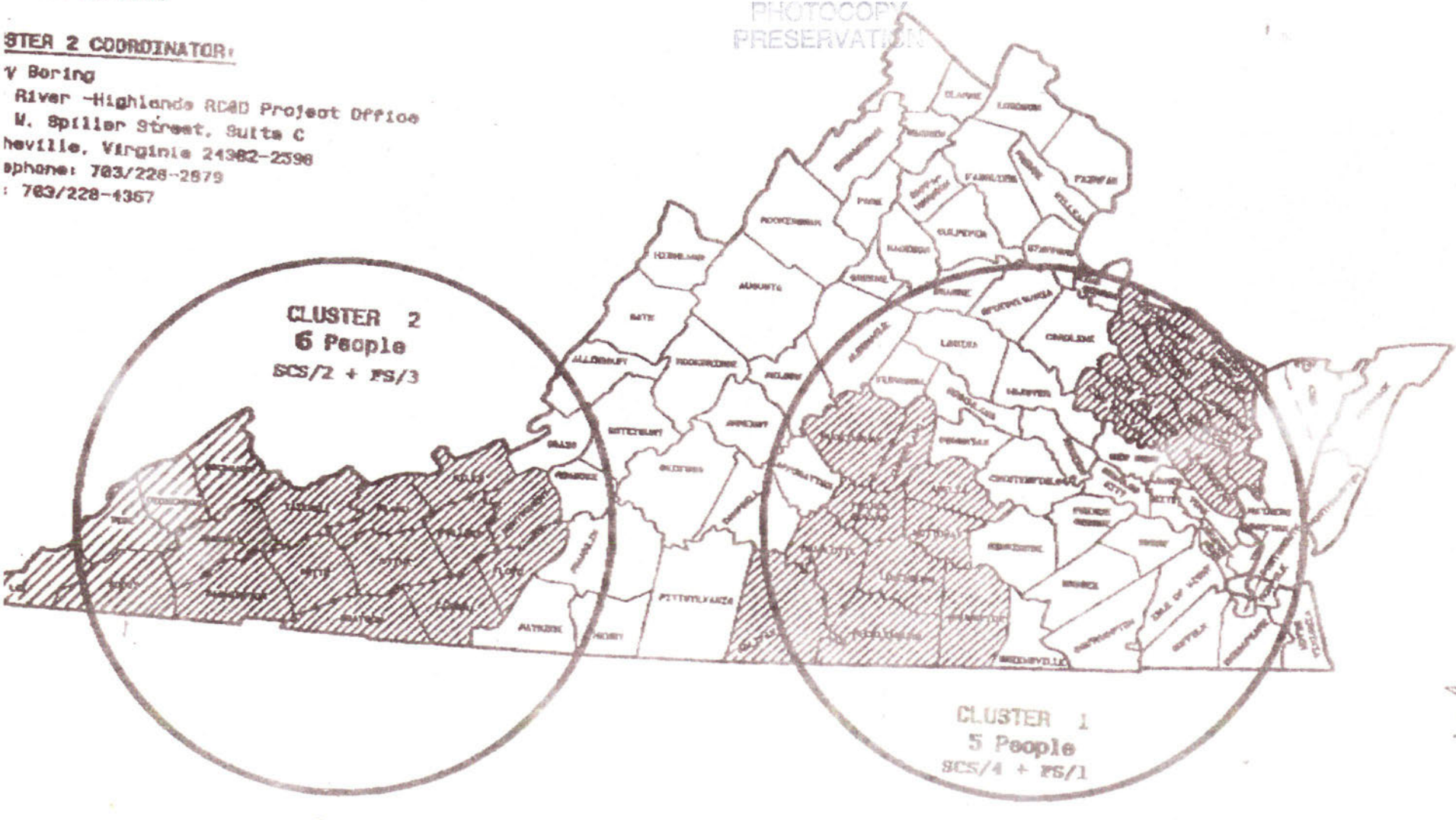

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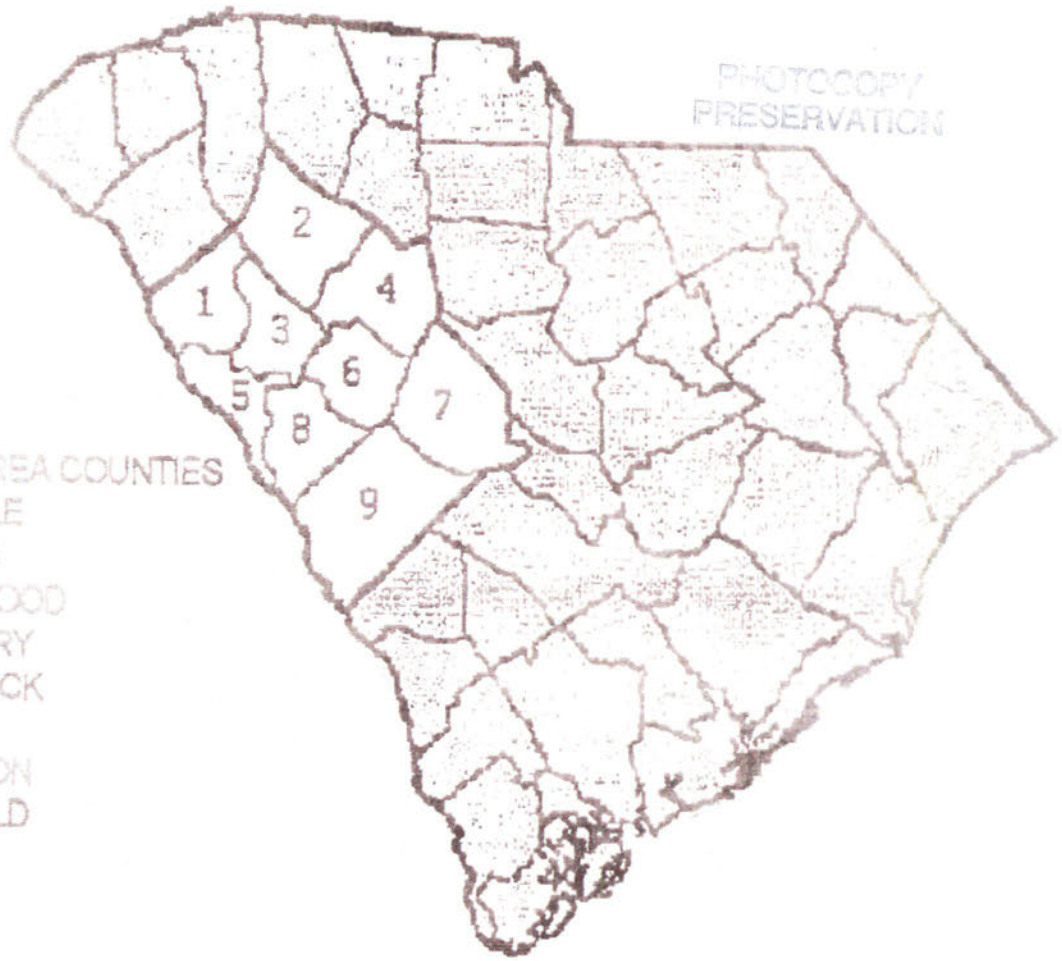

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6 - SALUDA
7 - LEXINGTON
8 - EDGEFIELD
9 - AIKEN

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Dear Jim:

Jim, I want to thank you for your special efforts in getting the Kansas/USDA AmeriCorps projects up and running. Stepping in at the last moment to serve as emcee at the Kanopolis Lake kickoff is only one example of the special effort and excellent manner of how you have assisted the USDA Team in implementing the AmeriCorps program in Kansas.

Your help in recruiting and arranging details for initial program implementation has been invaluable. In fact, we could not have done it without you.

We appreciate you very much, Jim. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

James N. Habiger

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State Conservationist

cc:
Adrian Polansky, State Executive Director, ASCS, Manhattan, KS
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USDA AMERICORPS PROGRAM

	Rural and Professional Development Corps	Public Lands and Environment Corps	Anti-Hunger Corps
Program Model	Professional Corps	Youth Corps	Youth Corps
Description of Program	Corps consist of clusters of at least five members who operate from a common location although they may work independently or in small groups.	Corps consist of 20 or more members who work from a common location although they may be deployed in smaller teams to work on projects. Each team has a team leader	Not Applicable to NRCS
Applicant Qualifications	College, technical, vocational training or work experience that has provided them with the skills required for the project.	17 years or older an applicant must commit to completing a GED before receiving the educational award	17 years or older an applicant must commit to completing a GED before receiving the educational award
Living Allowance	$12,000	$7,660	$7,660
1995 USDA Sponsors	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Forest Service (FS) Rural Development Admin. Farmer's Home Admin. New Name	NRCS FS	Food and Nutrition Services

All full time participants complete a minimum of 1700 hours of service and receive an education award of $4,725. This award can be used over a seven year period.
The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is formerly the Soil Conservation Service (SCS)

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AMERICORPS NATIONAL SERVICE

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GETTING THINGS DONE

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE

GRANTEE: USDA Soil Conservation Service **SITE:** Pittsfield, Illinois

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: To assist small communities and local units of government to improve parks and develop recreational areas.

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1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?
Hiking and biking trails improved. Tent sites developed. Picnic table constructed and repaired, picnic shelters constructed and repaired.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

36 miles of hiking and bike trails improved. Twenty-five tent sites developed. Twelve new picnic tables constructed, 80 picnic tables repaired. Four new picnic shelters constructed. Maintenance on recreation facilities in 107 buildings performed.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

Hiking and bike trails will be laid out under the guidance of a professional recreationist. Tent camp sites will be laid out by Illinois Department of Conservation (IDOC).

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

100% of the above items completed. Increase by 20% the amount of public use of recreational facilities.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?
10 units of governments, 10 communities, 5 counties with 102,323 people.

CORPORATION FOR .TIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE

GRANTEE: USDA Soil Conservation Service **SITE:** Marion, Arkansas

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Identifying socially disadvantaged households who do not have safe drinking water in the county, and working with organizations, local, state, federal agencies to provide safe extension of rural water for needy households.

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1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?
Members will identify limited resource and socially disadvantaged individuals who do not have safe household drinking water within Crittendon County, Arkansas. Members will work with local rural water districts, county governments, state legislature, and state governmental units for extension of lines to the needy households. Members will work with affected residents in preparing and submission of applications to FmHA for assistance in installation of needed plumbing facilities for applicant households. Members will identify available labor force to install plumbing fixtures as funds are secured.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?
Water lines extended to all needy residents. All limited resource and socially disadvantaged residents will have the necessary plumbing installed in their homes to allow for a better quality of life.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?
By drastically reducing the infant mortality rate within the defined area by making high quality drinking water available to all limited resource and socially disadvantaged residents within the county.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?
By determining the percentage of house holds who are furnished a safe supply of drinking water. The target is 100% with a minimum target of 80%.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?
An estimated 24 households are without drinking water. This equates to an estimated 100 individuals.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE

GRANTEE: USDA Soil Conservation Service **SITE:** Portland, Oregon

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: To restore and enhance the aquatic habitat, riparian zone, and neighboring uplands to former natural state.

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1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?
Channel modification, remove pest plants and solid waste, plant new native vegetation in Columbia Slough. Approximately 30 acres of wildlife habitat will be enhanced or restored. Approximately 19 acres are infested with reed canarygrass and Himalayan blackberry, which will be restored to forest scrub/shrub plant communities. This will increase riparian habitat that will connect with the larger wildlife corridor system of the Columbia Slough, providing connectivity with the larger natural areas, such as Smith and Bybee lakes natural area. Importnatly, water quality improvements in the Columbia slough are expected due to increase shading (i.e. algal population reduction).

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?
Three riparian areas will be restored, working with local groups.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?
100% habitat restored and water quality improved.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?
SCS Technical Field Guides and judgment of other professionals.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?
Regional watershed population of 48,000

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Parks to get boost from AmeriCorps

■ [illegible] young adults from the National [illegible] Program will work for the Quincy Park District and other area agencies

By William Musselman
Herald-Whig Staff Writer

As many as seven young workers hired through President Clinton's AmeriCorps National Service Program could be working for the Quincy Park District as early as mid-October.

And at least two other local agencies, the American Red Cross and West Central Child Care Connection, will benefit from the program.

"This is a real opportunity [illegible] the Park District," said [illegible] Stephen Carpenter. [illegible] obligation to us [illegible] We'll have to train the [illegible] people, but we'd have to do that anyway.

The young people will be recruited through the National Civilian Community Corps, an AmeriCorps program. The workers can work 1,700 hours.

"That's almost a full year of employment, w[illegible] cost to the district," he said.

AmeriCorps is a national service program designed to employ American citizens 18-21 years of age in jobs that address educational, human services, public safety and environment concerns. As many as 20,000 young people are expected to be serving by early 1995.

Corps members receive lodging, meals, uniforms, health care and child care in addition to an $8,000 living allowance for 11 months of service. After completing the program, they will receive an education award of $4,725, or a cash payment of $2,362.

While with the Park District, the young people will work in maintenance, forestry, [illegible] basic environmental activities.

In addition, the federal government is aiding the hiring [illegible] program, Carpenter couldn't guarantee the workers would come from the local area.

"But applications from local residents will be given priority," he said.

In about two weeks, an AmeriCorps participant will begin work with West Central Child

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■ Park Board increases district's insurance coverage

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participants begin jobs Monday

Communities, workers benefit from program's projects

PITTSFIELD, Ill. — Bill McCartney wants to ge[illegible] AmeriCorps program up and running after investing weeks in preparations.

The workers — 15 serving Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Pike and Schuyler counties — begin their jobs Monday. A formal kickoff for the U.S. Department of Agriculture program will [illegible] place Friday morning in Quincy's [illegible]en Park.

[illegible] projects will range from economic [illegible]ent to [illegible] leanup. The program promises to benefit communities across the region — and the workers who earn job skills and a scholarship.

McCartney screened 41 [illegible]s. Many came from the five-county [illegible] but some from as far away as Springfield and Edwardsville.

"What we looked at was what they wanted to do with their lives," McCartney said. He is the AmeriCorps coordinator and executive director of Two Rivers Resource Conservation and Development in Pittsfield.

"This is more than a job. We want to provide a living allowance and an opportunity to get on to school."

Anyone over 17 years of age including high school dropouts, high school graduates, college students, college graduates and professional school graduates is eligible for the nationw[illegible] program.

More information about AmeriCorps is available by calling McCartney at 285-4114 or the national AmeriCorps hotline at 1-800-680-4183.

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Area AmeriCorps

By Deborah Gertz
Herald-Whig Staff Writer

PITTSFIELD, Ill. — Two years ago, Chad Denison started school at Western Illinois University in Macomb.

Then he ran out of money, forcing him to enter the job market and put his education on hold.

A new federal program now will give Denison the chance to earn more job skills — and money for college.

Denison is one of 15 people hired for the national AmeriCorps program, sponsored locally by the Two Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Corp. in Pittsfield.

"I tell people it's President Clinton's national community service initiative, his answer to the Peace Corps," said Bill [illegible], Two Rivers executive [illegible] and AmeriCorps coor-[illegible]

[illegible] people will be working [illegible] within the confines of the United States to help communities improve environmental, public safety, health and human needs."

Nine people will work with the rural economic development program, while six others will focus on public lands and environment in the area served by Two Rivers. That includes Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Pike and Schuyler counties.

Each will earn a salary and a $4,725 scholarship after 1,700 hours of service. The workers start Monday and will finish in August 1995.

Denison, 22, will work with the rural economic development team — and he'll be meeting people that could help him in the future.

"It's a good program to push me ahead to where I need to be," said Denison, who lives in Pittsfield. "The people we will be working with come from diverse backgrounds, all types of ages working side by side. It will be interesting to see if our ideas are different."

The team will work with economic development directors in the five counties and with small businesses to assess their needs.

"The end result hopefully, will be stuff the community can use to work with business and target other businesses to move in," McCartney said.

The team also will interview all Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract holders about future plans for the land. "There will be a series of questions the team puts together with the end result being some alternatives people can go into rather than corn and soybeans," McCartney said.

If time permits, team members will work to create interest in using local resources to build timber bridges.

"It hasn't been any problem at all finding work for these folks," McCartney said. "We want to get something at least in every county."

Jamie Totsch, who lives in Clayton, will work with the public land and environment team. That team will work with streambank stabilization, some flood cleanup work, build a wetland in Calhoun County and work with tree and shrub planting across the region.

"I know pretty much how to do the things we want to do, but the college after will help me out," he said. "I want to go to college for forestry or landscaping. I love working outside."

Totsch, 18, was working on a temporary basis at Siloam Springs State Park when he heard about the AmeriCorps program. "I hope it will be a good step for the future," he said.

"This will make them aware of careers and opportunities they maybe never saw before," McCartney said.

The workers will spend their first week in orientation and initial training. Sessions on first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and teambuilding are planned along with visits to the work sites.

Through the program, team members will gain skills in community building and strategic planning, learn to work more effectively with local governments and get hands-on skills for future job searches.

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■ Workers, who will serve a five-county area, can earn an education voucher after 11 months.

By William Musselter
Herald-Whig Staff Writer

Anyone wanting to know what the AmeriCorps program is about need only ask Susan Ruble.

"I want to serve, I want to help people. I want to leave people in our communities happier and better than I found them," the 25-year-old Griggsville resident said. "That's what this program is about, helping people while helping ourselves."

Ruble is one of 15 AmeriCorps workers sworn in at Moorman Park Friday. They'll be working in a five-county area under the auspices of Two Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Inc. of Pittsfield. The agency serves Adams, Pike, Brown, Schuyler and Calhoun counties.

"I wouldn't mind doing this again next year if they offer it. But, if not, I'll go back to school," Ruble said. She is close to an associate's degree in business and will use the education benefits offered by the program to get her bachelor's degree.

AmeriCorps members must be American citizens age 17 or older. They receive lodging, meals, uniforms, health care and child care in addition to an $8,000 living allowance for 11 months of service. After completing the program they will receive an education award of $4,725, or a cash payment of $2,362.

"This is not a jobs program, this is an education program," said AmeriCorps representative Rod Atteberry. "We now have more than 20,000 members across the country, with 65 in Illinois: 20 in Chicago, 30 in East St. Louis and 15 here in the Quincy area."

Quincy Mayor Chuck Scholz told the new AmeriCorps members that they have an "opportunity to enhance the lives of people in this area. The benefits of your work will extend far beyond the life of this program," he said.

William McCartney, Two Rivers coordinator for the AmeriCorps program, said six of

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Brown County
MOUNT STERLING
Business research, revitalization
VERSAILLES
Camp Creek bank stabilization

Pike County
PITTSFIELD
Business revitalization, trail development
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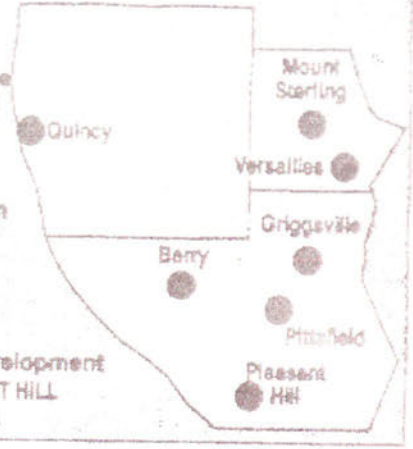

members have been assigned to a Rural Development Team and nine members are on the Environmental Corps Team. Four members of the environmental team will be assigned to the Quincy Park District.

"These people are going to be providing a valuable service to several communities in the five-county area. They're going to be doing things that maybe local committees and organizations wouldn't have gotten done otherwise," McCartney said.

The Rural Development Team has three goals: Help small communities develop strategies to retain and develop local businesses, identify and promote alternative uses for land being released from the Conservation Reserve Program, and develop the interest of local township and county officials in constructing timber bridges using local materials.

The Environmental Corps Team will work to improve parks, public lands and recreation areas. Among their many goals is the construction of hiking trails and park facilities and replacing grass, shrubs and trees damaged in the 1993 flood.

Ruble said it is vital team members get to know and trust one another. "Thursday we went through some exercises designed to develop that trust, things like falling backward and trusting a

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team member to catch you, or letting team members pick you up on their shoulders and trusting them not to drop you," she said.

The teams worked in the Calhoun County community of Kampsville Thursday, tearing up sidewalks damaged by the 1993 flood.

Larry Warcup, 45, of Pittsfield, is a member of the Environmental Team that will work with the Quincy Park District for about six weeks. "I thought of it as an opportunity to meet a lot of new people and an opportunity to work outdoors while helping make things better for people.

"Age is not important. Anyone of any age that has the determination and desire to help their communities is welcome."

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AMERICORPS MEMBERS BEGIN SERVICE WITH USDA SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Twin Valley Mn, October 11, 1994.... Chuck Truax, District Conservationist, SCS (Soil Conservation Service) and Curtis Borchert, District Manager, Norman County SWCD (Soil and Water Conservation District), today announced that Kathie Musch, Kelly Engen, Jeff York, Aaron Neubert, and Holly Sirjord will be located at the Twin Valley SCS Field Office. They are among 20 AmeriCorps members selected to work with the USDA SCS in Minnesota between now and through August 1995.

The Twin Valley AmeriCorps members will be working on two projects; one to promote community understanding of conservation practices and the second to promote economic development in NW Minnesota through the establishment of a region-wide trail system.

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The AmeriCorps members began their service during a USDA SCS AmeriCorps Orientation Program, October 3-7, 1994 in St. Paul.

SCS AmeriCorps members will be highly visible. They'll wear either a cap, tee-shirt, sweatshirt or a pin which shows the AmeriCorps logo "*We get things done.*"

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AmeriCorps represents President Clinton's fulfillment of a campaign pledge to create a national service program--a domestic Peace Corps of 20,000 AmeriCorps members.

The SCS AmeriCorps members will work 1,700 hours during their service time, will receive a living allowance between $7,660 to $12,000 and each AmeriCorps member who successfully completes their service requirements will be awarded an educational grant of $4725.

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Minnesota's USDA SCS 20 AmeriCorps members are headquartered out of five project sites and will be working on six different natural resource projects. The projects focus on watershed public participation in Cloquet and Lewiston; conservation outreach and trails promotion in Twin Valley; grassland and pasture management in Rochester; and animal waste management in Thief River Falls.

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Members in

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AmeriCorps members begin service with USDA soil conservation

Three AmeriCorps members have begun service with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Lewiston. Mark Kunz, District Conservationist, Lewiston SCS, announced that Michael Aho of Moorhead, Linda Dahl of Lewiston, and Shelly Eckblad of Red Wing began their service on October 3. They are among 20 AmeriCorps members selected to work with the USDA SCS in Minnesota for one year.

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Winona site of community health care forum Oct. 26

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (BCBSM) will host a community exchange at the Best Western Riverport Inn, 900 Bruski Drive, Winona, on Wednesday, October 26 at 8:30 a.m., to discuss key health care issues and seek input from employers, legislators,

Some of these issues are likely to include the state's commitment to universal coverage and how it will be funded, definition of standard benefits sets and the continuation of effective market reform and managed care programs.

BCBSM is also holding

Soybean Association seeks farm leaders

Do you know a soybean farmer with a "take charge" attitude who is innovative and has a natural ability to lead? If so, you are invited to nominate him or her to represent Minnesota in the Young Leader Program.

Each year the American Soybean Association (ASA) and DuPont Agricultural Products cosponsor the Young Leader Program to cultivate leaders who have the enthusiasm, vision and drive to promote a prosperous future for the soybean industry and U.S. agriculture.

"There are no age restrictions," Minnesota Soybean Growers Association (MSGA) Young Leader Chairman Roger Dale explained. "We're looking for farmers who are "young" in enthusiasm and leadership. Actual age is not important."

The farmer selected as Minnesota's Young Leader and his or her spouse will attend the Soybean EXPO in St. Louis, MO, July 7-9, 1995. They will also participate in a leadership training program at DuPont headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware in December, 1995.

MSGA and ASA work to improve the profitability of soybean production through legislation, market development, research and education. DuPont is a leading crop chemical company and sponsors the Young Leader Program to promote strong leadership for agriculture in America.

"In the selection process we look for an individual who demonstrates innovative and assertive leadership qualities," Dale said. "We look for a farmer who is an active supporter of agriculture and has an interest in serving as a soybean association leader. As stewards of the land, we also look for a farmer who protects natural resources and demonstrates a respect for the environment."

Minnesota's winner will be selected by a committee of soybean farmers representing the soybean association.

Nominations will be accepted through November 15. For more information, or to obtain nomination forms, contact the Minnesota Soybean Office at 507-388-1635.

Soybean expo plans underway

Soybean producers from around the state are invited to attend the "32nd Annual" Minnesota Soybean EXPO set for Tuesday, December 6, at the Holiday Inn in Willmar, MN.

Though there is no cost to attend EXPO, an RSVP is requested. For more information, or to register to attend, please contact MSGA at 360 Pierce Avenue, Suite #110, North Mankato, MN or call 507-388-1635.

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Dwaine T. Calkins, Sr., 424 Arthur St., Tomah, WI. Failure to stop for scale sign. Fined $195.00, surcharge $30.00, court costs $8.00.

Clark Taylor Elliott, 447 South Third St., LaCrescent, MN. Inattentive driving. Fined $35.00, surcharge $6.00, court costs $19.00.

William Thomas Woodall, Jr., 6015 Ninth St., Watertown, WI. Failure to log previous 7 days. Fined $95.00, surcharge $20.00, court costs $8.00.

Hulbaldo Reinoso Campas, Lt. 21 Lawrence Lane, St. Charles, MN. Violation of instruction permit; disobeyed stop sign. Fined $73.00, surcharge $12.00, court costs $17.00.

Kah Kheong Chee, 369 West Fifth St. #3, Winona, MN. Failure to display current registration. Failed to appear. Driver's license suspended.

Gregory George Fakler, 528 Center St., Winona, MN. Two counts of failure to display current registration. Failed to appear. Driver's license suspended.

Alyson Gail Jirele, 2180 St. Paul Road, Owatonna, MN. Failure to display current registration. Failed to appear. Driver's license suspended.

Albert Long, 1429 Gilmore Avenue, Winona, MN. Failure to display current registration. Failed to appear. Driver's license suspended.

Michael Arthur Siegler, c/o Court Services, Winona, MN. Theft. Restitution $487.76, jail/prison: 30 days. Stayed 90 days for 12 months. Supervised probation for 12 months. If $200.00 bail, applied to restitution-paid within 4 months; 6 months if no bail applied; 4 days credit.

Brian William Tarras, 1325 Crocus Circle, Winona, MN. Failure to display current registration. Failed to appear. Driver's license suspended.

Five traffic cases were disposed.

October 12, 1994

Arie Wayne Brouwer, 1550 W. Douglas, Worthington, MN. Over tandem axle weight/1040#. Fined $95.00, surcharge $15.00, court costs $8.00.

Leslie Orville Bryhn, W3106 Hwy. A, Mindoro, WI. Over gross registered weight/1380#. Fined $95.00, surcharge $15.00, court costs $8.00.

Scott Arthur Litzenberg, 12041 Louisana Avenue N., Champlin, MN. No Minnesota driver's license. Fined $45.00, surcharge $5.00, court costs $5.00.

Edward Lawrence Machovec, RR 3, Box 213, Yuba, WI. Unsafe change of course. Fined $35.00, surcharge $6.00, court costs $19.00.

Michael Thomas Ryczek, E6840 N. Dewey Avenue, Reedsburg, WI. Police scanner in motor vehicle. Fined $95.00, surcharge $20.00, court costs $8.00.

James Robert Thorpe, 1120 South Division St., Waunakee, WI. Seatbelt violation; speeding. Fined $60.00, surcharge $9.75, court costs $33.00.

Kevin William Empey, 17056

Jay Furst,
city editor, 285-7742

Americorps members help soil conservation efforts

Americorps, a national service program started by President Clinton, is up and running with four members working in the Soil Conservation Service in southeastern Minnesota.

The four members are working in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service offices in Lewiston and Rochester.

Michael Aho of Moorhead, Linda Dahl of Lewiston and Shelly Eckblad of Red Wing are working in the Lewiston office on a project designed to improve the water quality of the Whitewater River Watershed through public participation in the effort.

Tracy Guthmiller of Fairmont is working in Rochester to help improve the forage and grassland base, improve water quality and increase profitability of agriculture while enhancing the environment.

The Soil Conservation Service in Minnesota has 20 students involved with it through Americorps, which has been called a domestic Peace Corps.

The Southeastern Minnesota Initiative Fund, Mankato State University and Winona State University are administering the program, and held a ceremony today announcing its start.

Post-Bulletin, Rochester, MN Wednesday, October 26, 1994

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Briefly

AmeriCorps to clear brush, watch video

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Hobby means school money

AmeriCorps places student volunteers

BY PAULINE SCHREIBER
Staff Writer

FARIBAULT — Andrea Athanas is happy with the direction her life is taking since becoming an AmeriCorps volunteer.

She started a one-year internship at River Bend Nature Center this month that will earn her $4,725 toward the cost of graduate school.

The new AmeriCorps program — the idea of President Bill Clinton — students who are selected for the program are placed in a variety of positions related to community service, with priority service areas in human needs, education, public safety and the environment.

Athanas is getting on-the-job training in natural science and environmental concerns as she serves as a River Bend intern.

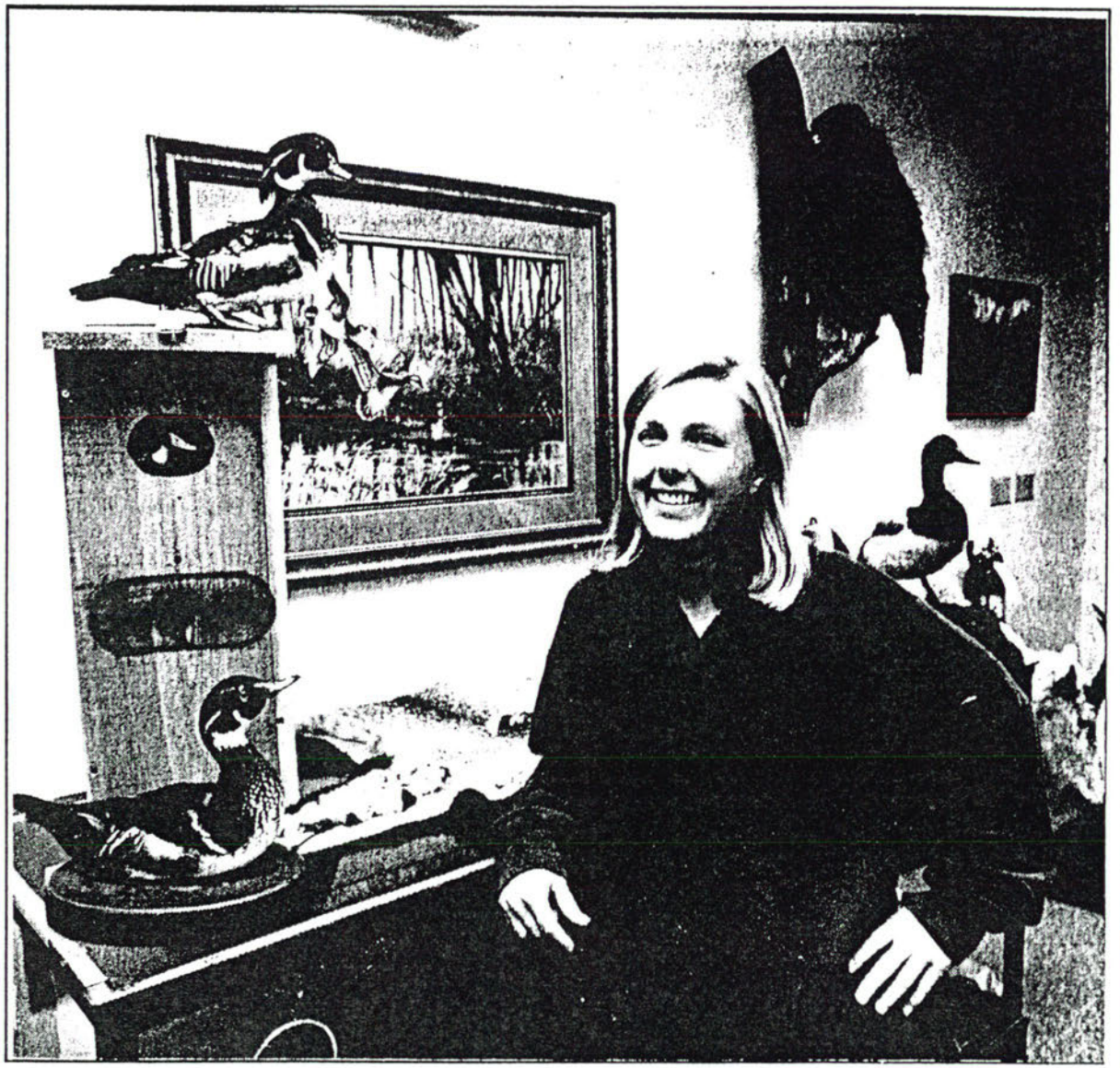
Growing up in Niles, Mich., Athanas spent much of her childhood rambling through woods with her grandfather. Once enrolled in at the University of Michigan, however, she put aside her interest in nature to pursue "a money career." She earned an English and economics degree.

After graduation, an opportunity to teach English in Hungary through the Peace Corps came up. "We did a lot of environmental stuff with our kids as well as teach English. We had a summer camp in which we did environmental education as well as teach English," Athanas said.

Her childhood interest in nature was reborn during her two years in Hungary. "What I learned over there is that happiness is not necessarily where the money is," she said. "So when I came back to this country I decided I'd like to earn a master's degree in environmental planning and policy."

When she heard about AmeriCorps, with its emphasis on public service, Athanas was in one of the first groups of applicants. Ten AmeriCorps volunteers are now at various agencies in Minnesota.

"I really wanted to give something back to my own country, too, after my years in the Peace Corps. I think the program is a wonderful opportunity to do that as well as earn money for graduate school," Athanas said.



Andrea Athanas is an intern at River Bend Nature Center. (Jim Lee/Daily News)

She will be doing work for various youth programs in Faribault, giving volunteer hours to programs at the Faribault Regional Center and doing some work for Habitat for Humanity in addition to her internship with River Bend.

AmeriCorps volunteers receive a small living stipend to pay for room and board at their internship sites, plus receive health benefits.

The Southeastern Minnesota Initiative Fund office in Owatonna is currently taking applications for future AmeriCorps volunteers.

Cloquet
Members in
the news

AmeriCorps members assigned to Nemadji River Basin project

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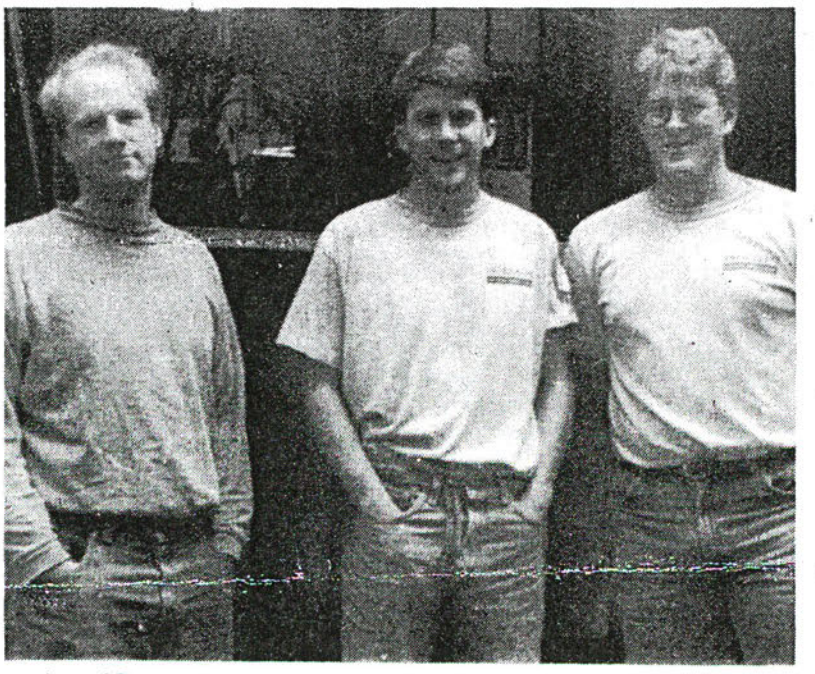
by Pat Macaulay

One of the most popular ideas to come out of Bill Clinton's campaign for the Presidency in 1992, was the proposed formation of a domestic Peace Corps. That idea became reality earlier this year when the first contingent of 20,000 AmeriCorps members were sworn in by the President and began work on projects around the country.



AmeriCorps members (L to R) Tony Kroska, Tim Reese, and R. C. Boheim.

Twenty members were selected to work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Minnesota, and three of these are now working on the Nemadji River Basin Project, under the tutelage of the Soil Conservation Service. The project is based in the University of Minnesota Forestry Center in Cloquet. According to Carlton County District Conservationist Jeff Stewart, "the objective of the project is to develop a broad understanding of the hydology of the area and formulate remedial actions and best management practices which may reduce erosion and resultant sedimentation. Problems...include high water turbidity and sediment contributions to the Duluth/Superior Harbor."

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estry Center in Cloquet, Tim Reese, R.C. Boheim and Tony Kroska started their AmeriCorp work on October 3. Reese is a St. Olaf's graduate with a major in Biology and Environmental Science, an interest he shares with Boheim, who is a Biology graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Tony Kroska graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, with a major in Mathematics. The three young men will receive a modest living allowance during their AmeriCorps service, as well as basic health insurance and an educational grant of $4,725. According to Reese, most AmeriCorps members use the award to pay of student loans or, as in his case, to help finance graduate studies.

Reese, Boheim and Kroska wear their AmeriCorps T- shirts proudly and seem excited about their work. Reese, who will issue monthly news releases on the progress of the Nemadji River Basin project, believes public awareness is an important function of the Soil Conservation Service and credits the presence of AmeriCorps members with providing the needed manpower to keep the public informed.

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AmeriCorps members selected

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They are among 20 AmeriCorps members selected to work with the USDA SCS in Minnesota through August 1995.

The three members working in Cloquet would be assisting with the Nemadji River Basin Project and will be performing community service in their respective areas.

Minnesota's USDA SCS 20 AmeriCorps members are working at a number of project sites and on various natural resource projects throughout Minnesota.

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Three begin AmeriCorps service

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For more information about AmeriCorps or the Nemadji River Basin Projects, contact the Carlton County SCS office, 175 University Road, Cloquet, MN 55720; (218) 878-0230.

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Soil Conservation Service

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Carlton County SCS: 878-2030

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Minnesota's USDA SCS 20 AmeriCorps members are working at five project sites and on six different natural resource projects. Along with the Nemadji River Basin Project in Cloquet, other projects are: conservation outreach and trails promotion in Twin

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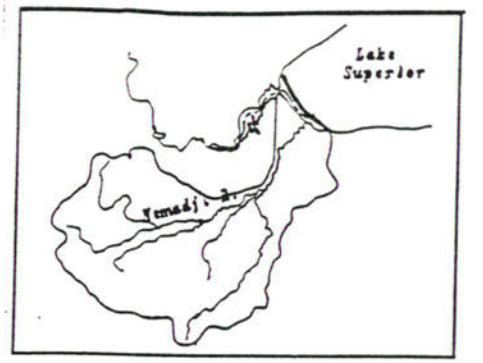
Updated Fact Sheet

Nemadji River Basin Project



Project Goal

The Nemadji River Basin project, funded by the Soil Conservation Service and the U.S. Forest Service, will formulate alternatives to treat problems identified in the watershed. It will pull together many people and agencies to form a consortium which will *voluntarily adopt* a remedial action plan to restore beneficial uses to the Nemadji River Basin.

Updated Time Frame

The two-year project began in January 1994. A planning committee made up of project sponsors, citizens and business people has met monthly, become acquainted with the issues surrounding the project and developed a finalized set of objectives. Three public meetings soliciting comments and discussing issues have been held. Technical committees are analyzing and collecting data which will lead to recommendations by the summer of 1995. By September, the planning committee will choose from a set of alternatives and recommend a course of action.

Working Objectives

1)Collect, inventory and analyze data in order to develop a remedial action plan and best management practices.

2)Inform and educate citizens regarding the causes, problems and potential solutions associated with runoff, flooding, erosion and sedimentation.

3)Finalize and implement a public participation plan that involves a diversity of people affected by basin problems and the recommended solutions.

4)Improve cooperation between resource management agencies at the watershed level.

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is President Clinton's fulfillment of a campaign pledge to create a national service program–a domestic Peace Corps–addressing environmental, educational, human service and public safety needs at a community level.

The Nemadji Basin Project is one of six SCS programs in MN receiving Americorps members. Three AmeriCorps members began work on the Nemadji Project in October, 1994.

Answers to Common Questions and Concerns

"Aren't the problems associated with the Nemadji River due to natural causes over which we have no control?

While the soil in this watershed is prone to erosion, it is believed that people have made land-use changes accelerating the naturally high erosion rates. Although not necessarily bad or preventable; roads, ditches, homestead development, clearing for agriculture and timber harvesting all have an impact on the hydrology and erosion in the watershed.

"This research was done before in the Red Clay Project and no solutions were found, why are we spending more money on a problem we can't fix?"

The Red Clay Research and Demonstration Project looked at the properties of the Red Clay soil and the effects of vegetation on slopes, and tested different stabilization projects. A great deal was learned from this project, however the effects of hydrological changes on the processes of erosion was not examined. This project made some preliminary recommendations which are being evaluated and will most likely be part of the remedial action plan.

The Red Clay Project should be viewed as a springboard for new ideas and treatments. The current project will look at the watershed as a whole entity and attempt to develop long term solutions for reducing the volume of sediment transported. It is important to note that the money being spent on the Nemadji River Basin Project would be spent on a similar project in another area if the previous research had not demonstrated a need to develop a remedial action plan.

"How will you measure success?"

The success of the project will be measured by the degree to which the remedial actions and BMPs are accepted and carried out. The cooperation, knowledge and acceptance of the project and the alternatives by landowners, citizens and agencies will demonstrate the success of the project. Success in the terms of reduced sediment will not be measured or achieved by any "quick-fix" solutions.

"What type of funding will be available for carrying out the plans?"

This project will research and develop technically feasible and politically sound remedial action measures. It is felt that the existence of a well researched plan greatly improves the chances of receiving funding from outside sources. The remedial action plan will include potential sources for future options.

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AmeriCorps Progress Update #2

Twin Valley MN, November 29, 1994. . . . USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly Soil Conservation Service (SCS), AmeriCorps members, announced today information about their recent progress.

The Twin Valley AmeriCorps members assigned to help coordinate the Agassiz Recreational Trail (A.R.T.) have submitted a grant for an Information Heritage Center in Twin Valley. This would be a replica of the old Twin Valley depot and would be built along the A.R.T. The Information Heritage Center would house 24-hour restrooms for trail users.

For community service projects, all 12 AmeriCorps members in NW Minnesota, participated in the Crookston Clean-Up on November 9th. Along with area volunteers, the AmeriCorps members picked up litter on the two main one-way streets.

On November 15th the AmeriCorps members received wind and water erosion training in Red Lake Falls, from area District Conservationists Dave Dornbusch and Randy Huelskamp. This training also touched on some of the formulas used to measure crop residue loss.

Of the funds appropriated from the Minnesota State Lottery by the LCMR (Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources) for the Agassiz Recreational Trail, there was an allocation for the establishment of a walking trail in the city of Ada MN. AmeriCorps A.R.T. coordinators are helping the city of Ada develop a plan of work, so construction on the Ada Trail can begin this spring.

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The A.R.T. Citizens Advisory Board chose Shelley Johnson of Twin Valley MN, as the winner of the A.R.T. logo contest. She will receive a $50.00 savings bond.

On November 23 the AmeriCorps members went through a team building rope course at the MSU Regional Science Center. Each member went through a series of low rope courses and one high rope course. The emphasis of the day was setting individual goals and accomplishing those goals through teamwork.

The Conservation Outreach members have been working on organizing a Crop Residue Alliance for their respective counties. An initial letter of contact has been put together along with a list of area agri-businesses. In the coming months, the AmeriCorps members working on this project will be going to these businesses to discuss the potential contributions they can make. Also, they will be traveling to the landowners of priority living snowfence land and discussing the potential of their land for the planting of trees for the living snowfence project.

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Crookston Clean Up a success

By Brian Krzmarzick
Americorps Worker

The downtown Clean Up held Wednesday, Nov. 9, was a great success. The event was the first in Crookston to be sponsored by the Americorps members from throughout the Northwest region.

Thirteen Americorps workers and six members of the UMC Natural Resources Club participated in the clean up.

Crookston businesses – Hardee's, Subway, Larson's Super Value and Starland Video – donated items for the volunteers.

Without the help of the volunteers and the cooperation that we received from City Hall, the clean up would not have been possible.

The group of volunteers picked up litter from the streets and sidewalks along Main, Broadway, and the connecting streets. Some of the alleys were picked up as well.

The workers filled the pack of a pickup with trash. Arrangements were made for city crews to dispose of it.

Part of the Americorps agenda is to get involved with the communities through service projects such as the Crookston Clean Up.

Americorps workers David Jacobsma and Aaron Neubert patrolled Loring Street, pickup up trash during the first Crookston Clean Up sponsored by Americorps members. Jacobsma, who is from Luverne, is working out of the Warren Natural Resources Conservation Service office. Neubert, of Mahnomen, is working out of the Twin Valley NRCS office. (Times Photo By Twylla Allepeter)

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Americorps to 'Clean Up' city

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, Americorps members from throughout the area will be heading a "Clean Up Crookston" day. Participants will be combing the downtown streets picking up garbage and litter from the Main and Broadway sidewalks and streets.

Americorps is President Clinton's national service initiative to achieve direct results in addressing the nation's critical education, human service, public safety, and environmental needs. Part of the Americorps object is to get involved with the communities they are stationed in by helping with community service projects.

The local Americorps member, Brian Krzmarzick, is working out of the Crookston Natural Resource Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service). Krzmarzick, along with 13 other Americorps members, will be hosting the clean up event.

"Our hope is to get as many folks from Crookston involved as possible. We want the area people to know that as Americorps members we are here to help the community," Krzmarzick said.

If you would like to volunteer to help with "Clean Up Crookston", meet the Americorps members at the front of the City Hall at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

If you or your organization is planning a community service project for the future that requires assistance notify an Americorps member at one of the following Natural Resource Conservation Services offices: Crookston, Mahnomen, McIntosh, Red Lake Falls, Thief River Falls, Twin Valley or Warren.

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Twin Valley based AmericCorps members are busy with projects

The AmeriCorps members stationed at the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (formerly SCS) have been busy since their arrival last month.

To date, the Twin Valley AmeriCorps members working on the Agassiz Recreational Trail project have been involved with writing two grants. One will be for an Information Heritage Center to be built in Twin Valley along the trail. The other grant is for timber bridges, the ART project will require four bridges to be a continuous trail. Ground breaking for the ART Trail was held October 18 in Twin Valley.

AmeriCorps members working on Conservation Outreach have been working with the Soil and Water Conservation District on the grant they received through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The grant consists of four newsletters to inform contract holders of information regarding the CRP program. AmeriCorps members have compiled and mailed out CRP news letters for October. They will now be working on a living snowfence project.

Work has also started on the group's third objective, to promote tourism in Mahnomen County. The AmeriCorps members will be working in collaboration with the Mahnomen Minnesota Extension Service.

AmeriCorps members are also required to do community service projects. The Area I (northwest Minnesota) group has begun talking to area Chamber of Commerce groups, city councils, as well as school teachers and administrators. For the month of November, AmeriCorps members, along with area volunteers, will be doing cleanup work in the city of Crookston, on the two main one-way streets. Future projects include the Area I Annual Environthon, and Give Water a Hand which is a water quality testing project.

District Court

Shawn Brandt, age 20, of Ada made his initial appearance at District Court in Ada on Monday, October 31, on charges of leaving the scene of an accident and gross misdemeanor DUI.

Charges allege that Brandt sideswiped a car in a parking lot in

arrested sitting in his car along the side of the highway. Date of offense was October 30.

Bail was set at $1,500, and a public defender was appointed. No driving was a condition of release. His first appearance was set for Monday, N...

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THIS IS CRAZY — A school in Downers Grove, Illinois, which had won four straight victories in science fairs, has been barred from future competitions because its successes deny other schools their "right" in similar success.

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HALLOWEEN FOLLOW-UP — Here's a new one. An area community had their police equip their patrol cars with pumpkins full of candy on Halloween night. Officers handed out candy to kids that night. The candy was donated by stores in the community. Good PR for the police department.

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HERE'S THE BIG ONE — Two youngsters had the record for the biggest jack-o'-lantern. It weighed in at 799 pounds. How do they get them that big? Genetics has a lot to do with it, so growers crossbreed to get bigger pumpkins. Once the pumpkins start growing, some people feed them beer or milk. Limiting vines to just one fruit each is a necessity. Keep them covered with a wet blanket. How do you move a giant pumpkin? You get several strong people and a strong tarpaulin. You use a forklift to get the pumpkin on the scale — in other words, very carefully.

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GOOD PAY — Friend of ours told us that working for the government may be a nice job but the private sector has more creative ways to earn money. One guy worked for a circus. He got shot from a cannon. Made twenty cents a mile plus traveling expenses.

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October 18, 1994 was the ground breaking for the Agassiz Recreational Trail (ART) in Twin Valley MN. It was a cold, wet day but the event still drew in close to 70 people. Television channels 4 and 6 from Fargo covered the news event. State Representative Bernie Lieder and a representative of Collin Peterson spoke of the importance of ART for economic development in NW Minnesota.

To date, the Twin Valley AmeriCorps members working on the ART project have been interviewed twice on KRJB Radio in Ada MN, and the Conservation Outreach members have been interviewed once.

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Koenig begins duties with AmeriCorps Service

Dave Dornbusch, District Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, McIntosh, MN, today announced that DiAnn Koenig of McIntosh, MN, began her AmeriCorps service on October 3. Koenig, will be located in the McIntosh Field Office. She is among 20 AmeriCorps members selected to work with the USDA SCS in Minnesota between now and through August 1995.

Dornbusch said Koenig will be working with conservation outreach, a program designed to benefit and enhance community understanding of conservation practices and programs.

Koenig began her service during a USDA SCS AmeriCorps Orientation Program, October 3-7, 1994 in St. Paul.

SCS AmeriCorps members will be highly visible. They'll wear either a cap, tee-shirt, sweatshirt or a pin which shows the Ameri-Corps logo "We get things done."

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How Big Time Bucks Are Killing Small-Time Football

[illegible] seem to work in this country, very little starts in Alabama. It's one of the last places to get new movies and was one of the last places to abolish slavery.

So it's rather strange that the University of Alabama, Birmingham, just may be setting the newest college football trend. The UAB grid program, in existence for only five years, has opted to leave Division I-AA next season in order to play I-A. And while the "We'd like to eventually see our program with the best in the nation" statement has been officially uttered by school officials, there's more to it than that.

It's the same thing that caused Northeast Louisiana to leave I-AA. It's the same thing that's causing Central Florida to leave I-AA. It's the same thing that caused Villanova Coach Andy Talley to express his intent to move up, and also what caused UConn to hire new coach Skip (Son of Lou) Holtz.

Word has it that it will soon hit schools like Montana, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Northern Iowa and Youngstown State.

It is (gasp!) money. It is (no gasp) not in I-AA football.

"Football is a costly sport," says Chuck Boone, commissioner of the I-AA Yankee Conference. "And in I-AA there really isn't any money to be made."

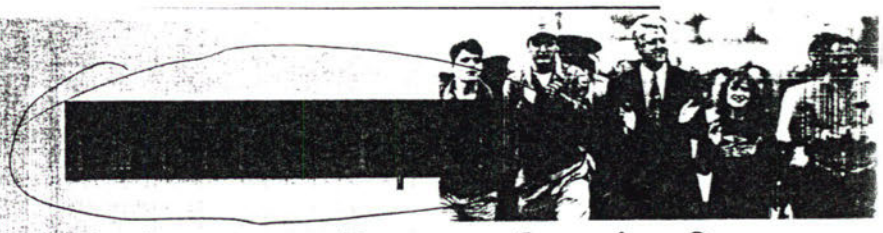
Hence, the problem. Although the NCAA would not release specific information, last year fewer than 10 percent of I-AA football programs showed a profit. The dilemma lies in an array of areas, from no television contracts to small stadiums to the simple fact that most students at Marshall or Delaware would rather sit back in a dorm room with Bud in hand and watch Notre Dame/Miami than head out to the cold for a Thundering Herd/Blue Hen matchup.

Sadly, not much can be done. I-AA loudly boasts of its achievements — NFLers John Taylor, Roosevelt Potts and Stan Humphries being among its products — and for medium-sized schools, it's a perfect competitive level. But more and more programs are recognizing that beating Boston University in double overtime rarely even makes the news. Losing to Auburn 55-3 headlines it.

"It's hard to make I-AA an attractive package to television," says Boone, who still believes the division can survive. "The public demands what's on TV."

And it doesn't demand I-AA.

—Jeff Pearlman



Living in Poverty For the Cause

Let's face it. You're not going to get rich joining the ranks of the president's new domestic Peace Corps — dubbed AmeriCorps. You see, this is not the same program Bill Clinton told you about when he wanted your vote. This is the Congress-messed-with-me version, and what that means is you "volunteer" to make minimum wage for nine months to a year and when it's over, they'll give you enough money to maybe cover a semester at one of the cheaper public universities in the country.

Still interested? It seems thousands of students are.

The $300-million program will put 20,000 people to work this year doing all kinds of community service, from walking the elderly safely home through their high-crime neighborhoods to finding housing for the homeless. For their work, members of the corps get an $8,000 living allowance (roughly $4.25 an hour), plus health and child care benefits. For each year they complete of the two-year program, the government will write a check for $4,275 to the school of their choice. Not a great deal, but then Laura Sullivan, a 25-year-old graduate of Georgetown University, says the money is not the point. "Everyone in this program is committed to service, committed to making a difference," says Sullivan, who works with AmeriCorps for a Maryland-based program that trains low-income women to start their own businesses.

Oh, of course.

Sullivan was attracted to AmeriCorps for the same reason a lot of post-graduates are. For her, the program could serve as a great segue — almost like an internship — into a career of non-profit or community service work. But even Sullivan admits she had to save up money to participate. She's barely living above the poverty line on her AmeriCorps living allowance.

Originally, AmeriCorps was intended to be a ticket to college if you couldn't buy one. The concept sold to the liberal arts majors who couldn't find a job and to the troops of do-gooders who wanted to make a difference but still needed to pay the rent.

In reality, it was a guy like Dixon Negron of Chicago whom Clinton really may have had in mind when he initially proposed the service plan. Negron never dreamed of going to college, let alone finishing high school. For the past year, haunted by the life he saw unfolding for his young nieces and nephews living in one of the worst Chicago neighborhoods, Negron worked for a community organization called Public Allies.

He made a "comfortable living" there, but when Public Allies was picked for funding in the AmeriCorps program, Negron got in on all the AmeriCorps benefits. "I'm not living from paycheck to paycheck anymore," he says. "Now I can think about going back to school."

Let's hope he makes it.

To apply to AmeriCorps, call (800) 942-2677.

—Jackie Spinner

Short Things To Read

AIDS TAKE-HOME TEST? The Federal Government apparently is poised to approve the use of home kits that will let you test your own blood for the AIDS virus and learn the results by phone. What you'd do is this: prick your finger, put three drops of blood on a blotter, and mail it to a testing center. In a week, you'd call an 800-number and if your result was negative you'd be told the good news by recording. If the test was positive, a trained

Students explore science fair

Thirty-nine students participated in the Norman County East Science and Invention Fair held Thursday and Friday at Gary.

The event was the first in the Gary School. In previous years the science and invention fair was held in Twin Valley by the elementary students.

The projects were set up and judged Thursday. The fair was opened for public viewing on Friday.

Judges this year were Della Chisholm from Circle E Seeds in Gary, Carrie Liebl from the Gary Elevator, Gordon Nelson from Gary State Bank, Kelly Engen and Jeff York from Norman County SWCD in Twin Valley, and Gordon Dobberstein, Merlyn Meyer and Norman Gullingsrud.

AmeriCorp Members

Participants were awarded ribbons for superior (S), excellent (E), good (G), and participant (P).

Four kindergarten students participated, they were: Jordan Stueness, E; Adam Bommersbach, S; Marti Hoekstra, S; and Abbey Bentley, E.

Seven first grade students in the event were: Jennifer Hanson, E; Beth Brandt-Sargent, S; Althea Bain, E; Devin Berglund, S; Tony Dahlen, G; Jesse Olstad, E; and Andrew Sather, S.

Participants in the second grade were: Michael Anderson, S; Janna Stueness, S; Raylene Natwick, S; and Drew Bentley, E.

Third grade students were: Cyril Bain, G; Ben Revier, E; Andrew Hanson, G; and Tyrel Ambuehl, G.

Fourth grade students were: Megan Ruud, S; Shannon Stundahl, S; Lisa Hagy, E; Lindsay Ose, S; Michael Askelson, G; Shantelle Nogowski, E; and Tom Natwick, S.

In the fifth grade, the participants were: Ashley Bekkerus, G; and Justin Skaurud, S.

All the sixth grade students participating received superior ratings. They were: Kayla Klemetson, Soren Nelson, Rick Bentley, Joshua Nogowski, Michael Peterson, Paul Roering, Aaron Werpy, Scott Hagy and Andy Bentley.

The Fair was organized by a committee of teachers at NCE. They were Ramona Aune, Sherrie Nogowski, Jon Anderson, Myrtle Hanson, Doris Wiger and Renee Strand. Geri Myers-Bjerken helped organize the prize ribbons for the students.

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GOOD PROJECTS DESERVE GOOD JUDGES

NCE fourth grade student Tom Natwick received a 'superior' rating on his science project which explained density. Judging the project are Norman Gullingsrud (center) and Gordon Dobberstein. It was part of the NCE Science and Invention Fair at the Gary School last Thursday and Friday.

SOAP SUDS AND OTHER STUFF

Priscilla Dahlen may be the right person to ask which soap has the longest lasting suds. It was the subject of her science fair project last week. Judging her project were Jeff York, left, and Buck Engen. AmeriCorp Members

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AGASSIZ TRAIL DEDICATION

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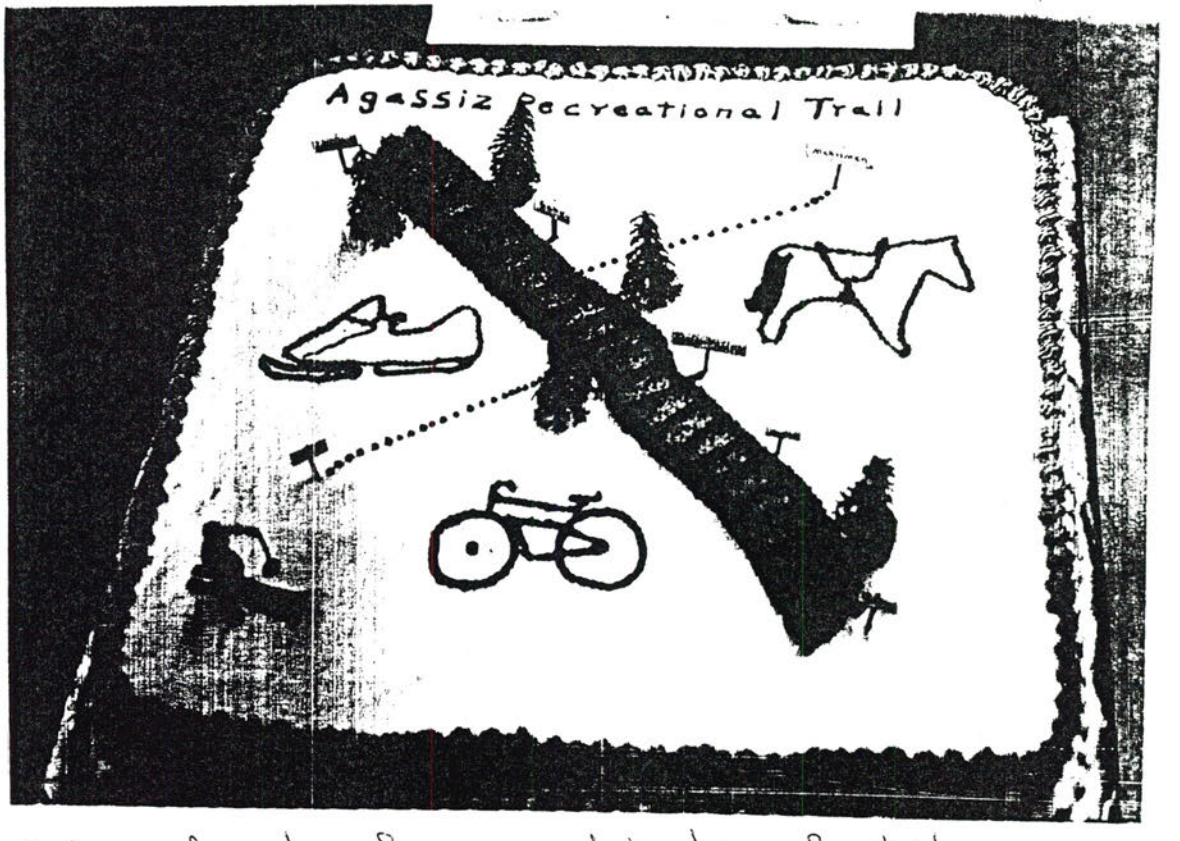

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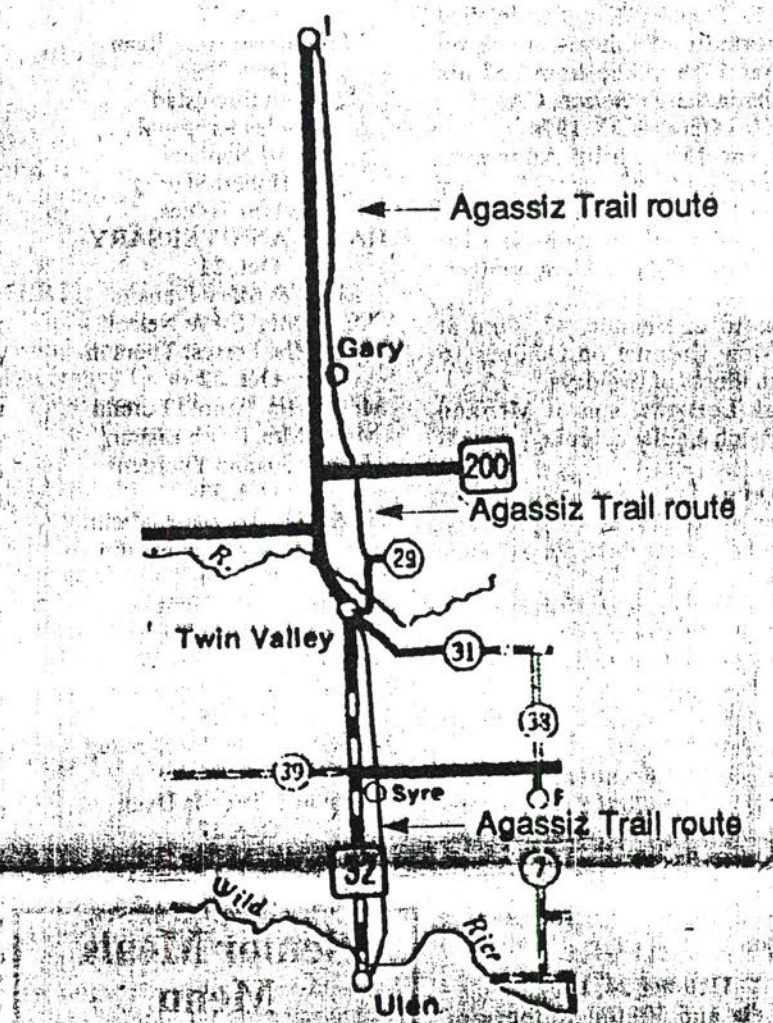

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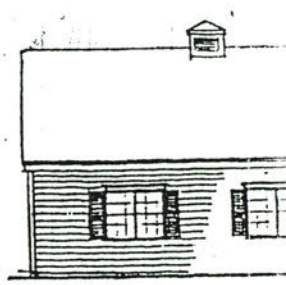

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Red Lake Falls

Melissa Stommes starts AmeriCorps service in RLF

Dave Dornbusch, district conservationist in Red Lake Falls, announced Melissa Stommes of Richmond has begun her AmeriCorps service. Stommes will be located in the Red Lake Falls field office. She is among 20 AmeriCorps members selected to work with the USDA SCS in Minnesota between now and through August.

AmeriCorps is President Clinton's fulfillment of a campaign pledge to create a national service program – a domestic Peace Corps of 20,000 members.

The SCS AmeriCorps members will work 1,700 hours during their service time and they also will receive a living allowance and an educational grant.

Stommes will be working on a conservation outreach project designed to give the community a better understanding of current conservation practices and programs. Community service is an objective of AmeriCorps and members of the local community may be contacted for further ideas on how AmeriCorps can work in the community.

For more information about AmeriCorps and what they will be doing in the community contact the local SCS and SWCD at 253-2593. Their offices are located on the bottom level in the Wheat Growers building just south of Red Lake Falls.

Americorps program begins at SWCD

The local Soil and Water Conservation District has some new faces working their office now. The five are USDA Americorps enlistees who will be there for 1,700 working hours.

The five are Kathie Musch from Pipestone, Kelly Engen of Gary, Jeff York from Fargo, Aaron Neubert from Mahnomen and Holly Sirjord of Gary. They are among 20 USDA Americorps members in Minnesota and 13 in Northwest Minnesota.

Twin Valley Americorps members will be working primarily on two projects: the first is to promote community understanding of conservation practices and the second to promote economic development in Northwest Minnesota through the establishment of a region-wide trail system.

They began their service during USDA Americorps orientation Oct. 3-7 in St. Paul. They began working in Twin Valley last week.

Americorps is President Clinton's national service program similar to a domestic Peace Corps program. There are 20,000 members enlisted. Along with a salary of between $7660 to $12,000, each will also receive an educational grant of $4,725.

While here the group plans to work on the Agassiz Trail project and other projects involving educating people about conservation. They will be planting living snow fences along state and federal highways, doing soil surveys, providing information about USDA and SCS plant programs and be involved with conservation outreach programs.

Janice Syverson of Twin Valley is also involved with the Americorps program. She is the Minnesota Coordinator for Americorps.

AMERICORPS BUNCH

The five Americorps members here in Twin Valley began working last Tuesday. Pictured, left to right, are Aaron Neubert, Holly Sirjord, Jeff York, Kathie Musch and Kelly Engen.

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Carolyn Minnie
Twin Valley

AmeriCorps members begin service with USDA Soil Conservation Service

There are now five Americorps participants stationed in the SCS field office in Twin Valley, according to Chuck Turax, SCS district conservationist, and Curt Borchert, Norman County SWCD district manager. Students stationed in Twin Valley include Kathie Musch of Fargo, Kelly Engen of Gary, Jeff York of Fargo, Aaron Neubert of Bejou and Holly Sirjord of Twin Valley. They are among 20 AmeriCorps members selected to work with the USDA SCS in Minnesota between now and through August 1995.

There will also be five AmeriCorps members based in McIntosh, Warren, Crookston, Thief River Falls and Red Lake who will be taking direction from the Twin Valley office.

All the AmeriCorps members are either college graduates or working towards their college degree.

The Twin Valley AmeriCorps members will be working on two projects. One is to promote community understanding of conservation practices. Some of their activities in this area will include meeting with groups and individuals to discuss conservation practices like wetlands protection and planting trees for windbreaks. They will also work on tree planting sites for $97,000 of federal funds available for planting trees next to highways systems.

The group will also promote economic development in northwest Minnesota through the establishment of a region-wide trail system. This will involve promoting the new ART Trail, doing mapping, and working with area businesses to utilize the trail system for economic development.

The AmeriCorps members began their service during a USDA SCS AmeriCorps Orientation Program, October 3-7, in St. Paul.

SCS AmeriCorps members will be highly visible. They'll wear either a cap, t-shirt, sweatshirt, or a pin which shows the AmeriCorps logo, "We Get Things Done."

Gary Nordstrom, SCS state conservationist, said, "AmeriCorps is an exciting opportunity to help us get things done with people in the community. A lot of people competed for the 20 AmeriCorps positions. We will demand quality work from them, just as if they were SCS federal employees, and I do expect them to be visible to the people in the community."

AmeriCorps represents President Clinton's fulfillment of a campaign pledge to create a national service program-- a domestic Peace Corps of 20,000 AmeriCorps members.

The SCS AmeriCorps members will work 1,700 hours during their service time, will receive a living allowance between $7,660 to $12,000 and each AmeriCorps member who successfully completes their service requirements will be awarded an educational grant of $4,725.

Minnesota's USDA SCS 20 AmeriCorps members are headquartered out of five project sites and will be working on six different natural resource projects. The projects focus on watershed public participation in Cloquet and Lewiston; the conservation outreach and trails promotion in Twin Valley; grassland and pasture management in Rochester; and animal waste management in Thief River Falls.

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ART logo contest

A logo contest is being sponsored by the joint powers board of the Agassiz Recreational Trail (ART), and the winning designer will receive a $50 saving bond.

The Agassiz Recreational Trail, currently under construction, will be a multi-purpose trail for horseback riding, bicycle riding, walking, snowmobiling, and cross country skiing. The trail will run through the five towns of Fertile, Gary, Twin Valley, Syre and Ulen on the old railroad grade. A paved walking and biking trail will also be located in Ada.

The design for the logo should include the name, Agassiz Recreational Trail, the uses, and the towns involved. The logo will be used on letterheads, caps, sweatshirts, etc.

When sending in your logo, please be sure to include your name, address and phone number. The contact is open to anyone who may be interested.

Entries must be received by November 14, 1994. Mail or deliver to:

Art Citizens Advisory Committee
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Additional information can be obtained by calling 218-584-5169 at the Norman County SWCD.

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Americorps 'pioneer' starts work for SCS

Americorps member Brian Krzmarzick, of Fargo, N.D., began his "tour of duty" this week with the Soil Conservation Service. He will be working out of the Crookston Soil Conservation office.

Krzmarzick is among 20 Americorps members selected to work with the USDA SCS in Minnesota. The program will extend through August of 1995.

District Conservationist Randy Heulskamp said Krzmarzick will be working on a project to provide public education to promote better understanding and utilization of conservation programs.

Americorps members are working throughout the nation on numerous projects. The mission of all Americorps members, Krzmarzick says, is the same — "to get things done."

Americorps is the fulfillment of President Clinton's campaign promise to organize a national service program. In essence, the 20,000 Americorps members throughout the U.S. form a domestic Peace Corps.

As one of the first Americorps members in the area, Krzmarzick says he feels like "kind of a pioneer, forging the way in the development of the program."

Brian Krzmarzick

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Krzmarzick said he is taking a year off from college to work in Americorps. He recently completed his junior year at North Dakota State University, where he is majoring in criminal justice and public relations.

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West Polk SCS to help launch AmeriCorps

By Twylla Altepeter

The West Polk Soil Conservation Service (SCS) office will help the AmeriCorps program take root in Minnesota. AmeriCorps is President Bill Clinton's new national initiative to establish a "domestic Peace Corps," says SCS District Conservationist Randy Huelskamp, of Crookston.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's SCS in Minnesota, in cooperation with Minnesota's 91 Soil and Water Conservation Districts will launch the AmeriCorps program in Minnesota in September, according to SCS State Conservationist Gary Nordstrom.

Ten AmeriCorps rural development positions will be headquartered out of the SCS Field Office and the Norman County Soil and Water Conservation District Office in Twin Valley. They will cover the counties in northwestern Minnesota, ranging from Norman County to the Canadian border.

One AmeriCorps participant will be headquartered at the SCS office in Crookston. "Locally, we're looking for someone to help inform rural an urban residents about the values and opportunities associated with soil and water conservation resources," Huelskamp says. "Among other things, the AmeriCorps worker will be promoting the use of soil surveys, living snowfences, planting of various grass and tree species, and other conservation practices. There may be some door-to-door visiting, but most of the work will involve drafting news articles and newsletters and developing brochures."

Applicants for AmeriCorps positions must be at least 17 years old. They must have some academic college work and be skilled in using computers, a telephone and filling. They must be able to meet, organize and work with individuals and groups, Huelskamp says. They must be able to develop and present educational materials and have skills work working with the media.

"We'd like to have them have some kind of background and education in agriculture, conservation programs, some

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public relations knowledge," Huelskamp says. "It would be ideal for college students or recent college graduates."

AmeriCorps participants, Huelskamp says, will be considered federal employees with full benefits and insurance. Stipends will range from $7,600 to $12,000, depending on qualifications, for working 1,700 hours over 10 to 12 months (roughly full-time). They will also receive, if necessary, reimbursement for child care.

Upon completion of the 1,700 hours, an education voucher of $4,725 will be awarded the AmeriCorps participant. The voucher may be used to repay student loans or to pay college tuition for two-year, four-year or graduate programs.

"We're taking AmeriCorps applications right now," Huelskamp says. "Applications must be in the St. Paul office by August 19 and the jobs should start in mid-September."

For more information on AmeriCorps, contact Huelskamp at 281-1445. Applications can be picked up at the West Polk SCS Office, 528 Strander, Crookston, weekdays during regular business hours.

To apply for other USDA and/or other Nationwide AmeriCorps positions, call 1-800-880-4183 and ask for a copy of an AmeriCorps Referral Form, application and brochure.

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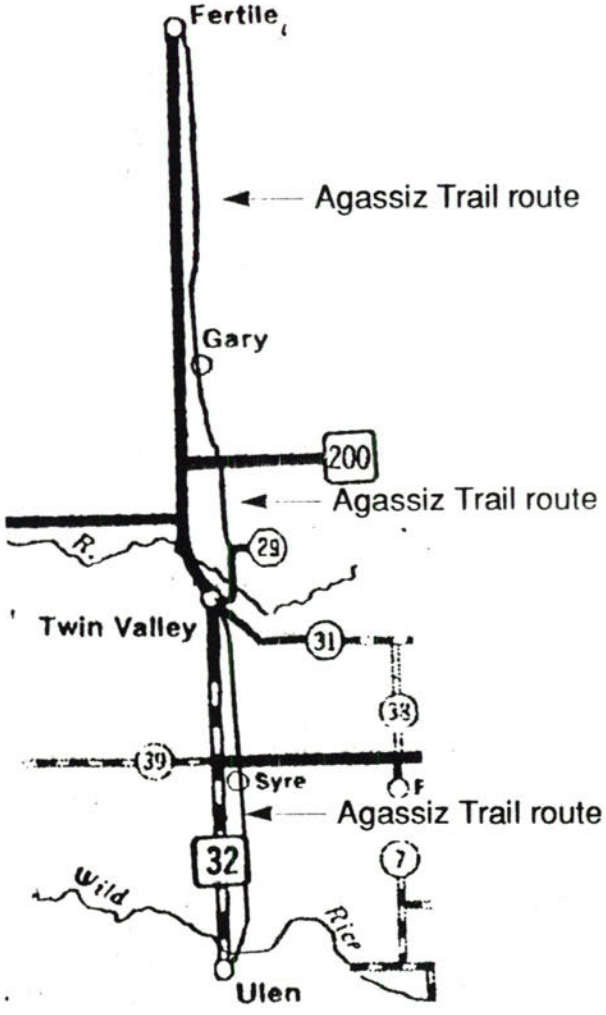

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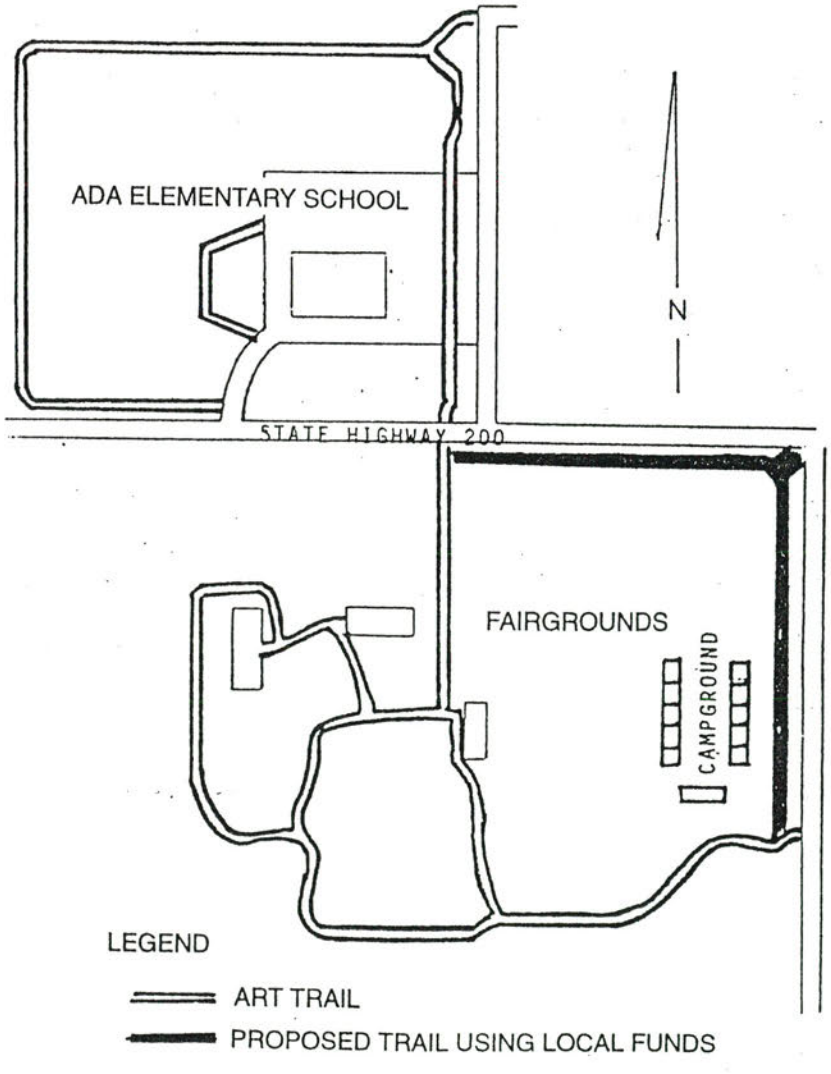

Ground breaking for Agassiz Trail scheduled for October 18

Ground breaking for the new Agassiz Trail Project between Ulen and Fertile will be held in Twin Valley on Tuesday, October 18. The ground breaking ceremony will be at 1:00 p.m., across from the Standard Station in Twin Valley. Cake and coffee will be served following the ceremony at the Twin Valley Community Center, plus project officials will be on hand to answer questions about the $650,000 project.

The primary focus of the project is the development of a non-motorized summer and motorized winter trail, primarily on the old railroad grade between Ulen and Fertile. The project also includes a paved walking track in Ada, and a walking track in Ulen. The project is being funded by a grant from the Legislative Commission of Minnesota Resources (LCMR).

Construction on the main trail actually got under way on October 6. Project administrator, Curt Borchert, reports that the contractors on the project are Wayne Nelson and Butch Gordon. Borchert said work this fall will include removing rock from the old railroad grade, scarification, and laying down gravel for the new trail.

Curt said he anticipates the paved trails in Ada and Ulen will be done next spring. The current budget for the Ada portion of the trail, to circle the elementary school and much of the fairgrounds, is $47,927 for 4,900 feet of paving. The paving budget for the Ulen walking trail is $32,224. The original plans also called for the development of a park area in Ulen and Ada, however, Borchert said budget restraints will necessitate seeking other funding sources for this portion of the project.

The property for the main trail was purchased from Burlington Northern Railroad for a total negotiated price of $90,000 for 456 total acres between Ulen and Fertile.

A breakdown of construction costs on each portion of the trail includes: $65,401 between Ulen and Syre, $111,912 between Syre and Twin Valley (including seven pipe structures); $95,222 between Twin Valley and Gary (including two pipe structures); and $122,196 between Gary and Fertile (including three pipe structures).

All components of the project must be completed by July 1 of 1995.