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**USDA AMERICORPS PROJECTS
IN PROGRESS
TABLE 1**

ST	PROJECT TITLE	% of PROJECT COMPLETED	NON-AMERICORPS FEDERAL FUNDS COMMITTED	STATE FUNDS COMMITTED	NON-GOVERNMENT FUNDS COMMITTED	POTENTIAL JOBS CREATED	POTENTIAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT
AR	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	20		\$ 2,200,000	\$ 150,000		\$75,000,000
AR	HOLLY GROVE FLOODPLAIN RELOCATION	20	\$ 900,000	1,250,000	200,000	50	200,000 +
ID	HOME*A*SYST	30	118,000	20,000	5,000	10	10,000,000
KS	CHENEY LAKE RESTORATION	50	90,000		20,000	8	4,000,000
KS	KANOPLIS/WILTON LAKE	60	90,000		20,000	8	3,000,000
KS	TUTTLE/MILFORD LAKES	65	90,000		20,000	8	4,000,000
KS	PERRY/CLINTON LAKES	60	90,000		20,000	8	4,000,000
KS	EL DORADO LAKE		90,000		20,000	8	5,000,000
KS	GREAT PLAIN NATURE CTR		120,000		50,000	10	*
KS	BIG CREEK STREAM RESTOR'T	70	100,000		15,000	7	
KS	SHAWNEE CO STREAM RESTORATION	60	160,000		25,000	20	
KY	ONEIDA AREA IMPROVEMENT				2,000		
LA	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	57		\$ 996,984			\$50,000,000
MI	FARM*A*SYST			249,000			

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ME	COASTAL WATER QUALITY & CLAM INDUSTRY	60	100,000	50,000	40,000	150	4,000,000 yr
ME	SHELLFISH WATER QUALITY EDUCATION COORDINATORS	50	150,000	80,000	60,000	100	3,000,000 yr
ME	FORESTRY/ENVIRONMENTAL WATER QUALITY COORD.	35	40,000	60,000	20,000	15	5,000,000 yr
ME	CRANBERRY WATER QUALITY COORDINATOR	75	25,000	50,000	50,000	200	50,000,000 yr
ME	CASCO BAY/SEBAGO LAKE WATERSHED COORD.	40	100,000	20,000	25,000	10	2,000,000 yr
ME	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CIRCUIT RIDER	10	140,000	10,000	20,000		
ME	MACD EDUCATION COORDINATOR	60	20,000	20,000	20,000		
ME	ST. CROIX WATERSHED COORDINATOR	70	20,000	10,000	15,000	5	200,000 yr
ME	FISH RIVER LAKES WATERSHED COORDINATOR	50	25,000	50,000	100,000	5	200,000 yr
ME	TRAIL COORDINATOR	40	50,000	20,000	40,000	75	5,000,000 yr
ME	DARMANISCOTTA RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATOR	40	20,000	20,000	50,000	40	4,000,000 yr
ME	CAMP ROAD WATER QUALITY COORDINATOR	50	20,000	10,000	20,000	2	20,000 yr
ME	MEDUNEKEAG RIVER WATER QUALITY COORDINATOR	30	20,000	20,000	20,000	10	100,000 yr

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ME	CHINA LAKE WATER QUALITY COORDINATOR	40	20,000	10,000	20,000	5	50,000 yr
NH	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	25	20,000	10,000	35,000	10	25,000,000
NH	WATERSHED PROJECT	15	60,000	20,000	65,000	5	15,000,000
NH	NH COOKS	10	100,000	200,000	400,000	40	3,500,000
NY	SOIL MAP COMPUTERIZATION , T. OF EDEN, NY (25,000 AC)	10	1,000		3,000		500,000
NY	SOIL MAP COMPUTERIZATION, ERIE & NIAGARA (200,000 AC)	75	5,000	25,000	15,000	1	2,000,000
NY	STREAM MAPPING IN GIS	90		1,000	10,000	25	400,000
NY	NIAGARA FRONTIER WETLANDS INITIATIVE LAND USE	10		20,000	5,000		1,000,000
NY	STATE REGULATED WETLAND BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS	25		5,000	1,000		500,000
NY	SENECA NATION OF INDIANS ABANDONED GAS WELL LOCATIONS	30	2,000		10,000	3	5,000,000
NY	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DRY HYDRANT PROJECT	10			50,000	1	5,000,000
NY	COUNTY AG DISTRICT MAP UPDATE	10			5,000		100,000
NY	URBAN FORESTRY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT	10	250		750	1	80,000
NY	BUFFALO CREEK CORRIDOR PROTECTION PROJECT	10			25,000	1	2,000,000

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NY	HABITAT OF HUMANITY PROJECT MAP	75			250		50,000
NY	OLD GROWTH FOREST MAPPING & PRESERVATION	20			250		1,500,000
NY	BARN OWL NEST SITES	20			250		2,000,000
NY	INTERNATIONAL MARSH MONITORING LPROJECT	75	20,000	20,000	20,000	2	800,000
NY	SENECA NATION OF INDIANS DATA TRANSFER & TNG	25	5,000		35,000	1	10,000,000
NY	TOWN OF EDEN, GIS TNG & OPEN SPACE STUDY	50			7,500	5	1,000,000
NY	TOWN OF WALES GIS TNG & DATA DISTRIBUTION	50			12,000	25	400,000
NY	LAKE ERIE/LAKE ST. CLAIRE NAT. WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT	90	24,000(USGS)		2,000		1,000,000
NY	FEMA FLOOD MAP DATA DISTRIBUTION	15	200		200		600,000
NY	BUFFALO RIVER TAX PARCELS	50			4,000		200,00
NY	TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND TAX PARCELS	20			7,000		75,000
NY	AMHERST FARMLAND PROTECTION PROJECT MAPS	25		900,000	900,000	1	2,500,000
NY	CAZENOVIA CREEK UNREGULATED DISCHARGE MAPPING	75	500		1,000		75,000

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NY	BUFFALO CREEK PROJECT MAINTENANCE MAPPING	75	250		30,000	1	60,000
NY	UNITED WAY FOOD BANKS & PANTRIES PROJECT	65			2,000		200,000
NY	ELECTION WARDS & DISTRICTS MAPPING PROJECT	15			2,500		50,000
NY	INTEGRATING INFORMATION & ACTION	25	1,000		5,000	1	
NY	F&WS ATLANTIC SALMON REINTROD & DATA MAPPING	50	35,000 (USFW)		2,000	5	10,000,000
OK	WINDBREAK RESTORATION	10	165,000	30,000	30,000	10	100,000
OK	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	20	55,000	10,000	25,000		
SC	NATURE TRAIL CONSTRUCT'N	25		75,000	75,000	2	1,000,000
SC	ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTERS	30		50,000	125,000	5	2,000,000
SC	PUBLIC SAFETY-911	25		10,000	400,000	10	5,000,000
SC	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	30	100,000	200,000	500,000	15	10,000,000
VT	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	50			34,000		560,000
WV	HOUSING IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND	30		310,000			

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wv	BARBOUR COMMUNITY NET				24,745		
	TOTALS:		3,192,200	7,031,984	3,916,445	897	336,340,000

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* IMPACTS ON 85,000 STUDENTS

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
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■ Date:

11/13/95

■ To:

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MESSAGE:

Dee, here are the
revised project
description for the
Prairie County RCAD
proposed Amendment project.

Revised
11-7/96

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AMERICORPS
Community Service Objective A

GRANTEE: Natural Resources Conservation Service
SITE: Prairie Country RC&D Area

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT A: Implement Conservation Credit Initiative (CCI) Pilot Projects in five Prairie Country Counties, all within the Minnesota River Basin.

- 1) What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?
Assist five local counties and SWCDs plan and implement Conservation Credit initiative Pilot Projects in each of their counties. This will involve providing assistance to implement individual county and multi-county networking meetings and conducting information/education activities and programs. Assist in monitoring each of the five pilot projects and report on their outcome. Disseminate information on project outcomes and other pertinent data out to the public and state and federal legislators. Develop at least three articles on the project for newspapers and the Prairie Country RC&D quarterly newsletter.
- 2) What is hoped for result of the work/activities described above?
To successfully implement five CCI pilot projects and fully disseminate the information on the project and their outcomes out to the public and legislators.
- 3) How will you measure the quality of your product on the impact of your service?
The work to be done and it's impact will be outlined in a Work Plan. Quality of work and outcomes will be assessed by the Council and individually by it's sponsors - the County Boards of Commissioners and Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Boards of Supervisors in the Prairie Country Area. Quality of work will be reflected in the success of the five pilot projects.

Impacts will also be measured by how well landowners accept the CCI concept and percentage of overall enrollment in the pilot projects.
- 4) By what standard will you gauge success?
Success will be measured accordingly when the Work Plan's goals and objectives are satisfactorily completed. Success will also be gauged by how well landowners accept the CCI concept and number of landowners enrolled in the program and satisfactorily implementing their conservation plans. Tons of soil saved, number of nutrient management plans developed and implemented, lineal feet of buffer strips planted and the direct impact this is having on water quality will also be used to gauge the projects success. Water quality monitoring of lakes and streams within each pilot project watershed will also be very beneficial in determining the impact of the CCI program and it's overall success.

5) How many individuals will receive benefits of the work your participants perform?

This project will directly impact 160,000 Prairie Country residents. Water quality initiatives in the Minnesota River Basin will impact thousands of additional residents living downstream.

Successfully implemented CCI Pilot Programs could have statewide and ultimately nationwide impacts. The Minnesota State Legislature is aware of the CCI Program and may consider implementing the Program statewide if local pilot projects are successful.

AMERICORPS
Community Service Objective B

GRANTEE: Natural Resources Conservation Service
SITE: Prairie Country RC&D Area

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT B: Promote the woody riparian buffer concept and implement four demonstration projects with focus on the Minnesota River Basin.

- 1) What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?
Promotion of the woody riparian buffer concept through information/education activities, tours and meetings. Assist counties and SWCD's fully implement four buffer demonstration projects. Work with the Minnesota River Joint Powers Board, state and federal agencies, groups and organizations on setting up and conducting tours of the buffers and dissemination of information on their performance and success out to the public. Assist Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the University of Minnesota with ground and surface water quality monitoring at the Swift County demonstration site. As part of the buffer demonstration, assist with implementation of the "willow stick" streambank stabilization method on at least two of the sites.
- 2) What is hoped for result of the work/activities described above?
To promote the woody riparian buffer concept and successfully implement four demonstration projects. Fully disseminate information about the projects to technical agencies, organizations and the general public.
- 3) How will you measure the quality of your product or the impact of your service?
The work to be done and it's impact will be outlined in a Work Plan. Quality of work and outcomes will be assessed by the Council and individual by it's sponsors - the County Boards of Commissioners and Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Boards of Supervisors in the Prairie Country Area. Quality of work will be reflected in the success of the four demonstration projects. Impacts will also be measured by the acceptance of woody riparian buffers as a sound water quality improvement practice and increase in practice installation.
- 4) By what standard will you gauge success?
Success will be measured accordingly when the Work Plan's goals and objectives are satisfactorily completed. Success will also be gauged by how well landowners, technical agencies and organizations accept the woody riparian buffer concept and implement the practice. Effectiveness of the buffer for improving water quality will be monitored at least one site. Results of the monitoring will be forwarded out to agencies, organizations and the general public.

5) How many individuals will receive benefit of the work your participants perform?

This project will directly impact 160,000 Prairie Country residents. Water quality initiatives in the Minnesota River Basin will impact thousands of additional residents living downstream. Successfully implemented woody riparian buffer demonstrations will have a statewide, regional and possibly national impact on verifying success of this water quality improvement practice.

AMERICORPS
Community Service Objective C

GRANTEE: Natural Resources Conservation Service
SITE: Prairie Country RC&D Area

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT C: Promote the use of hybrid poplar/cottonwood as an alternative crop in the Minnesota River Basin with focus on CRP and riparian lands.

- 1) What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?
Implement information/education projects and activities that will promote the use of hybrid poplar/cottonwood as an alternative crop in the Minnesota River Basin, with focus on CRP and riparian lands. Cooperate with the Minnesota River Joint Powers Board, Minnesota Rural Partners, Minnesota Agro-Forestry Cooperative, state and federal agencies, groups and organizations on the Minnesota River riparian reforestation project with focus on using hybrid poplar/cottonwood in reforestation efforts. Assist the WesMin RC&D Council carry out a project funded through the McKnight Foundation which involves assessing the environmental, economic and social impacts of large scale tree plantings in the Minnesota River Basin. Work with Three Rivers and WesMin RC&D Councils on demonstration projects which incorporate the use of hybrid poplar/cottonwood in woody riparian buffers. Work with the U. S. Forest Service, Renville County Board of Commissioners and SWCD to evaluate the Hybrid Poplar/Cottonwood demonstration planting on the Minnesota River in Renville County and report on findings. Disseminate this information out to local, state and federal agencies and the general public.
- 2) What is the hoped for result of the work activities described above?
To enhance the overall water quality of the Minnesota River through the planting of hybrid poplar/cottonwood as an alternative crop, use in riparian area reforestation efforts and use in woody riparian buffer projects. To plant hybrid poplar/cottonwood, not only for their environmental benefits, but also for the economic benefits they will provide to landowners as a viable alternative crop. (A recently completed Feasibility Study on hybrid poplar showed strong potential for good economic returns with the wood fibers industry.) This could provide a sound alternative to landowners struggling to make a profit from traditional crops grown in flood prone areas of the Minnesota River Basin.
- 3) How will you measure the quality of your product or the impact of your service?
The work to be done and it's impact will be outlined in a Work Plan. Quality of work and outcomes will be assessed by the Council and individually by it's sponsors - the County Boards of Commissioners and Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Boards of Supervisors in the Prairie Country Area. Quality of work will be reflected in the success of convincing landowners that hybrid poplar/cottonwood can be a viable alternative crop in the Minnesota River Basin and

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November 7, 1996

Dee DiFiore
USDA National Service
Ag Box 1301
Washington, DC 20250-1301

Dear Dee:

Enclosed are National Service Trust End of Term of Service Form and Member Exit Form for:

94ADFDC047:Donna Symancek, Site Y34C

Donna has completed her 1700 hours as a member of AmeriCorps and should receive the full educational voucher. This is the last member of our group to turn in the paperwork. Thank you in advance for forwarding the form to the National Trust as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Irene Lieberman
AmeriCorps Director
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provide sound environmental and economic benefits.

4) By what standard will you gauge success?

Success will be measured accordingly when the Work Plan's goals and objectives are satisfactorily completed. Success will also be gauged by how well landowners in the Minnesota River Basin accept growing hybrid poplar/cottonwood as an alternative crop. The Prairie Country Council has set a goal of establishing 1,000 acres of hybrid poplar in the Minnesota River Basin by the spring of 1998. The acres planted by this date will be a measure of success for this project. The total land use change this project will bring about in the Minnesota River Basin and the overall effect it will have on enhancing the environment of the River, even though it will take time to fully measure, will all be a part of this project's success.

5) How many individuals will receive benefit of the work your participants perform?

This project will directly impact 160,000 Prairie Country residents. Water quality initiatives in the Minnesota River Basin will impact thousands of additional residents living downstream. Successfully implemented hybrid poplar/cottonwood plantings, riparian area reforestation and buffer projects in the Minnesota River will impact thousands of additional residents living downstream. Hybrid poplar/cottonwood plantings, especially in riparian areas, will eventually have a statewide and regional impact and substantiate that these plantings can provide sound environmental and economic benefits.

USDA AMERICORPS PROJECTS
IN PROGRESS
TABLE 2

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ST	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT SERIOUSLY DELAYED	PROJECT CANCELED
AR	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	Installation of dry fire hydrants in rural areas	X	
AR	HOLLY GROVE FLOODPLAIN PROJECT	Moving families out of the floodplain	X	
GA	WORKING WITH AT-RISK STUDENTS	Work in the prevention of school dropouts, teen pregnancy, & tutoring		X
GA	HOUSING IMPROVMENT	Assist with home repairs and area clean-ups		X
GA	FOOD BUYING CLUBS	Establishing food buying clubs in a 6 county area		X
HI	MOLOKAI-LANAI REFORESTATION	Plant trees in critical watersheds to reduce non-point pollution		X
ID	HOME*A*SYST	Wellhead/environmental protection project		X
IL	STREAMBANK STABILIZATION	Installing willow posts		X
IL	CITY REVITALIZAT ION	Paint & repair downtown buildings		X
IL	DAY CARE CENTER IMPROVEMENT	Remodeling local day care center		X
IL	CEMETARY CLEAN-UP	Remove debris, trees, and brush from cemetary		X
KS	CHENEY LAKE RESTORATION	Flood restoration work		X
KS	KANOPLIS/WILTON LAKE	Flood restoration work		X
KS	TUTTLE/MILFORD LAKES	Flood restoration work		
	PERRY/CLINTON LAKES	Flood restoration work		X

FAX TRANSMITTAL

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To DEE	From CARZELLA
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NOV. 21, 1996

THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM ONGOING PARTNERSHIPS

- CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, HAS AN HANDS ON NATURE MUSEUM FOR CHILDREN. OUR MEMBERS HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS AND SITE INSTRUCTION. THEREFORE, THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF INSTRUCTORS FOR THE 15,332 STUDENTS YEARLY VISITORS.
- CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, HAS FOUR ANNUAL FLOWER SHOWS AT THEIR TWO CONSERVATORY'S. AMERICORPS MEMBERS ASSIST WITH THE SET-UP, MAINTENANCE, DAILY CARE, AND DISMANTLING OF THE DISPLAYS FOR OVER 170,000 VISITORS.
- URBAN RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP, IS A JOINT AGENCY VENTURE IN WHICH AMERICORPS HAS INTERFACED WITH 78% OF THEIR GRANTEE IN VARIOUS WAYS.
- NATURE CONSERVANCY DEPENDS UPON OUR MEMBERSHIP TO BE SITE STEWARDS FOR THEIR MIGHTY ACORN PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM IS COMPRISED OF 15 SITES AND SERVICES OVER 30 SCHOOLS.
- THE WHEED AND SEED PROGRAM HAS SEVERAL PROGRAMS IN WHICH THE MEMBERS HAVE AN ACTIVE ROLE. THE URBAN LIVING CENTER IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY WITH THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IN MATTON PARK, OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS NECESSARY FOR THE PROGRAMS SUCCESS.

JOHN P. MURTHA
12TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE:
APPROPRIATIONS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3812

November 21, 1996

The Honorable Christopher S. Bond
U.S. Senate
293 Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bond:

I'm writing to you out of concern over the potential loss of some USDA Americorps projects in southwestern Pennsylvania that have been very successful in contributing to the area's economic development. I understand Senator Specter has also written to you about the USDA Americorps team in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, where the unemployment rate is over 10% and over 20% of residents live below the poverty level. Fayette County is part of the Congressional district I represent.

I know you've had some concerns over the USDA's funding of these projects. However, I ask you to agree to allow the USDA to fund its Americorps projects for the coming year. It is my understanding the USDA and the Corporation for National Service will make this the last year in which the USDA will administer the programs; the local programs will use this year to transition to a direct, non-profit funding mechanism for their projects.

We're down to the wire in terms of being able to get this year's projects under way. Soon there won't be enough time left for the students to complete the number of hours of service to fulfill the requirements of the program. In an area with such high unemployment and poverty levels, the USDA Americorps program has given invaluable opportunity to these kids. They'd been expecting their service terms to start on October 1st but they've been left hanging; if the projects cannot go forward it will be too late for them to pursue other options, which are few and far between.

Additionally, there are projects that were begun last year on which work was expected to continue this year but which now remain unfinished. The work done thus far will have been wasted if it is not followed through this year to its completion. Because it would be impossible at this point to commence this year's projects without USDA's involvement, it is critical to Fayette County that the transition be allowed to take place--- and that's why I'm seeking your support.

I appreciate your assistance on this issue.

Sincerely,


JOHN P. MURTHA
Member of Congress

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re: letter to Sen Bond

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Thanks for your cooperation and please keep me updated.

NOV. 21, 1996

THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM
ONGOING PART

- CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY IS EXPECTING OUR SUPPORT WITH THE REHABILITATION OF APARTMENTS AND THEIR YEARLY GARDENS.
- NATIONAL TREE SERVICE HAS GRANTED OUR REQUEST FOR 1,000 TREES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR INTER-CITY DISTRIBUTION CENTER NURSERY. THIS GRANT PROPOSAL WAS INITIATED DURING THE 1994 PROGRAM YEAR.
- COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL GROUP PROJECTS SUCH AS MOTHER CUPBOARD, FOOD DEPOSITORY, JANE ADDAMS, 43 STREET TRIANGLE, SUCASA, WIC GARDENS, 600 N LATROBE, 416 STREET AND MANY OTHER LOCAL GROUPS DEPEND ON OUR SERVICES.
- * IF YOU THINK LETTERS OF SUPPORT WOULD HELP OUR EFFORTS, JUST GIVE ME A CALL.

THANKS
CARZELLA

P.S. MY COMPUTER IS DOWN, PLEASE FORGIVE THIS HAND WRITTEN REPORT.

11-25-96

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Dee - Here's my estimate for EnviroCorps,
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AT	PROJECT TITLE	% COMPLETE	FEDERAL FUNDS INVOLVED	STATE FUNDS INVOLVED	PARTNER FUNDS INVOLVED	POTENTIAL JOBS CREATED	POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT
AR	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	20		\$ 2.2 M	\$ 150,000	0	\$75 M
AR	HOLLY GROVE FLOODPLAIN RELOCATION	20	\$900,000	1.25 M	200,000	50	
OR	EnviroCorps		\$ 254,000	0	\$ 120,000	1	\$ 2 million or greater

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AR	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	20		\$ 2.2 M	\$ 150,000	0.00	\$75,000,000
AR	HOLLY GROVE FLOODPLAIN RELOCATION	20	\$ 900,000	1.25 M	200,000	50	200,000 +
HI	TREE PLANTING						
ID	HOME*A*SYST	30	118,000	20,000	5,000	10	10,000,000
KS	CHENEY LAKE RESTORATION	50	90,000		20,000	8	4,000,000
KS	KANOPLIS/WILTON LAKE	60	90,000		20,000	8	3,000,000
KS	TUTTLE/MILFORD LAKES	65	90,000		20,000	8	4,000,000
KS	PERRY/CLINTON LAKES	60	90,000		20,000	8	4,000,000
KS	EL DORADO LAKE		90,000		20,000	8	5,000,000
KS	GREAT PLAIN NATURE CTR		120,000		50,000	10	*
KS	BIG CREEK STREAM RESTOR'T	70	100,000		15,000	7	
KS	SHAWNEE CO STREAM RESTORATION	60	160,000		25,000	20	
KY	ONEIDA AREA IMPROVEMENT				2,000		
LA	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	57		\$ 996,984			\$50M
MI	FARM*A*SYST			249,000			
NH	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	25	20,000	10,000	35,000	10	25M
NH	WATERSHED PROJECT	15	60,000	20,000	65,000	5	15M

NH	NH COOKS	10	100,000	200,000	400,000	40	3.5M
NY	SOIL MAP COMPUTERIZATION , T. OF EDEN, NY (25,000 AC)	10	1,000		3,000		500,000
NY	SOIL MAP COMPUTERIZATION, ERIE & NIAGARA (200,000 AC)	75	5,000	25,000	15,000	1	2,000,000
NY	STREAM MAPPING IN GIS	90		1,000	10,000	.25	400,000
NY	NIAGARA FRONTIER WETLANDS INITIATIVE LAND USE	10		20,000	5,000		1,000,000
NY	STATE REGULATED WETLAND BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS	25		5,000	1,000		500,000
NY	SENECA NATION OF INDIANS ABANDONED GAS WELL LOCATIONS	30	2,000		10,000	3	5,000,000
NY	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DRY HYDRANT PROJECT	10			50,000	1	5,000,000
NY	COUNTY AG DISTRICT MAP UPDATE	10			5,000		100,000
NY	URBAN FORESTRY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT	10	250		750	1	80,000
NY	BUFFALO CREEK CORRIDOR PROTECTION PROJECT	10			25,000	1	2,000,000
NY	HABITAT OF HUMANITY PROJECT MAP	75			250		50,000
NY	OLD GROWTH FOREST MAPPING & PRESERVATION	20			250		1,500,000
NY	BARN OWL NEST SITES	20			250		500,000
NY	INTERNATIONAL MARSH MONITORING LPROJECT	75	20,000	20,000	20,000	2	800,000

NY	SENECA NATION OF INDIANS DATA TRANSFER & TNG	25	5,000		35,000	1	10,000,000
NY	TOWN OF EDEN, GIS TNG & OPEN SPACE STUDY	50			7,500	.5	1,000,000
NY	TOWN OF WALES GIS TNG & DATA DISTRIBUTION	50			12,000	25	400,000
NY	LAKE ERIE/LAKE ST. CLAIRE NAT. WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT	90	24,000(USGS)		2,000		1,000,000
NY	FEMA FLOOD MAP DATA DISTRIBUTION	15	200		200		600,000
NY	BUFFALO RIVER TAX PARCELS	50			4,000		200,00
NY	TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND TAX PARCELS	20			7,000		75,000
NY	AMHERST FARMLAND PROTECTION PROJECT MAPS	25		900,000	900,000	1	2,500,000
NY	CAZENOVIA CREEK UNREGULATED DISCHARGE MAPPING	75	500		1,000		75,000
NY	BUFFALO CREEK PROJECT MAINTENANCE MAPPING	75	250		30,000	1	60,000
NY	UNITED WAY FOOD BANKS & PANTRIES PROJECT	65			2,000		200,000
NY	ELECTION WARDS & DISTRICTS MAPPING PROJECT	15			2,500		50,000
NY	INTEGRATING INFORMATION & ACTION	25	1,000		5,000	1	2,000,000
NY	F&WS ATLANTIC SALMON REINTROD & DATA MAPPING	50	35,000 (USFW)		2,000	5	10,000,000

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ST	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT SERIOUSLY DELAYED	PROJECT CANCELED
GA	WORKING WITH AT-RISK STUDENTS	Work in the prevention of school dropouts, teen pregnancy, & tutoring		X
GA	HOUSING IMPROVMENT	Assist with home repairs and area clean-ups		X
GA	FOOD BUYING CLUBS	Establishing food buying clubs in a 6 county area		X
ID	HOME*A*SYST	Wellhead/environmental protection project		X
IL	STREAMBANK STABILIZATION	Installing willow posts		X
IL	CITY REVITALIZAT ION	Paint & repair downtown buildings		X
IL	DAY CARE CENTER IMPROVEMENT	Remodeling local day care center		X
IL	CEMETARY CLEAN-UP	Remove debris, trees, and brush from cemetary		X
KY	OPERATION PRIDE	Coordination between neighborhoods to organize, clean-up, etc		X
KY	FRONTIER HOUSING	Pre-home ownership counseling program		X
KY	SERVICE CONNECTION	Emergency repairs for low income families at little or no cost		X
KY	ONEIDA AREA IMPROVEMENT	Improve area around the 2 springs where families get fresh drinking water		X
KY	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	Construction of an Outdoor Environmental Classroom		X

KY	E-911	Development of an emergency 911 system	X	
KY	DANIEL BOONE DEV COUNCIL	Counseling program for people to move into homes being built	X	
LA	DRY FIRE HYDRANTS PROGRAM	Installation of dry fire hydrants in rural areas	X	
LA	TOWN OF CULLEN	Community wide beautification project		X
LA	PROJECT CELEBRATION	Youth projects and a battered women's shelter	X	
LA	ST. MARY COMMUNITY ACTION	Working with very low and low income families to make homes available	X	
LA	ST. LANDRY ECON. INDUCEMENT DISTRICT	Match low income community members with sources of homes		X
LA	SOUTHERN MUTUAL HELP ASSOCIATION	Working with numerous environmental issues & a community based Adult Readiness Center	X	
MI	FARM*A*SYST	Water quality improvement program		X
TX	DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION	Clean-up and improve downtown area		X
TX	TEXAS RURAL LEADERSHIP TNG PROGRAM	Train local people in leaderships skills		X
VA	DEVELOPMENT OF DAY CARE CTR	Design & implement a quality daycare and after school center		X
VT	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	Design fire protection plans for local rural communities	X	
WA	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	Coordinate and oversee the construction of a 14 unit low income senior housing development	X	
WA	HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT	Coordinate activities of housing development based on assessment	X	

Date: November 17, 1996

To: Richard Baird

From: Esperanza Stancioff
Regarding: Americorps
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Impacts of Americorps on Coastal Water Quality and the Clam Industry

With the assistance that Americorps has given to a minimum of 25 coastal communities in Maine, totaling over 1,000 volunteers, a network of a viable volunteer workforce has expanded and been strengthened greatly. This year, from the momentum and assistance from Americorps members, hundreds of acres of productive clamming areas would be opened, establishing or reestablishing hundreds of jobs. The groups who are depending on this assistance from Americorps would go without training in leadership development and technical assistance needed to accomplish the work required to abate pollution and develop a sustainable fishery. Over the past 2 years we have been able to accomplish great things and we need one more year to get these groups to a place of self sufficiency. If Americorps goes away before even getting started this year the citizens and communities involved who are expecting this assistance will chalk it up to (in their words) yet one more promise made and not kept by government.

We have many projects in our workplan that are awaiting completion and assistance in getting systems in place for continuation by the communities. The following is just a partial list of the most important: 1) A volunteer habitat monitoring study to be conducted by volunteers along with water quality monitoring to get a better understanding of coastal systems as relates to fisheries in Maine, 2) The Penobscot Bay Marine Volunteer Program which could with Americorps member support this year be established as a model for Maine and become self sufficient, 3) The culmination of 2 years of work on Improving Clam Management in Maine would further establish a statewide Clam Council and report findings and recommendations at a statewide conference in late February 4) Assist community volunteer monitoring groups with data interpretation and presentation for the public and for data managers and 5) Develop and publish a report documenting the impacts of this volunteer program and the collaborations formed.

Economics

There is no way to put a figure on the impacts of clean water and becoming stewards of your environment. It is through education and assessment that volunteer citizens have been able to solve their own problems locally. This has been a tremendously successful endeavor with Americorps for both the thousands of citizens who have become volunteers and helped in their communities, and the Americorps members themselves

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who have gone on to get real jobs in their fields as a result of the experience and contacts gained.

As far as the hard numbers go: Last year in one estuary alone we were able to get 120 clam diggers back to work. That results in approximately 2 million dollars to the industry. There are many communities on the verge of this kind of success that we hope to assist through Americorps. Last week 1,000 acres of clam flats were opened downeast. That effort was assisted by Americorps. It is too early to tell what that means in real dollars and jobs since a lot of the work has yet to be done in the clam management arena before it becomes a profitable venture. This work is also waiting assistance from Americorps.

There are 700 students involved in these volunteer monitoring programs. These are students who are either at risk or are discovering "real life" science for the first time. They are realizing, (as are the adult volunteers), that they can make a difference in their communities and can solve their own problems. How can we put a dollar figure on their contribution and enthusiasm for doing this work and continuing their studies? The hours of volunteer time by all these citizens is being documented.

If you would like further information please contact: Esperanza Stancioff

USDA AmeriCorps Shellfish/Water Quality Education Coordinators

The AmeriCorps Shellfish/Water Quality Education Coordinators working with the Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery (BIRSH) have provided many important services to participating communities over the past two years. Projects supported by or initiated with AmeriCorps assistance include:

- ▶ recruitment of 273 volunteers who donated over 3,693 hours of project service
- ▶ education of 492 students and 192 adults, and gave over 250 educational tours of the hatchery
- ▶ the raising of approximately 3,000 American oysters and over 20 million soft-shelled clams for reseeding clam flats along the Maine coast
- ▶ seven research projects, resulting in successful over-wintering of seed stock
- ▶ four regional newsletters
- ▶ the opening of six square miles of mud flats to shellfish harvesting
- ▶ the expansion of shellfish area management programs in 12 communities

RC&D collaboration with the University of Maine, BIRSH, the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center, and AmeriCorps has made this a successful project.

It is imperative that the third year hatchery/shellfish seeding demonstration project continue. Twelve communities from along the coast of Maine have provided sponsorship funds as a means of sharing responsibility in the restoration of an important local industry. At present, thousands of dollars of revenue are lost at the local level due to depleted stocks. Harvester license sales, which provide funds for management, have dropped by 70% in some regions. The 1996-97 AmeriCorps-sponsored "demonstration clam farms" will be a new attempt to utilize modern management practices for the enhancement of the traditional soft-shelled clam fishing industry. A successful demonstration program in 1997 will achieve long lasting increased state and local support for intensive management options.

This years' AmeriCorps project will show communities how to implement new technology in clam habitat management and utilize re-stocking practices that will enhance this depleted multi-million dollar industry. Based on a 60% survival estimate of these new clam restocking procedures, the value of the hatchery's restocking program alone is over \$3,000,000.

Multiple-Use Forestry/Environmental Education Water Quality Coordinator

Restoration of wild Atlantic Salmon to the rivers of Washington County has become an issue of national significance. In 1994 the federal government was petitioned to evaluate the status of the species under the Endangered Species Act. Both the U S Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service have recommended listing the species as "*threatened*" under the protection of the Endangered Species Act. Local, state, and scientific community opposition to the proposed listing of the species has illuminated the phenomenal economic significance of the species and the probable economic impact of a federal listing.

A restored population of salmon could potentially generate many thousands of dollars of income at the local level to fishing guides and others in support services to the tourist trade.

The AmeriCorps Multiple-Use Forestry/Environmental Education member will work with local school children, landowners, and natural resource-based industry members to build an appreciation and understanding of the Salmon restoration issue. The individual will work with a local anglers association to complete construction of a small, volunteer-run Salmon hatchery and education interpretation center.

The AmeriCorps member will develop curriculum materials and help train local teachers in the use of existing Project Wet, Project Wild, and Project Learning Tree curricular. This member will also help coordinate the local educational component of the state's Salmon Habitat Conservation Plan. Implementation of this conservation plan is critical to the area's natural-resource based economy.

USDA AmeriCorps Cranberry Water Quality Coordinator

Successful development of cranberry agriculture in Maine, in harmony with the environment, is imperative if the state's newest agricultural industry is going to succeed. The area of the state where this new agriculture has the greatest potential also has the greatest need for economic development. During its first two years, USDA AmeriCorps has established initial coordination of a cranberry Integrated Crop Management (ICM) water quality program based on best resource management practices. The third year of the USDA AmeriCorps program is critical to the establishment of a sustainable program. The value of an ICM program in reducing pesticide use and educating growers to develop their resources in an environmentally-sound manner is significant, environmentally, socially, and economically. Approval of this year's AmeriCorps cranberry water quality project will provide local growers and volunteers with the technical assistance of an entomologist with a masters degree experienced in cranberry agriculture and familiarity with the growers and resources of the area. This third year will focus on establishment of a sustainable integrated crop management water quality program through support from the Maine Cranberry Growers Association, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, the Maine Department of Agriculture, and our USDA partners. If this project is funded, USDA AmeriCorps will have successfully launched a sustainable water quality program for rural economic development through agriculture based on the best information and technology available.

Economic impact for Washington County, the location of this position and the area with the greatest potential for cranberry development:

- ▶ per capita income for the area is \$9,607
- ▶ 19.3% of the population live below the poverty level
- ▶ 24.4% of the children under 18 live in poverty
- ▶ 26.8% of the people 25 and over do not have a high school diploma

Cranberry agriculture has shown great promise to create hundreds of jobs for the area and a multi-million dollar industry for small and large growers alike.



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Subject: 1997 AmeriCorps Watershed Coordinator Projects, Site Y23D, Gorham, Maine

Casco Bay Watershed and Sebago Lake Watershed Coordinator Positions

The AmeriCorps Watershed Coordinator Positions have successfully improved and treated about twenty percent of the 885 square mile Casco Bay Watershed area. AmeriCorps members have applied hundreds of Conservation Practices, educated 3,000 adults and students, hosted more than 50 outdoor conservation classrooms, constructed 5 miles of conservation trails, improved 10 miles of stream habitat, recruited 400 volunteers, surveyed 40 miles of riparian zone shoreland, installed 94 conservation practices, initiated 4 adopt a stream projects, coordinated public information and press releases throughout the 44 communities in the Casco Bay Watershed.

The remaining unfinished watershed coordination work for 1997 includes the remaining eighty percent of the 885 square mile Casco Bay Watershed. More conservation treatment including 100 miles of lake shoreland erosion surveys, agricultural livestock source surveys, grazing lands improvement surveys and wetlands restoration surveys in 44 communities and 200 miles of riparian zone shoreland. Another important unfinished measure initiated by the Casco Bay Watershed Coordinator AmeriCorps positions is the establishment of a Casco Bay Water Quality Coalition central laboratory planned for 12 local volunteer water quality groups for data processing of water quality monitoring samples and training of hundreds of volunteers each year.

The economic benefits of the remaining watershed coordination work is estimated to be in excess of 500,000 dollars of conservation improvement benefits from the two Casco Bay Watershed Positions. The population of the Casco Bay Watershed area exceeds 250,000 residents.

Partners are the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District and Portland Water District with the positions located at the Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office in Gorham, Maine. The watershed coordinators will improve water quality, sustain ecologically diverse habitat, and conserve natural resources in priority Casco Bay and Sebago Lake sub-watersheds by organizing community based resource protection treatment inventories, watershed reports, and restoration plans for priority Casco Bay Sub-Watersheds. The coordinators will also organize Community based adopt a stream restoration and education programs with local water quality association, volunteer groups and community officials in order to advance watershed protection treatment plans and conservation practices. The coordinators will integrate existing water quality monitoring data generated in target sub-watersheds to prioritize critical restoration sites for treatment. Conservation practices and technical standards and specifications for conservation practice treatment of restoration areas will then be planned and applied.

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TO: Richard Baird, NRCS

FROM: Betty Farley

RE: 1997 AmeriCorps Projects Justification

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CIRCUIT RIDER

This project has commitments to fulfill to the teachers and school children of Cumberland County. These commitments include: planning and construction of an outdoor classroom at the Westbrook High School; coordination of the Southern Maine Regional Envirothon; and teacher training and curriculum development.

The impacts of the position objectives are to conserve the natural resource base. Wise planning for resource use can be accomplished only by those who are able to think broadly and to see the interdependency that exists in the natural world. To bring this about in a democracy, we must depend on education. It cannot be accomplished by fiat or decree. Instead, through programs such as this, children will develop appropriate stewardship skills: investigative/evaluative and problem solving skills, as well as citizenship action skills. Children now in school, who tomorrow will hold the posts of government, industry, agriculture, and all areas of economic and social life, must understand the natural processes that operate in their environment. The basic natural resources which are essential to the vigor and security of our nation depend on it.

One factor of the economic benefits of the Environmental Education Circuit Rider position can be measured in terms of the economic value of Casco Bay. The Casco Bay Watershed comprises most of Cumberland County. The Bay's economic worth can be broken down as follows:

1. Port of Portland	\$ 393 million
2. Marine Industry	\$ 113 million
3. Recreation & Tourism	\$ 396 million
TOTAL	\$ 902 million

It is clear that the value of Casco Bay will continue only so long as its ecological health is sustained. It is through the existence of programs such as the AmeriCorps Environmental Education Circuit Rider that tomorrow's decision-makers will be equipped with the skills to sustain this vital resource.



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To: Rich Baird
From: Bill Bell *WB*
Re: MACD Education Committee Staffing by AmeriCorps
Date: November 18, 1996

This position was established with the clear understanding that it would exist no longer than three years. After two years, the Maine Association of Conservation Districts and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service are successfully moving forward to permanent funding of this position without use of an AmeriCorps member. In fact, the previous AmeriCorps member in this position is working for MACD on a private contractor basis, obtaining funding for the education programs sponsored by MACD. In this final transition year, however, an AmeriCorps member is urgently required, particularly to fill a staffing gap which has arisen because of AmeriCorps staffing changes at the local Conservation District level.

It is not easy for MACD to provide funding for both the newly-created private sector position in support of the Education Committee, and to also provide our match for the third-year AmeriCorps position. Because of the importance of this AmeriCorps position, however, we are making that commitment, and we hope very much that USDA-NRCS and AmeriCorps can do the same.

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To: Richard Baird

11/15/96

USDA AMERICORPS PROGRAM

Location: Machias, Maine

Subject: Unfinished 96 projects.

Michele Grant, Americorps participant during fiscal year 1996, left 2 projects unfinished at this work location. The intent was to continue and complete these projects during 1997. Both projects involved resource information collection and dissemination.

1. One project under her Objective #3 was to complete a file on Agricultural Economic Development Opportunities, specifically relating to new crop development. Although the files were nearly completed in 1996, the second phase of the project still needs to be implemented. This essentially involves recruiting farmers interested in establishing identified, economically feasible new crops and assisting with possible grant application for funding and crop information.

2. The second project under Objective #2 involved establishing an environmental education file for access and use by teachers and students. While available to all interested students, it would specifically be encouraged for use by Envirothon Program participants. Often it is a difficult task to gather all of the environmental resource information currently available. While much of the data has been collected, a remaining task is to organize this information into a useable file system. Also, coordinating outreach efforts to local communities and schools to inform them of the availability of this service remains as a 1997 work item.

Economic benefits;

1. If farmers can be encouraged to continue development of new crops, economic returns from this as an added farm supplemental crop could have economic impacts of several thousand dollars in farm incomes in Washington County.

2. Economic returns are not the main concern of this project, but encouraging student education and awareness of environmentally sound land management practices will have economic implications as landowners learn how to utilize the resources based on sustainable land use principles.



**Fish River Lakes Water Quality AmeriCorps
Lakes Coordinator
11/18/96**

The Fish River Lakes Water Quality Association is entering the last year of its three year water quality plan of work. To complete this plan several small grants have been obtained with matching funds provided by 150 camp owners, area communities and Aroostook County. Additionally, five school systems have committed to the third year program of Adopt-a-Stream and Fish Friends. Approximately 150 children are involved.

To fund the Adopt-a-Stream program the Maine Community Foundation and EnvirSERVE have provided funding which has been matched locally as previously stated. Frazer Paper LTD., has also provided a grant to fund Fish Friends. Grants have been prepared and submitted to Coors Pure Water 2000 and the Presque Isle Rotary for additional funding. We expect that at least one and perhaps two will be funded. Word will come in early December.

The Association has also committed to hosting the seventh International Symposium on Aquatic Oligochaetes (aquatic worms). One-hundred researchers from the United States and Canada, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Austria, China and many other countries are scheduled to attend. Aquatic worms have recently come into prominence as researchers realize they are the creatures that breakdown organic materials such as algae and are involved in the life cycle of the parasite that causes "whirling disease" in salmonid fish. This disease has destroyed several fisheries in the United States causing great economic loss.

These three educational programs will greatly suffer if AmeriCorps is unable to provide a coordinator. Commitments have been made to foundations, trusts, school systems, students, researchers and camp owners in the Fish River Chain of Lakes. We are asking that the position be provided in this third year to complete this section and the rest of the three year plan of work.

Trails Coordinator
11/18/96

During the past two years the Central Aroostook Area, under the leadership of the AmeriCorps Trails Coordinator has acquired 71 miles of trails and developed them into a year round trail system. Over two million in grants were obtained and thousands of hours of volunteer labor donated. This system pumps into the City of Caribou over 3.3 million dollars a year in winter snowmobile tourism funds.

The Long Range Plan is to: 1. Expand the system south to Houlton. Cooperation support and grant funds have been obtained from Vital Pathways (a greater Houlton area group) Houlton area communities and snowmobile clubs. 2. Plan to create a trail system from Houlton to Caribou that will allow users the opportunity to leave Interstate 95 at Houlton (the most northern exit of the interstate) and immediately enter the trails system headed north. 3. Work with units of government, citizens and land owners between Houlton and Caribou to locate the trail and develop support for its development. This will provide enhanced tourism and economic benefits as snowmobilers spend roughly equivalent to skiers. These funds come to Aroostook in the winter when unemployment is high. Additionally, the Summer and Fall ATV use will greatly increase. Without the third year of this plan of work being provided with an AmeriCorps Trails Coordinator this vital project will be greatly delayed causing hardship to all that have committed their support.

DAMARISCOTTA RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATOR

The Damariscotta River Watershed Coordinator position has work to complete in the watershed for the Tidewater Watch committee. Continuation of the water quality monitoring is needed for at least one more year to open up a potential of 500 additional acres of clam flats. The opening of these flats will provide jobs in the area. A value of \$30,000 per acre per year is usually realized from open, productive clam flats. Work still needs to be completed with the PADRE organization in implementing the conservation plan that they have developed. Economic value, which would be value to the community, fisherman and tourist industry, will amount to \$200,000 to \$5 million.

CAMP ROAD WATER QUALITY COORDINATOR

During Fiscal Year 1996 the District's camp road improvement program accomplished the following objectives with an AmeriCorps member:

- It delivered planning and recommendations on six miles of camp roads.
- It established a camp road educational program which reached 520 people.
- Forty-nine landowners implemented camp road "best management practices".
- Technical assistance was provided to 476 landowners through camp road association meetings, individual site visits and educational program presentations.

The District has committed the camp road improvement program to further cooperate with the China Lakes Alliance to provide technical assistance to them and to the Lake Associations of the Belgrades and to also provide them with camp road technical assistance. The District's AmeriCorps Plan called for the camp road program to include the Cobbossee Watershed District to further the work which began in 1996.

MEDUXNEKEAG RIVER WATER QUALITY COORDINATOR

The AmeriCorps member on this project started a Land Sharing/Resource Sharing Opportunity program for the farm community in Southern Aroostook SWCD. She had success with 6 of 11 landusers she worked with in doing land sharing/resource sharing to allow improved rotations and distribution of manure on lands needing additional organic matter. The sharing of manure from livestock producers to potato lands reduced chemical fertilizer use on manure treated lands by 50%. She began 2 composting/recycling programs, began a series of road maintenance/construction workshops and made a connection with Canadian Partners (Agri Canada) on a teacher training and watershed projects. Several of these projects involved the Houlton Band of Maliseets Indians and the Micmac Indian Nations.

There is a strong commitment of financial and other resources by School Districts, Indian Nations, Agri Canada, other local groups and the Southern Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District to the continuation of the above described and several other projects. Loss of the AmeriCorps person for year two will not allow these projects to be brought to the self sustaining stage.

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REMARKS:

☒ Urgent☐ For your review☐ Reply ASAP☐ Please comment

The Fayette County USDA AmeriCorp Team has been interrupted by the delay in FY 97 Program Approval. Many Community Service Projects are not able to be completed and are in jeopardy by this delay. It is extremely urgent that this program get the go ahead. This project started in FY 96 with objectives that will require FY 97 to complete.



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ARIZONA ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY

CITY OF DOUGLAS - MAIN STREET PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
CREATING 40 NEW JOBS

CITY OF NOGALES - CONTINUING SCHOOL TO WORK PROJECT
PROVIDING ON THE JOB TRAINING

CITY OF SAN LUIS - 4-H PROGRAM FOR AT RISK CHILDREN
LIFE SKILLS, ETC. FOR 300 YOUTH

ARIZONA CHAMPION COMMUNITY

CITY OF ELOY - DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION
TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF - FORMING OF FIRE DISTRICT
SAFETY OF RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

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Our People...Our Islands...In Harmony

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Subject: PGM - AmeriCorps Project -
Molokai-Lanai Reforestation

Date: November 15, 1996

P.O. Box
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Honolulu, HI
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To: Joel Berg, AmeriCorps Director
US Department of Agriculture
Washington, DC

File Code: 440-5

The Molokai-Lanai Reforestation project in Hawaii was begun in October 1986.

The main objective of this project is to plant trees in critical areas of watersheds in order to reduce non-point source pollution and affect local hydrology. In order to use appropriate species of trees, a considerable effort was made to collect and propagate seeds during the first year. We now have a supply of approximately 5,000 seedlings waiting to be planted. The prime planting season in Hawaii is December through February. It is imperative that we resume our project now or we will have wasted a lot of effort and resources. Moreover, the communities are expressing concern that this project is an example of broken promises and mismanagement by the federal government. We are hard pressed to provide rational explanations for the current situation.

Moreover, we have been stifled in our efforts to generate the community support necessary to continue the effort over the long term without a formal AmeriCorps project. It is our intention to focus on this aspect during the second year of the project. Termination of the project now would be a devastating blow to this purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Kolman".

MICHAEL R. KOLMAN
Project Director
Molokai-Lanai Reforestation Project

cc:

Larry Holmes, USDA-NRCS, National Headquarters, Washington, DC

**George D. Aiken Resource
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their natural and human resources."*



**Dennis L. Borchardt, Executive Director
Jalle Ackerman, Secretary**

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TO: *Dee*
WHERE: *USDA-AmeriCorps Office*
FAX NUMBER: *(202) 720-4614*
DATE: *11-18-96*

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SUBJECT: *Info. on Continuing VT. AmeriCorps Fire Technical
Support Team*

Ninety-five rural Vermont communities have requested assistance to develop Town Rural Fire Protection Water Supply Plans. In 1995-96 the AmeriCorp Fire Technical Support Team has or is completing 42 plans. The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils continue to get requests on a monthly basis from other towns. The demands for services of the Team are strong. Towns using their plans and installing hydrants have rave compliments on the quality of their products and benefits that they are realizing. We have continued support from a broad range public and private interests including our federal and state legislators as well as Governor Dean.

FOR INFORMATION CALL: (802) 728-9526
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FROM: DENNIS BORCHARDT
OUR FAX NUMBER: (802) 729-5951

*Dee, If you additional
info. please let me
know. Regards, Dennis*

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**North Country
Resource Conservation and
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Phone 603-536-2146 FAX 603-536-2976



MEMO: November 18, 1996

TO: Dee DiFiore, AmeriCorps Program Analyst

FROM: Rick DeMark, Program Coordinator, NH RC&D Councils

RE: Description of USDA-AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps/Vista projects in New Hampshire sponsored by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and North Country and Southern NH RC&D Councils in need of authorization to initiate a second year.

Two projects were initiated in mid November of 1995. They are the Community Resource Assistance Fire Team (CRAFT) and the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Technical Team.

Community Resource Assistance Fire Team (CRAFT) - 3 AmeriCorps members

The North Country and Southern NH Resource Conservation and Development Councils organized the NH Rural Fire Protection Task Force in 1994. The Task Force, which is composed of several state, federal and local organizations, is addressing the needs of small towns in NH trying to provide adequate fire protection services in an ever expanding wildland-urban interface. The Task Force has organized a collection of technical and financial assistance programs.

The Community Resource Assistance Fire Team was established as an arm of the Task Force. It is composed of three individuals, one with a background in fire protection, one with civil engineering and the third with environmental science. CRAFT is providing direct assistance to communities across the State to inventory, assess, plan and construct non-pressurized water withdrawal facilities. To date CRAFT has assisted more than 55 communities. 40 communities have completed their Water Supply Plan. Communities have estimated that the services of CRAFT regarding the development of the Water Supply Plan has saved them at least \$10,000. Over 840 water withdrawal sites have been identified for development. Development of sites has begun. CRAFT organized one state-wide seminar that was attended by more than 40 communities and they are planning more educational events. In preparation for a second year, a mailer was delivered to the approximately 180 communities that had still not yet obtained the services of this project. Response was immediate and within two weeks over 30 communities had

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requested CRAFT's assistance. This project has had an important impact in N.H. and warrants renewal. Please see related enclosed material.

Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Technical Team - 2 AmeriCorps members

The Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Project is in it's fourth year. The Project has several partners performing different functions, all aimed at reducing, or preventing non-point source pollution in this critically important Watershed area. The Watershed Technical Team was established by the partners of the Project to provide direct assistance to communities and individuals in land and watershed management. The Team is composed of two individuals with environmental and resource management skills. One of their major goals is the creation of a Partnership between environmental, economic and culturally oriented organizations. To date, the Team has brought 125 such organizations into the Partnership. The Team is working with each of the 8 towns in the watershed to undertake at least one remediation/restoration project. The Team worked with the town of Alton to help correct environmental degradation problems caused by the major dam failure in that community. Their 1996 goal is to provide direct assistance to 500 landowners in the watershed. To date 396 individuals have been assisted. Of those 86 report a significant decrease in an environmental problem.

This AmeriCorps Team is responsible for getting the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Project national attention at EPA's Watershed '96 Conference and getting this project listed in the national directory of watershed projects.

The partners involved in this project have begun to seek alternative funding for the continuation of this initiative. Foundation, corporate and individual support strategies have been developed. However, this project warrants renewal as an AmeriCorps project. Please see related enclosed material.

A third project was initiated in April of 1996.

NH COOKS, Inc. - 2 AmeriCorps/ Vista members

NH COOKS is a major effort organized to establish FDA approved commercial kitchen services to individuals interested in creating specialty food businesses. Underway are the development of two micro-enterprise incubator kitchens, one in Lancaster, the other in Epping. Through a unique partnership between USDA, NRCS, the RC&D Councils and AmeriCorps/Vista, two Vista positions have been created and filled to serve as kitchen coordinators. These AmeriCorps/Vistas are assisting individuals and groups in each region to develop their business and operate in the kitchen. There

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are more than 40 individuals at each site already preparing to use the facilities once they become operational, by November 4, 1996.

This project has already received national attention. Several NH communities have expressed interest in developing a kitchen facility in their community as a way to foster micro-enterprise development. Please see related enclosed material.

The RC&D Councils and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service have made commitments to continue these three programs through 1997 and are awaiting authorization to proceed.



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KS Response 11/20/96.

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KS	Cheney Lake Restoration	50	90,000	1	20,000	8	4M
KS	Kanopolis/Wilton Lakes	60	90,000	1	20,000	8	3M
KS	Tuttle Cr / Mt. Ford Lakes	65	90,000	1	20,000	8	4M
KS	Perry/Clinton Lakes	60	90,000	1	20,000	8	4M
KS	El Dorado Lake	0	90,000	1	20,000	8	5M
KS	Great Plains Nature Center	0	120,000	1	50,000	10	2
KS	Big Creek Stream Restr	70	100,000	1	15,000	7	
KS	Shawnee Co Stream Restr.	60	160,000	1	25,000	20	

1/ included in partner funds

2/ Environmental Education Impact 85,000 students.

UNITED STATES
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(formerly the Soil Conservation Service)

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Date: November 19, 1996

To: Dee DeFiore / Joel Berg **FAX (202) 720-4614**

From: John Whitney

Subject: AmeriCorps GIS and Conservation Technology Team - Unfinished Business

Your recent voice mail message asked for a summary of unfinished AmeriCorps projects. The "GIS and Conservation Technology Team" based in the East Aurora NRCS and Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District has a long list of unfinished projects in addition to their many completed projects. Some of the major unfinished tasks include:

- **soil map digitizing** for the Town of Eden, New York and for another 200,000 acres in Erie and Niagara Counties, New York
- completion of **stream mapping** for watersheds of Erie County, New York (90% complete) and labeling of data with stream names, numeric references, and **protected status**
- digitizing of **land use data for the Niagara Frontier Wetlands Initiative** (200,000 acres)
- completion of **wetland boundary modifications** for NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation regulated wetlands in Erie County (only 25% percent complete)
- global positioning satellite survey and mapping of an additional **250 oil and gas wells** on the Allegany Reservation of the Seneca Nation of Indians and location of approximately **50 more gas wells** on the Cattaraugus Reservation (approx. 100 wells surveyed and mapped to date)
- electronic updating of Erie County **Ag. Districts map** (approx. 100,000 acres)
- **dry hydrant mapping and installations** for rural fire protection (approx. 50)
- NYS Dept. of Labor project to map **employee skills and availability** data for use by companies looking to expand or locate in Western New York
- **CityGreen demonstration project** for the City of Buffalo to show the benefits of maintaining and expanding the urban forest system in Buffalo
- Friends of the Buffalo River project to provide **planning maps for Buffalo Creek corridor protection** and habitat restoration efforts (12 miles)
- Western New York Land Conservancy project to map the **locations of conservation acquisitions** and targeted project areas
- **Habitat for Humanity project locations** (approximately 20 points)
- **old growth forest mapping** project (approximately 1000 acres scattered throughout WNY)
- **barn owl nest site mapping** project (approximately 15 known sites)
- Marsh Monitoring Program (**amphibian health and population density survey**) mapping project, data management and training
- **Seneca Nation of Indians GIS data transfer and training project**
- **Town of Eden GIS training project**
- **Town of Wales GIS data distribution**
- U.S. Geological Survey Lake Erie-Lake St. Claire **National Water Quality Assessment project data transfer** to Ithaca Subdistrict office (many data layers)
- Dissemination of newly released **electronic FEMA floodplain map data**
- City of Buffalo **tax parcels along Buffalo River** (part of Cazenovia Creek Watershed Habitat Improvement project, approx. 5,000 parcels)

- Town of **Grand Island parcel data transfer** from CAD to GIS
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service **Atlantic Salmon reintroduction project, completion of data transfer to F&WS** and collection and mapping of 1997 release and survival data
- Town of Amherst, support maps for **300 acre farmland protection project**
- **mapping of unregulated discharges** in the Cazenovia Creek Watershed
- 1997 survey and mapping of **58 miles of streambank control measures to assess condition and need for maintenance**
- completion of United Way project to map **location and distribution of health and human service providers** in WNY (approximately 2/3 complete)
- completion of GIS mapping of **election wards, assembly, congressional, and senatorial districts** throughout Erie County (only City of Buffalo completed so far, remaining 85% of county still to do)
- **On-going GIS data distribution, data development coordination, and training efforts** throughout WNY (on-hand requests from 10 communities, public agencies, and non-governmental organizations)

Of significance to our project, is the fact that the Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District, as the local project sponsor, elected to redirect some project funds to hire former AmeriCorps member, Lisa Matthies for an extra 3 three months to keep working on some of the unfinished business. Lisa will provide important (essential!) transition and training support for the new team provided we are able to bring people on before the end of the calendar year!

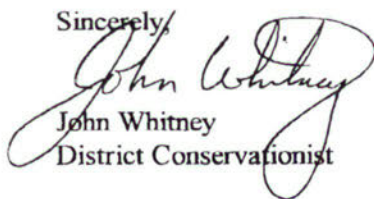
This is the "short list." The working theme for next year's team will be "*Integrating Information and Action*." Many other projects are on the long term list or are awaiting confirmation that we'll have another team before we finalize priorities and project planning details.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or need more information in support of efforts to clear USDA to run AmeriCorps projects another year. As you know, we are getting down to the wire in terms of scheduling. If we wait much longer, members won't be able to complete their 1700 hour (1812 hour) service commitment before college starts up in late August or early September. We already have a list of over 70 interested persons ready to submit applications as soon as we are cleared (and we haven't even advertised locally!).

In preparation for an accelerated recruiting effort, could you send us a couple hundred AmeriCorps flyers and a copy of the application so we can get off to a quick start if or when we get the green light?

Thanks.

Sincerely,



John Whitney
District Conservationist

cc: Robert Hartrick, Area Conservationist
Richard Swenson, State Conservationist

To Don DeFiori

11/18/96.

RE. Unfinished AmeriCorps Projects

The following KS projects were not completed in FY 1996.

- 1.) Flood Damage restoration at St. Pinks including facility replacement & restoration: Cheney Lake, Kanopolis / Wilson Lake, Tuttle Creek / Milford Lakes, Perry / Clinton Lakes. (4 projects)
- 2.) Big Creek Stream restoration at Hays. Part of the restoration is incomplete. Full realization of the benefits of the project depend on completion. (1 project)
- 3.) Stream restoration in and around Shawnee County (Tappan area) has not been completed. (1 project)
- 4.) The other two proposed 1997 projects were not have not been started.

Larry D. Webb, Proj. Director.

**EAST PIEDMONT
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL**

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TO: Walley Turner
FAX: 253-3670

FROM: Keith Cain
RC&D Coordinator

DATE: November 18, 1996

The East Piedmont RC&D Council has communicated with sponsors in our area where a team of five (5) AmeriCorps members are needed for ten (10) months and a team of 20 needed for one month to honor the following commitments for fiscal year 1997:

1. Complete two (2) outdoor environmental learning centers proposed to benefit 20,000 persons annually. AmeriCorps is needed to complete and assemble designed components which includes several kiosks, trail construction, and "hands-on" learning activities for students.
2. Assist 12 schools on 6 (six) miles of conservation trail layout.
3. Assist with training 25 coaches to implement the first Envirothon in South Carolina - January-May, 1997.
4. Conduct 30 workshops and field days for about 25 teachers and 1,000 students regarding soil and water conservation, water quality, recycling, and wildlife habitat.
5. Establish 12 planting sites for beautification and environmental study.

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FROM USDA DARLINGTON SC

TO NRCS SO

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PEE DEE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AREA COUNCIL, INC.**"MAKING THINGS HAPPEN"**

SERVING CHESTERFIELD, DARLINGTON,
DILLON, MARION, AND MARLBORO COUNTIES

COORDINATOR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
WYLIE T. OWENS



Date: November 18, 1996

TO: Walley Turner, ASTC (P)
USDA - NRCS
1835 Assembly St., Rm 950
Columbia, SC 29201

SUBJ: AmeriCorps Unfinished Projects

Boss, I didn't get your message until about 1430, but I do have many projects which were unfinished and/or somewhat promised to sponsors. Listed below is information for those projects. If this is not enough information and we have time to send additional information, let me know.

1. **Gramwoods Outdoor Classroom:** Hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars have already gone into this project and we still have over 1200 feet of boardwalk in a wetland, a shelter, and app. 1/2 mile of trail to build and/or improve with trees, gravel, cross ties, etc. I had really promised the AmeriCorps team to do most of the labor on the remaining work for which we received a \$6,000 Urban Forestry Grant to plant trees and build a boardwalk. This is about a \$20,000 project with all the donations, in-kind, grant money, and volunteer time put in the project. It serves hundreds of junior high school kids at this location and thousands when you consider it can be used by all the Marlboro County Schools.

2. **Latta High School:** We promised the Latta High School we would help build an Outdoor Classroom on about a mile with many other facilities other than a trail, such as a shelter, actual Outdoor Classroom, etc. Chris Bever has already done a plan for this and both of us have hours of planning already invested in this project.

3. **The Pinehill Retreat** in Marlboro County was told that we would do more to improve their facility to include painting, improving over one mile of nature trail, improving buildings on the site, and other tasks involving hundreds of hours of time. This camp benefits hundreds of children every year. We already put nearly a month of time in this project.

4. **E-911 projects:** We had promised Dillon, Marion, and Chesterfield Counties that we would do more work with their E-911 systems to include getting the system going in Marion (involving much map and road work), to helping put into place hundreds of signs in Dillon County. We had a couple of months of E-911 work committed.

NINETY SIX DISTRICT
 RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
 INCORPORATED
 POST OFFICE BOX 3127
 GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA 29648
 NOVEMBER 18, 1996

TO: Walley Turner
 Assistant State Conservationist (Programs)
 USDA - NRCS
 1835 Assembly Street, Room 950
 Columbia, S. C. 29201

As requested, the following committments had been made in regard to AMERI CORPS project activities for the current fiscal year:

SPONSOR:	PROJECTS:
Upper Savanah Council of Governments	GIS - Edgefield
" " " " "	911 - Abbeville
" " " " "	911 - McCormick
John De La Howe School	Wilderness Trail
Ninety Six District RC&D Council	Livestock Efficiency Demonstration
" " " " "	Unpaved Road BMP
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Other organizations that had expressed interest in continuation of projects already begun include Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood and Laurens County School Districts; Ninety Six National Historic Site; South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and US Forest Service.


 Jimmy Sanders
 RC&D Coordinator

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Pee Dee RCD Council, Inc.
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1996 - 1997

Chesterfield County

Red-cockaded Woodpecker Habitat Enhancement
(Carolina Sandhills Nat'l Wildlife Refuge)

Walking Trail (McBee)

House Numbering (Pageland)

Darlington County

Topographic Mapping (Kalmia Gardens of Coker College)

Design of and/or Preparation of a Plant Demonstration Area
(Kalmia Gardens)

Black Creek Canoe Trail

Trail System

Dillon County

Nature Trail/Outdoor Classroom (Latta High School)

Maple Swamp (Watershed)

Marion County**Marlboro County**

Administrative File System/Record Archiving (Bennettsville)

Pinehill Baptist Retreat (Bennettsville)

1. Old Boy's Cabin
2. R.V. Area
3. Girl's Dorm

Street Marker Inventory and Upgrade (Bennettsville)

Gremwoods Outdoor Classroom-Phase II (Bennettsville Middle School)

Blue's Landing Rehabilitation (Great Pee Dee River)

Renovation of Historic Facility (Bennettsville)

911 Readdressing (Rural Areas of County)

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AR	HOLLY GROVE FLOODPLAIN RELOCATION	20	\$900,000	1.25 M	200,000	50	
NY	Soil Map Computerization, T. of Eden, NY (25,000 ac.)	10	1,000		3,000	0	500,000
NY	Soil Map Computerization, Erie & Niagara Counties (200,000 ac.)	75	5,000	25,000	15,000	1	2,000,000
NY	Stream Mapping in GIS (with protected status)	90		1,000	10,000	.25	400,000
NY	Niagara Frontier Wetlands Initiative Land Use	10		20,000	5,000	0	1,000,000
NY	State Regulated Wetland Boundary Modifications	25		5,000	1,000	0	500,000
NY	Seneca Nation of Indians Abandoned Gas Well Locations	30	2,000		10,000	3	5,000,000
NY	Rural Fire Protection Dry Hydrant Project	10			50,000	1	5,000,000
NY	County Agricultural District Map Update	10			5,000	0	100,000
NY	Urban Forestry Demonstration Project (CityGreen)	10	250		750	1	80,000
NY	Buffalo Creek Corridor Protection Project	10			25,000	1	2,000,000
NY	Habitat for Humanity Project Map	75			250	0	50,000
NY	Old Growth Forest Mapping & Preservation	20			250	0	1,500,000
NY	Barn Owl Nest Sites	20			250	0	500,000
NY	International Marsh Monitoring Project	75	20,000	20,000	20,000	2	800,000

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NY	Town of Eden, GIS Training & Open Space Study	50			7,500	.5	1,000,000
NY	Town of Wales GIS Training and Data Distribution	50			12,000	.25	400,000
NY	Lake Erie - Lake St. Claire Nat. Water Quality Assessment	90	24,000 (USGS)		2,000	0	1,000,000
NY	FEMA Flood Map Data Distribution	15	200		200	0	600,000
NY	Buffalo River Tax Parcels	50			4,000	0	200,000
NY	Town of Grand Island Tax Parcels	20			7,000	0	75,000
NY	Arherst Farmland Protection Project Maps	25		900,000 acquis. grant	900,000 acquis. grant	1	2,500,000
NY	Cazenovia Creek Unregulated Discharge Mapping	75	500		1,000	0	75,000
NY	Buffalo Creek Project Maintenance Mapping	75	250		30,000	1	60,000
NY	United Way Food Banks & Pantries Project	65			2,000	0	200,000
NY	Election Wards and Districts Mapping Project	15			2,500	0	50,000
NY	"Integrating Information and Action"	25	1,000		5,000	1	2,000,000
NY	ERWS Atlantic Salmon Reintrod. & Data Mapping	50	35,000 (USFWS)		2,000	5	10,000,000

ARKANSAS USDA-NRCS AMERICORPS PROGRAM
NOVEMBER 18, 1996

Operating Site ID#: Y05A & X05A

The USDA-AmeriCorps program in Arkansas ended in fiscal year 96 with key projects not completed. Arkansas USDA-NRCS AmeriCorps program consisted of team members with both the rural development and public lands and environmental corps.

The Holly Grove Housing and Relocation Project which is located in the delta region of Arkansas is one such project not completed. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is in the process of implementing a buy out of home owners within the dials creek floodplain. This floodplain during a one hundred year storm produces flood waters one to five feet deep within Holly Groves minority community. Residents will be relocated to housing currently under construction out side the floodplain. The delay in the buy out is due to the inventory and removal of asbestos within the homes participating in the buy out. This inventory and removal is required by FEMA and both phases must be contracted. At the completion of this phase homes will be purchased by the city. As residents move to new housing the old homes must be destroyed, lots cleared and landscaped. USDA-NRCS PL&E members are scheduled for this work. The city has the responsibility for removal of the purchased homes. If AmeriCorps is not available to do this work the city will have to contract with the private sector, and funds are not available for this. It was the intent during the planning and application phase for AmeriCorps to perform this function. NRCS made a committment to the city of Holly Grove and Monroe County for AmeriCorps to perform these duties. USDA-NRCS Rural Development Corps has the responsibility of aiding the relocated residents make application to USDA Rural Development to purchase new housing and coordinate an orderly relocation process. This project is critical to Holly Grove and the residents affected by the buy out. This project will be completed during fiscal year 1997.

Another AmeriCorps project critical to Arkansas is the development of county wide rural fire protection plans. The state legislature appropriated \$2.2 million for the RC&D rural fire protection program. The first phase of this project calls for development of fire protection plans for each county in Arkansas. USDA-NRCS AmeriCorps Rural Development team members

were in the process of meeting with each county association of rural fire fighters explaining the program and helping collect the data for development of these plans. Only 20% of Arkansas 75 counties have finished their plans and this was due to a great degree to Americorps participation. Americorps members are desperately needed to finish this project. This project is scheduled for completion in FY-97.

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To <i>Jim Coyle</i>	From <i>Norman C. Cunniff</i>
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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

November 14, 1996

To: Joel Berg, USDA Director of National Service

From: Lorraine Clements, State Rural Development Coordinator

Lorraine Clements

Subject: Request for project information

The following report is provided :

Luling, Texas -- As you know, the AmeriCorps member, Trey Bailey worked hard and succeeded in initiation the revitalization of their downtown area. His work was interrupted when the program stopped. His plan for this year was to keep working on the downtown area but to work at establishing an education facility and Oil museum since this part of Texas has so much history in oil.

Gonzales, Texas - Not having an AmeriCorps member in Gonzales has slowed this town's ability to obtain much needed housing and has thwarted their plans to begin a downtown revitalization project.

Carrizo Springs -- The AmeriCorps member in this community was working diligently at trying to organize and conduct the Texas Rural Leadership training program in this community. This has been a successful program which has brought about positive results for communities in rural Texas.

Colonias -- The members who worked along the Colonia borders especially in the 306C program have been missed in the aspect of the overwhelming need in these areas. Members who worked work with colonia residents were a tremendous help to them as well as to the agency.

The communities of Gonzales, Luling and Rio Grande City have contacted their congressional delegation informing them of the great work of the USDA AmeriCorps members.

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November 18, 1996

SUBJECT: Continuation on Americorps Project-Virginia

To: Joel Berg
USDA Americorps Coordinator

In response to the request from Jim Coyle, we have one project in Virginia in our Enterprise Community that will be interrupted should the program not be continued in fiscal year 1997.

The Enterprise Community corporation, Virginia Eastern Shore Economic Empowerment and Housing Corporation (VESEEHHC), began a program in fiscal year 1996 to design and began implementation of a quality daycare and after school care on the eastern shore. Christine Mapp, the Americorps member in fiscal year 1996 completed the design and gained approval of the Community Advisory Committee. The 1997 project objective would work with the advisory committee to implement the project, research possible funding sources and aid the lead agency in opening multicultural, subsidized daycare and after school care facilities with capacity to serve 250 children.

If Americorps program not extended, VESEEHHC must find resources to complete the implementation of the project.

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James C. Anderson
Assistant to the State Director

Attachment C - 1997 Program Year Application

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AMERICORPS

Please answer the following questions:

- a) This is the actual organization with which the AmeriCorps Member will serve. If this application is being written by a different and/or sponsoring organization, do not put that name here. The organization must be a not-for-profit, local unit of government, or a USDA Rural Development Field Office. The organization does not have to be the lead entity associated with an EZ/EC application; but must be associated with critical elements of the original strategic plan submitted to USDA.

1. Name of the organization:

Virginia Eastern Shore Economic
Empowerment and Housing Corporation

- b)
- c) This must be the permanent address for this project to which all official correspondence will be directed.

2. Address of organization:

P.O. Box 814

Nassawadox, VA 23413
City State Zip

- d) Write the name of the person who has primary responsibility for overseeing this application.

3. Name of Contact Person for the AmeriCorps application:

Monte Penney

- e)
- f) Telephone and fax numbers of the Supervisory.

4. Telephone number: 8 0 4 - 4 4 2 - 4 5 0 9

Fax number: 8 0 4 - 4 4 2 - 7 5 3 0

- g) A list of all eligible communities, and the counties they serve, is included with these materials. For USDA Rural Development Field Offices, write the name of all EZ/EC applicant entity(s), whether Designated or Champion, whose service area(s) fall within the service area of your office, and are formally sponsoring this application

5. Name of the designated Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community or Champion Community associated with this application:

Accomack-Northampton Enterprise Community

- h) This individual will be providing day to day supervision of the Member's service and oversee the work to be accomplished.

7. Name of person who will provide supervision for the AmeriCorps Member.

Ms. Lenora Mitchell

PART I Cont.

This must be the permanent address for the supervisor to which all appropriate correspondence will be directed.

Telephone and fax numbers of the Supervisory.

Refer to the included list of EZ/EC applicants and the counties they serve. Some project work may be done in contiguous counties, but the majority of the Member's service must be in eligible counties.

Indicate only the district(s). It is not necessary to write the name of the representative(s).

If you had a project for the 1994-95 program year, please list the number of Members and their names. Include your Site ID # for 1996.

As best you can, list all 1997 program year AmeriCorps projects, whether CNS, State Commission, or USDA, within an approximate 50 mile radius from the Member's main worksite. This information can be obtained from your federal or state CNS representative or USDA office. A listing is included with these application materials.

8. Address of Supervisor:

P.O. Box 814

street, number, and P.O. (if applicable)
Nassawadox, VA 23413

City

State

Zip

9. Telephone number: 8 0 4 - 4 4 2 - 4 5 0 9

Fax number: 8 0 4 4 4 2 7 5 3 0

10. List all counties or parishes in which the proposed project will take place:

Accomack

Northampton

11. Congressional districts in which the proposed project will take place: 1, , , ,

12. Total Number: 2

Site ID# R51B

MemberNames

Christine Mapp

Kevin Townsend (resigned)

13.	Organization	City	# of Members
	Telemon Corporation	Exmore, VA	2
	NRCS/USDA	Salisbury, MD	2

PART II

Description of Work

Please answer the following questions clearly and precisely. You may use this form or create your own, following the same exact format. Please make copies for additional objectives.

OBJECTIVE 1 (Indicate 1, 2, 3, etc.):

Statement of Work:

A general statement providing background information, the current situation, and what you expect the AmeriCorps program to accomplish.

Planning conducted for the Enterprise Community Program indicates that the lack of quality daycare and after school care for young children is a serious problem on the Eastern Shore, both as a gap in the continuum of educational opportunity and as a barrier for parents who need these services if they are to hold employment. The Americorps Member working with this Objective will continue the effort to involve community members in need of daycare and after school care effectively in the design and development of facilities and programs responsive to their needs.

I) The work to be done

This is a succinct statement of what your program will accomplish as a result of a year of effort by your AmeriCorps Member. What exact services will be provided to community residents, e.g. people housed, youth taught, playgrounds built, community center rehabilitated, etc.

Work completed last year has produced an advisory committee, a coalition of potential care providers, and a draft program design. As we move closer to implementation, there is a need to keep community residents actively involved in the implementation process. Specifically, the Americorps Member will work with the advisory committee to complete the program design, research (but not apply for) funding sources, and aid the lead agency (to be selected) in opening multicultural, subsidized daycare and after school care facilities with capacity to serve 250 children.

II) The result of this work:

What are the measurable results of this work. Express in numbers of miles completed, people served, acres planted, etc.

The program being designed will be serve 250 children. The physical arrangements for service delivery are still being planned, but options under discussion now include having a facility centrally located in each of the two counties, implementing the program design in decentralized locations such as the homes of daycare providers, or a combination of central locations with satellite centers. This is among the issues to be resolved through community-based planning.

III) The standard of quality or success:

What are you going to use as a standard to measure the quality of the work? How will you measure how good, bad, or successful it is?

We will apply two standards: the program must comply with all legal requirements; and the program must be responsive to community needs. We will measure compliance by asking our colleagues in the HeadStart Program to conduct a program review. We will measure responsiveness to community needs through a formal, community-based evaluation, to be conducted by the advisory committee.

PART II Con't**Objective 1 (Indicate objective number) Cont.****IV) Number of Service Recipients: 250**

This is the ultimate number of people who will be served by the work performed. Do not express in general terms such as 'families'. This may be the same amount as II.

V) What resources will be required:

Describe the resources which will be necessary to accomplish the objective described above.

People knowledgeable about local needs, child development, multi-cultural programs, funding, facilities.

VI) 1997 AmeriCorps Objective Measures:

Briefly restate the service objective, your measurement standard (and the amount), and what you will use as your measure of success and the target amount. You are asked to restate the information in this format to ensure your narrative contains the elements required by the Office of National Service.

Example 1:

Service Objective:	To recruit volunteers from the town of Webster and organize them into neighborhood clean-up crews to clean up the south side of town.	
Quantity Measure:	The number of city blocks that will be cleaned up by the volunteers.	30
Success Measure:	The percent of property owners satisfied with the clean up.	100

Example 2:

Service Objective:	To repair the homes of families using the Rural Development 504 program	
Quantity Measure:	The number of home rehabilitated.	21
Success Measure:	The percent of homeowner satisfaction with the home repairs.	100

Your Objective:

Service Objective:	<u>Provide day care and after school care services to</u> <u>250 children</u>	
Quantity Measure:	<u>Serve 250 children</u>	<u>250</u> #
Success Measure:	<u>Compliance with regulations; community satisfaction</u>	<u>100%</u> #

PART III**QUARTERLY WORK PLAN**

NOTE: You may use this form or create your own.

Quarter One: Activity 1: Continue program design

Please describe each activity to be accomplished, quarter by quarter. These will be the guideposts or milestones upon which to measure progress towards accomplishing the objective.

Activity 2: Begin research on funding

Activity 3: Begin facility planning

Activity 4:

Quarter Two Activity 1: Complete program design

Activity 2: Complete research on funding
Lead agency applies for funds

Activity 3: Identify suitable facilities

Activity 4:

Quarter Three Activity 1: -----

Activity 2: -----

Activity 3: Finalize facility plans

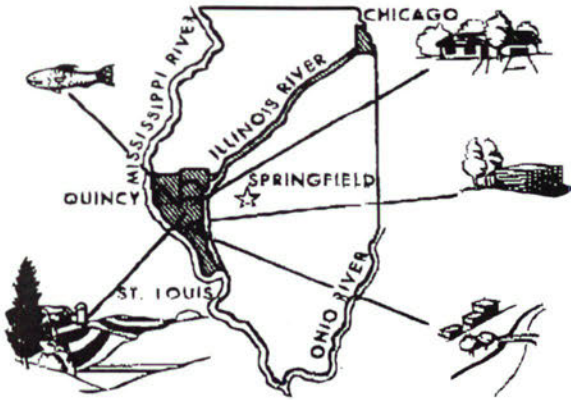
Activity 4:

Quarter Four Activity 1: -----

Activity 2: Lead agency receives funding

Activity 3: Begin to operate daycare and after school programs

Activity 4:



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Nov. 18, 1996

TO: Dee DiFiore
FR: Bill McCartney
RE: Unfinished AmeriCorp Projects

The Two Rivers Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. Board of Directors would like to see the AmeriCorp program continued for 1997. The program has been very effective in the Two Rivers Area which covers 5 counties in west central Illinois.

The Board's concern is that some projects were not completed because more time was required to complete other projects and some of the team members resigned before completing their commitments. Also, they anticipated the program being extended for 1997.

These projects do relate to the established objectives. The unfinished work is as follows:

- Installing willow posts for streambank stabilization.
- Tuck pointing & painting city hall at Kampsville, IL.
- Scrape & paint the village hall at Golden, IL.
- Complete the remodeling of rooms in a day care center
- Construct primitive camp sites for McCully Heritage Project.
- Clearing trees & brush from a Pike County Cemetery.
- Finish constructing shelters & installing fire grills & picnic tables for the City of Pittsfield.

I have received inquiries from several communities about using the AmeriCorp team to do community service projects.

IASCD - Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
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TO: Joel Berg
USDA

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

FROM: Kent Foster
IASCD

PHONE: (208) 338-5900

FAX: 338-9537

COMMENTS:

Please replace the letter previously
sent to you with this letter.
Thanks!

Fax No. _____

Sent by: _____



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Dear Joel:

Currently, as you are aware, the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts (IASCD) is sponsoring the Homestead Assessment System (Home*A*Syst) project. This is a wellhead/environmental protection project designed as a mechanism for community outreach, teaching voluntary protection of drinking water. Last year we cooperated directly with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to have 15 AmeriCorps members deliver the Home*A*Syst project to rural and urban communities state-wide. This is a service that otherwise would not have been provided. This past year 158,593 Idaho citizens were made aware of the Home*A*Syst project, and 1,332 citizens participated by completing voluntary assessments with the AmeriCorps members.

The IASCD and NRCS have built an aggressive program for this year, much of which depends on AmeriCorps participation. We have an incredible amount of work that needs to be addressed. The IASCD recently hired a Home*A*Syst Project Specialist to help the AmeriCorps members promote the program state-wide. AmeriCorps involvement is crucial in the following initiatives that have been planned and/or are in progress for this year:

- * Home*A*Syst Pesticide Recertification Training Workshops. An EPA grant of over \$23,500 to implement this program has been approved, and the workshops are currently being organized state-wide;

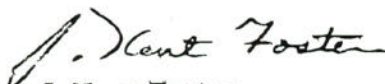
- * Ongoing activities such as specialty seminars targeted at specific Home*A*Syst materials, coordination of hazardous waste collection days, and valuable water testing in conjunction with completing assessments; and

- * Responding to requests for assistance throughout the state. These can not be handled currently, since this level of assistance does not exist within the communities.

Without the support of the AmeriCorps program we are unable to properly handle the current workload. We have planned on one more year of AmeriCorps involvement to fulfill these obligations, and to build the infrastructure necessary for Home*A*Syst to become a stand alone program.

IASCD appreciates the valuable service that the AmeriCorps program provided to our Soil Conservation Districts and the communities which they serve. Our FY 1997 Home*A*Syst project is very much dependent on USDA/AmeriCorps involvement. If NRCS is allowed to participate with the AmeriCorps program for one more year we are confident we can make a successful transition into next year. If you need more information please feel free to contact me at (208) 338-5900. We appreciate your interest and timely attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Kent Foster".

J. Kent Foster
Executive Director

cc: Kevin Koester, IASCD President

USDA. Rural Development

P.O. Box 12310, Big Chimney, WV 25302

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To:

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CC:

From: **JIM ANDERSON** *Jim***RURAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR**

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(304)965-2715**REMARKS:**

Urgent



For your review



Reply ASAP



Please comment

Per your memo of 11/15, concerning project information, we provide the following responses from the McDowell County Action Network (M-CAN) Enterprise Community and the Barbour & Logan County Champion Communities.

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TO: JIM ANDERSON
FROM: ERVIN S. QUEEN *ESQ.*
IN RE: AMERICORPS
DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 1996

In reference to your FAX on 11/19/96, during the just completed Fiscal Year we had one Americorps member under the USDA Rural Development Program. This man was a great help in many facets of our activities.

Our Americorp assignee under USDA/Economic Development played a key roll in assisting this Community Action Agency in surveying, assessment and implementing a major project predicated on the findings of the USDA/HUD "EZ/EC" Program.

The Governor of our state awarded the "Champion Communities" of the "EZ/EC" national competition \$1,000,000 each from the Small Cities Block Grant awarded to West Virginia. \$ 500,000 set aside January 1995 and a like amount set aside for 1996 economic development projects which were prioritized by the "EZ/EC" survey of needs.

The following highlight in brief will sketch the situation of critical concern and need that we find ourselves facing relative to loss of our Americorp assignee.

- : As lead agency for the county in the EZ/EC project, P.R.I.D.E. in Logan County has become the sub-grantee for the Logan County Commission, Grantee, of the S.C.B.G. funds.
- : There are no up front funds in this grant for hiring personnel. There are at least 6 Federal and State Departments and Agencies with monitoring and supervisonal regulatory input. Our Americorp assignee played a critical roll in helping put the package of projects together initially and was continuously involved in technical work related to our proposals and applications.
- : Our number one finding of need in our "EZ/EC" county survey had to do with

LOGAN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, SINCE 1964

Progressive Rejuvenation Improvement, And Development Enterprises in Logan County

Housing, the need thereof and the safety, condition and ownership therewith.

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- : In our application for the first \$500,000 we packaged a Housing Improvement Revolving Loan program in the amount of \$310,000. The application was approved in 1996. Our Americorp assignee was directly involved at every step of the development of this package.
 - : Our Housing Improvement Loan Fund requires a certified Housing Inspector and qualified individual on process, related research as to deeds, mortgages, etc., under regulation of HUD, USDA, and EPA, WV Housing Development Fund, CSBG, CDBG, Building Codes (State and Local) Health Departments and other regulatory bodies.
 - : Our Americorp assignee, with assistance from Americorp and local funds had become certified and trained by various departments and agencies to the level and degree of acceptable competency to implement our loan program in the Housing Improvement Program by September of 1996.
 - : The program was advertised and over 140 families applied during the first public notice. Each of the "LMI" applicants were interviewed.
 - : Americorp was suddenly taken out of existence for our County.
 - : This sub-grantee of a critically needed home improvement revolving loan fund for low/moderate/income families, is sitting on an approved \$310,000 grant hamstrung and delayed because we have lost a key certified team player and developer of the project, without funds to replace him.
 - : If Americorp has access to even a few good people, we would be interested in acquiring another assignee. For this Economic Development and Assistance to low/moderate/income families. Our Housing/Improvement Revolving Loan Fund is sitting relatively frozen in progress and production at the present time.
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The City of Philippi

Caton N. Hill, Jr., Mayor
Joseph P. Matarlano, City Manager
Doris J. Mundy, City Clerk

T.D.D.: 457-3700

EOE/EEQ

November 21, 1996

Mr. Jim Anderson
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Post Office Box 12310
Big Chimney, WV 25302

RE: AmeriCorps "Continuing" Projects

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Barbour County Development Authority has four projects that need continuing AmeriCorps presence to reach full completion in 1997.

The objective to give community members an enhanced environment and by developing historical documents about the character of the community, consisted of four projects. The Adaland project will not meet its goal of complete restoration by 1998 without an AmeriCorps worker. The project is being completed with volunteer labor and they need the organization ability. Research must continue.

Another project with the objective that an AmeriCorps worker must address is continued assistance of restoring historical sites in Century. Our worker organized this coal community and was helping them in building a community center and listing sites on the National Historic Register. This will not happen without the assistance of a worker.

Two projects will be completed without the worker. They are the Historic/Civil War Walking Trail and the preservation of the logs at the Mouse Run School.

Another project involves providing community members with an advanced rural environment and education by developing a computer network using coaxial cable for low and moderate income individuals and outlying communities in Barbour County.

This project has created Barbour Community Net to link government facilities with video conferencing in Philippi. It is making a computer learning facilities available for local residents at the Philippi Library and College. In order to meet the goal of affordable Internet access county wide the services of an AmeriCorps worker is needed.

\$24,745 →

Mr. Jim Anderson
Page 2
November 21, 1996

The continued success of the City of Philippi's recycling program will not be accomplished without the assistance of an AmeriCorps worker. The products being recycled needs to continue, public awareness of the advantages and organizational skills are needed.

Again Jim, the recycling program, Adaland, Century and Barbour Community Net cannot progress, or be completed in 1997, without assistance from your office and an AmeriCorps worker.

Sincerely,
City of Philippi



Joseph P. Martaliano
City Manager

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cc: Barbour County Development Office

\$300,000



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November 18, 1996

SUBJECT: Rural Development AmeriCorps Programs

TO: Joel Berg - USDA Director of National Service

As a result of Jim Coyle's letter of November 15, the following comments are made concerning the interruption of the AmeriCorps program in Georgia:

Crisp/Dooly Enterprise Community - Site is located in Cordele, GA. The AmeriCorps member, Rosie Watkins, was involved in assisting with benchmark implementation. She primarily worked in the prevention of school dropouts, teen pregnancy, held tutoring and parenting classes and worked in setting up a dual ministerial association in the two county area. Rosie is continuing a portion of the work as she has temporarily found employment with a local nonprofit very much involved with the enterprise community.

CSRA Enterprise Community - Site is located in Keysville, GA. The AmeriCorps member, Sandrus Jackson, was involved in setting up food buying clubs in the six county EC area. The three clubs he started are continuing but the project called for establishing 9-10 clubs. No remaining clubs have been initiated and Mr. Jackson is unemployed. No one to my knowledge is currently working on the project.

AQUOLA LC/CDC, Inc. - Site is located in a Champion Community in Valdosta, GA. AQUOLA is a non-profit organization assisting with housing renovation, dropout prevention and other needs of low income residents in the Champion census tract. The AmeriCorps member, Willie Head, Jr. was involved in assisting residents to clean up blighted areas and to repair houses hoping to get the houses up to meeting minimum property standards. This project has been temporarily suspended since there is no AmeriCorps member available to assist with the project.

Please advise should you need additional information.

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DONNIE D. THOMAS
Rural Development Coordinator

cc: Laura J. Meadows, State Director

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Louisiana Statewide Dry Hydrant Program USDA AmeriCorps Success



One More Year is Required to Complete Installations. . .

During fiscal year 1995 and 1996, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service AmeriCorps members worked through Resource Conservation and Development Councils (RC&Ds) to plan, survey, and coordinate the installation of 848 dry fire hydrants in rural areas of Louisiana. These hydrants have been installed across Louisiana to help improve rural fire protection and rural road maintenance through the Louisiana Statewide Dry Hydrant (SWDH) Program. The SWDH Program was funded through a \$996,984 grant to Trailblazer RC&D, Inc., from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources using oil overcharge funds from the Stripper Well Settlement as approved by the U.S. Department of Energy. Local units of government and local volunteer fire departments provide in-kind matching funds in the form of equipment and labor for installations.

Already, eight structures have been directly saved because a dry hydrant was near the fire or because no pressurized hydrants were in the area, and ten structures were indirectly saved when grass fires and forest fires were contained. In a six-month period, property valued at an estimated \$730,000 was saved by containing fires with the use of dry hydrants.

Over 600,000 rural residents of Louisiana could benefit from reduced premium rates because of the installation of dry fire hydrants. For example, in Jackson Parish, Louisiana, the Quitman Fire Protection District successfully conducted a water shuttle demonstration using a dry hydrant. This shuttle enabled the district to improve their property insurance rating from a 9 to an 8, leading to a 21 percent drop in commercial insurance premiums.

The SWDH Program involves tremendous coordination of resources (human as well as equipment and materials), with participants from federal, state, and local governments, as well as local volunteers. Over 2,000 dry fire hydrants were scheduled for statewide installation by the end of fiscal year 1996. However, because of delays caused by slow responses to permit requests to state agencies and lack of technical support due to exigency operations, all dry fire hydrants have not been installed. It is projected that with the support of USDA AmeriCorps members, the SWDH Program will be completed during fiscal year 1997.

Because RC&D councils had the support and commitment of USDA AmeriCorps members, this project was possible. Without the hard work of the USDA AmeriCorps members, 848 installations would not have been accomplished. Without the continued involvement of USDA AmeriCorps members in this project, it may not be possible to accomplish 2,000 installations statewide. Materials have been purchased and sites have been surveyed, but some rural residents of Louisiana may not receive the benefits of increased fire protection and lower fire insurance rates if USDA AmeriCorps members are not there *Getting Things Done* for Louisiana.

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November 18, 1996

TO: Joel Berg, USDA Director of National Service

FROM: Louis F. Elliott
Kentucky Americorps State Contact

SUBJECT: Americorps Projects that were interrupted as a
result of not having the Americorps Member
continuing through FY 1997

○ BOWLING GREEN CHAMPION COMMUNITY
BOWLING GREEN, KY

Lisa Hines was the Americorps Member in 1996. Bowling Green assigned Lisa to work with OPERATION PRIDE. Operation Pride gave her the task of coordinating NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE whose goals were to help neighborhoods organize, clean, and maintain themselves. With great success she organized approximately 150 volunteers and completed the above tasks for 5 blocks. Other residents want the same done for their community but OPERATION PRIDE has no money hire a coordinator. They won the AMERICORPS NATIONAL COMMUNITY AWARD!

○ FRONTIER HOUSING
MOREHEAD, KY

Lance George was the Americorps Member there in FY 1996. This was a Champion Community and he was a valuable and integral aspect of service to the community. He had started a comprehensive, pre-homeownership counseling program to assist and educate potential low income homeowners on aspects and procedures of housing and finance. It has been put on hold due to the cessation of USDA Americorps.

○ BIG SANDY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
PRESTONBURG, KY

Joe Hunley was the Americorps Member in the Big Sandy ADD in FY 1996. He was an instrumental part of operating a SERVICE CONNECTION for the ADD. It did emergency type repairs for low income families at no or little cost. Due to not having anyone to recruit, train, and organize volunteer groups, and to locate qualified contractors it has ceased to operate but will pick back up if the Americorps program continues.

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○ FLATWOODS CHAMPION COMMUNITY
ONEIDA, KY

PROJECT I- There are two Springs in Clay County where families get fresh drinking. They have no access to public water. The Americorps Member was making the Spring area look more attractive and sanitary. The Clay County Fiscal Court appropriated \$2,000 to help. Due to the cessation of the Americorps program nothing is being done to complete the project.

PROJECT II- An Outdoor Environmental Classroom was in the process of being organized on land owned by Flatwoods but is now on hold and is unlikely to occur. This was going to be a collaborative effort between local, State, and Federal Agencies.

○ SMART ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY
MCCREARY COUNTY, KY

The Americorp member was responsible for the development an implementation of the county wide E-911 System(GIS). This included initial road mapping, GIS capability and development of system hardware, as well as policies and procedures for the system operation. Without the Americorps Member there will be a serious delay in the completion and final implementation.

○ DANIEL BOONE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MANCHESTER, KY

Funds are have been received to build approximately 20 homes in Jackson County which is an Empowerment Zone County. The Americorps Member has been counseling and interviewing potential members for the above homes. The progress of locating potential applicants for these homes will be seriously curtailed if the Americorps Member is unable to return.

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If additional information is needed please advise.



Louis F. Elliott
Americorps Program Coordinator In Kentucky

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To: Jim Anderson
From: Cliff Moore
Date: Tuesday, November 19, 1996
Subject: RD/AmeriCorps

As you are aware, McDowell County, through the Economic Development Authority, has initiated a Wage Comparability/Jobs Development/Entrepreneurial Environment Study that was the responsibility of the member of the AmeriCorp Program. As of this writing, that project has not been completed but could render some significant data/information for the continuing development of McDowell County. The importance of this study can not be completed without the intervention of an AmeriCorp member. It requires attention to detail and the allocation of large blocks of time. Neither can be supplied by existing personnel from agencies located within McDowell County.

It is my hope that the McDowell County Action Network can secure an AmeriCorp position to complete this project, in particular, and other pertinent projects as they emerge.



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Subject: Request for Project Information

Joel Berg
To: USDA Director of Nat'l Service
Washington, D.C.

Continuing projects that have been interrupted:

1. A 14-unit low-income senior housing development is underway -- in construction. The AmeriCorps member provided coordination for the project. Without the oversight and coordination of the AmeriCorps member, this project's completion is expected to be delayed by several months -- into late 1997.
2. Implementation of Housing needs assessment in the Enterprise Community. The assessment of needs is complete, and the AmeriCorp member had just begun to coordinate the activities of housing development. Without the support of the AmeriCorps member, this coordination for housing development for low-income constituents will be greatly delayed.

Mary E. McBride
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State Director

LA Rural Development AmeriCorps Projects Interrupted

1. Town of Cullen (Cullen): The member has initiated a community wide beautification project involving lot clean-ups, tree planting, etc. Since the member's term ended, the project has been at a stand-still.
2. Project Celebration (Many): The member has initiated numerous community based youth projects as well as a battered women's shelter. The AmeriCorp member's absence has limited the activities of Project Celebration, a non-profit, self supporting agency.
3. St. Mary Community Action (Franklin): The member was very instrumental in working with making homes available to the very low and low income members in the community. Due to a limited budget, the community agency is severely affected.
4. St. Landry Econ. Inducement District (Opelousas): The member was instrumental in matching low income community members with sources of homes. Without a member, this activity has ceased.
5. Southern Mutual Help Association (New Iberia): The member was actively involved in numerous environmental issues as well as the community based Adult Readiness Center. Activities have been limited severely.

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