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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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SUBJECT

Americorps - 4th Quarter
Reports

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Attached is the 4th Quarter report for the
Iro River USDA/Americorps project.

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James B. Johnson

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AMERICORPS
4th **QUARTER REPORT**

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name: Two Rivers USDA/AmeriCorps

State: Illinois

Site ID #

Your Name: William W. McCartney

Your Position: RC&D Coordinator - Project Manager

Telephone number: 217-285-4114

Fax number: 217-285-5121

e-mail address
(if available)

Date report completed September 22, 1995

Reporting Period: Fourth

Program Start-up date: October

MEMBER INFORMATION

FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site:	
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>9</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>6</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>1</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>1</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u> </u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>12</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>7</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>5</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>6144</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>3409</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>2735</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>4396.75</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>2634.50</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>1762.25</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	<u>24151.5</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>14199.5</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>9952</u>



PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

NOT APPLICABLE

Number of Members authorized:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Number of Members at beginning of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service to date:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:



VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT

Non-AmeriCorps Member Volunteers

Total Number of non-AmeriCorps Volunteers:
involved in AmeriCorps service activities in
this quarter

10

Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities:
completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers
in this quarter.

120



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

None

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

None

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter.

11

Total-to-date

14

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

6



MEMBER ASSESSMENT
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 15 **TOTAL EMPLOYED:** 15

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED	<u>9</u>
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED	<u>6</u>

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

Box 1 - GENDER	
Number of Males	<u>10</u>
Number of Females	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	<u>15</u>

Box 2 - RACE	
Number of Caucasians	<u>15</u>
Number of African Americans	<u> </u>
Number of Native Americans	<u> </u>
Number of Hispanics	<u> </u>
Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander	<u> </u>
Other	<u> </u>
TOTAL	<u>15</u>

Box 3 - EDUCATION	
Number w/out High School Diploma or GED	<u>0</u>
Number with High School or GED	<u>8</u>
Number with some college	<u>5</u>
Number with college degree	<u>1</u>
Number with Graduate degree	<u>1</u>
Number w/Professional or Trade School	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>15</u>

NOTE: Totals in boxes 1-3 should be the same number and should be the same as TOTAL EMPLOYED.

BOX 4 - OTHER	
Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS	<u>14</u>
Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps	<u>2</u>
Number of children	<u>4</u>
Number w/Disabilities	<u>0</u>



BUDGET INFORMATION

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps (Local Level Only)

Project Manager completes this section

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps

30%

Approximate dollar amount I spent more time during the

15,000

first 3 months of the program, but as the program progressed I spent

Cost for any other Federal employee spending less time. • 3,000
time on AmeriCorps

Travel costs for Members & Managers

Provided by NRCS

Training costs

3,000

Supplies

Provided by NRCS

Uniform costs

0

Program Costs

0

(Please explain what these costs were.)

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies

0

Travel

0

Training

0

Program Costs

0

Other

0



PROJECT DIRECTOR COSTS (One per State - Above site level costs only)
Do NOT include any costs already captured by the Project Manager.

State Office will complete this section

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	<u>25%</u>
Approximate dollar amount	<u>10,000</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u>5,000</u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>—</u>
Training costs	<u>—</u>
Supplies	<u>—</u>
Uniform costs	<u>167.00</u> 722.00
Program Costs (Please explain what these costs were.)	<u>—</u>

Non-Federal Funds Spent
(Explain)

—



Objectives Section

RURAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Objective: 1 (state objective) To develop and conduct a small town business research and revitalization program in 20 communities that will result in 25% of the communities actively implementing strategies to retain and/or attract targeted businesses.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

One member assisted the Adams County Highway Department with inputting location of rural structures into the computer in preparation for 911 and GIS.

Completed Community Highlights brochure for Brussels. (See attached.)

Two members assisted the Griggsville Town Board for 3 days in filing and updating records.

Assistance was provided to Baylis to develop a house numbering system and to Barry to conduct a survey of residents in regards to the library system.

Community Highlights and housing survey completed for Nebo. (See attached).

A land use inventory & classification was completed for Rushville.

A Needs Assessment of the residents of Golden was conducted. Approximately 37% of the residents returned responses. The results of the assessment were given to the town board. This information will be used to develop long range plans for community development and improvement. (See attached copy of survey results.

(complete this sheet for each objective)



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Objectives Section

RURAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Objective: 2 (state objective) To identify and promote alternative uses for land in the Conservation Reserve Program that will result in 25% of the land remaining in permanent cover.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

A Conservation Reserve Program Alternative Uses Workshop was held July 22... Approximately 30 people attended. See attached report and workshop flier.; The flier was mailed to all landowners with a Conservation Reserve Program contract.

(complete this sheet for each objective)



Objectives Section
PUBLIC LANDS & ENVIRONMENT TEAM

Objective: 1 (state objective) To assist 10 units of government to improve approximately 36 miles of hiking and biking trails; to develop 25 camp sites and construct picnic tables and shelters on 200 acres of land.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

During the past year, seven units of government were provided assistance in developing and improving 20 miles of hiking trails, clearing 12 primitive camp sites and constructed shelters and other facilities on 150 acres of land. This quarter assistance was provided to Pittsfield, Brown County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Methodist Church Camp.

(complete this sheet for each objective)



Objectives Section

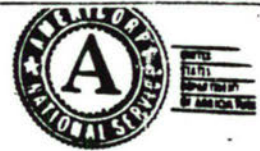
PUBLIC LANDS & ENVIRONMENT TEAM

Objective: 2 (state objective) To assist local units of government in stabilizing 10 miles of streams and roadbanks.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

Four units of government were assisted in stabilizing 4 miles of streams. Wooden erosion control structure were installed on 6 sites at the Methodist Church Camp and Moore Memorial Park (Brown County S&WCD) to stabilize active gullies in the forestland

(complete this sheet for each objective)



Objectives Section
PUBLIC LANDS AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM

Objective: 3 (state objective) To develop 5 acres of wetland for an environmental education center.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

This objective will not be accomplished due to a lack of funds.

(complete this sheet for each objective)



Objectives Section
PUBLIC LANDS & ENVIRONMENT TEAM

Objective: 4 (state objective) Assist 10 units of government in beautifying the area; improving the environment and revitalizing uptown areas.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

Since the beginning of the project, 10 units of government have been assisted.

During this quarter, the following work was completed:

In Nebo - all store fronts were painted. The paint was furnished by a local citizen. The park in Milton was improved by repairing the tennis court and baseball back stop. Picnic tables and benches were repaired in Baylis. A city owned building was cleaned in Pittsfield.

The historic jail in Brussels was repaired, painted, and decorated to serve as a tourist attraction.

The fire hydrants in Clayton were inventoried, numbered and painted.

(complete this sheet for each objective)



PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Member Development: Progress made in boosting the personal development of members.

Members of the Rural Development Team improved their public speaking skills through meetings with several town boards.

Members met new people and learned about team work.

Three members have already returned to college.

2. Community Building: Progress made in meeting your community service objectives.

Two of the six community service objectives were completed. One objective was cancelled. Excellent progress was made on the three incomplete objectives. At least 25 communities received assistance from the two AmeriCorps Teams. The motto of AmeriCorps "Getting Things Done" was definitely demonstrated to the citizens and town boards of these 25 communities. Over 50 individual projects were completed in these communities.



3. Other Accomplishments:

4. Unique Successes or "Great Stories":



PRIMARY CHALLENGES

Report on problems resolved and unresolved, obstacles to achieving program objectives, significant sources of delay, program elements not meeting expectations, events or incidents that caused concern. Use the format below for explaining problems and solutions.

NATURE OF PROBLEM

Please state the problem clearly and concisely. Be candid.

There were problems in the beginning that related to personality conflicts, getting acquainted with each others habits. This was not a major problem and it soon resolved itself. I was very fortunate in having a good mix of age and gender.

HAS THE PROBLEM BEEN RESOLVED? Yes

IF NO, WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM?

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE SOLUTION OR RESOURCES NEEDED TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM?

Specify what steps you, your Members, USDA, and/or the Corporation for National Service can take to rectify the problems or at least ensure they do not recur in the future



TRAINING ASSESSMENT

PRIMARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS

Please specify precisely what kind of staff or Member training or other technical assistance can be provided by USDA, the Corporation for National and Community Service, or other sources to improve your project.

Presently I have only 1 member still working. I do not need training or technical assistance at this time.



MEDIA ASSESSMENT

1. NATIONAL IDENTITY ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

2. MEDIA COVERAGE See attached.

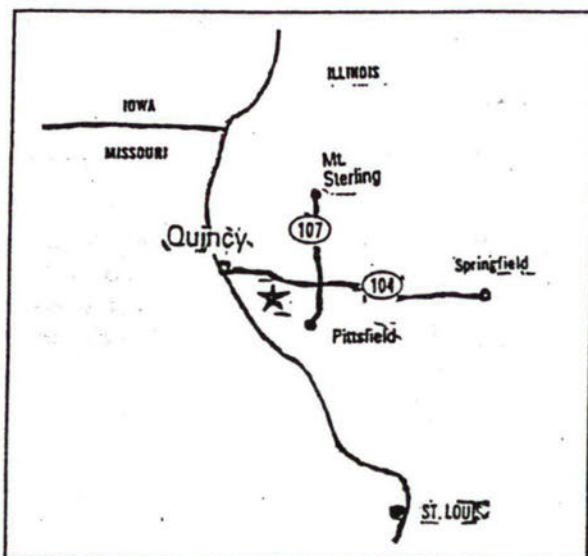
3. OTHER CREATIVE DOCUMENTATION See attached letters from program partners.

ORGANIZERS

- Two Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Area
- AmeriCorps
- University of Illinois
Cooperative Extension Service,
Quincy Extension Center
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Consolidated Farm Services Agency

DONORS

- Orr Agriculture Center
- John Wood Community College
- Farm Bureau (Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Pike and Schuyler Counties)
- Adams County Turkey Federation
- Western Illinois Sustainable Agriculture Society
- Pike County Quail Unlimited



The Orr Agriculture Center is located on IL 104, 4 miles west of the Junction of IL 104 and IL 107.



TWO RIVERS RC&D
110 E. Fayette St.
Pittsfield, IL 62363

CRP ALTERNATIVES WORKSHOP



A workshop on ways to convert Conservation Reserve Program acres into profitable alternative uses.

Saturday
July 22, 1995
8:00 a.m. - Noon

Orr Agriculture Center.
Perry, Illinois

BULK RATE

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 5
Pittsfield, IL

Brussels

Small village of about 125 inhabitants. The surrounding area is comprised of rolling hills containing farmland and orchards. In April the spring blossoms of Dogwood, peach, and apple are plentiful.

Settled by German immigrants in 1843. It was later incorporated and the first elections held in 1888. The Catholic and Lutheran faith was an important part of the development of our village. Today the community carries on the tradition.

Enjoy a peaceful walk or leisurely stroll down main street and see buildings & homes dated back to 1860. They have been cared for and many contain delightful little shops. Don't miss the Brussels Jail on the east side of Main Street.

(picture looking down main)

Community Events

- *St. Mary's Church Picnic:
2 day event during the 2nd weekend of August
- *Part of the Spring Blossom Orchard Tour:
End of April & Beginning of May
- *St. Matthew's "Turtle Soup" Supper
1st Saturday in November
- Firemen's St. Patrick Dinner & Dance
Weekend nearest to St. Patrick's

Businesses

Antique Stores
Banking Establishments
Beauty Shops
Craft Shops
Eating & Drinking Establishments
Florist
Funeral Home
Grocery
Hardware & Lumber
Hotel
Seasonal Fruit & Craft Stand

General Info

Local Government:
Elected mayor & 6 trustees,
Appointed clerk & treasurer
Post Office
Library
Volunteer Fire Department
Volunteer Ambulance Service

Recreation

Swan Lake Nature Area-

5 miles from Brussels. Contains visitor center & area to view the migrating eagles & other wildlife.

Pere Marquette State Park-

Take the Brussels Ferry right to the Park. For bicycling, horseback riding, hiking, and much more.

Royal Landing-

6 miles from Brussels for access to the Mississippi River.

Hunting & Fishing

Churches

St. Mary's Catholic Church

St. Mary's Church was established in 1848 and was the first catholic church in Calhoun County. The first pastor for the church was from the city of Brussels in Belgium. At his passing the village was named in memory of him. The present church was built in 1862.
Services:

Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 10 am

(Picture of St. Mary Church)

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

St. Matthew's Church was established in 1861 by people of German descent. The church was independent from any church organizations for almost 100 years. In the 1950's they became a member of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod. The present church was built in 1891 and inscribed in the brick is the words "Sanct Matthaues", German for St. Matthews.
Services:

Every Sunday
9am Sunday School & Bible Class
10am Church Service

(Picture of Church)

NEBO

A Friendly Little Town

Let Us Tell You About It....



Nebo, Illinois.... Established in 1871, in the Lower Bay Creek Valley, among the rolling hills of Pike County. The surrounding area contains rich farmland and wooded areas filled with wildlife to observe or hunt. Entrance may be obtained via Vin Fiz Highway which is named after the plane that landed here on the First Trans Continental flight in 1911.

Geography

Nebo is approximately 60 miles west of Springfield & 90 miles north of St. Louis. The town is located in southern Pike County and is centered between the Mississippi & Illinois River, which is 15 minutes in either direction from Nebo.

Recreation

Heartland Outfitters & Lodge
6,000 acres of whitetail & turkey hunting
R.R. 1, Box 8A, Nebo, IL 62355
(800) 717-HUNT

P-Ridge Elk Ranch
Nationwide supplier of superior quality elk
P-Ridge, R.R. 1, Nebo, IL 62355
(217) 734-2321

Rut-n-Bucks Hunting Club
4,000 acres of whitetail archery hunting
R.R. 1, Nebo, IL 62355
Jack Buchanan (217) 734-2954

Rodhouse Buck-n-Strut Whitetail Bowhunting Club
R.R. 1, Nebo, IL 62355
Rick Rodhouse (217) 734-9093

Webb Bowhunting
600 acres of whitetail and turkey hunting
R.R., Nebo, IL 62355
Bob Webb (217) 734-9090

Population (1990 Census)

Nebo	402
Pike County	17,577

Organizations & Local Shops

Community Club
Girl Scouts
Volunteer Fire Department
5 Community Churches
Just A Touch Beauty Shop
Bill Howland's Garage
Nebo Cafe
Pam's Cafe
Schultz's Nebo Market
Various Construction Companies

Events & Places

Firemen's Memorial Day Supper
Vin Fiz Days: 3rd Saturday of August
Vin Fiz Historical Marker
Fall Color Drive

Utilities

Electricity:	CIPS
Water & Sewer:	Village of Nebo
Natural Gas:	CIPS
Waste Disposal:	Area Disposal
Cable:	Triax

FARM WEEK 7/10/95



Conservation

Workshop offers ideas for former CRP land

By Kay Shipman

Farmers wondering how to continue conserving their Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres may learn about several alternatives at a July 22 workshop.

A free CRP alternatives workshop will be from 8 a.m. to noon at the Orr Agriculture Center, Perry (Pike County). Participants are asked to pre-register so enough materials can be prepared.

Later this year, the first CRP contracts will expire. Farmers will decide what to do with a considerable number of acres. In a five-county, West-Central area alone, about 75,000 acres were enrolled in CRP.

In the entire state, CRP enrollment was about 794,000 acres.

The workshop topics are those most frequently requested by farmers surveyed in the Two Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Area, said Mike Roegge of the Quincy Extension Center.

The topics include: traditional and alternative livestock, specialty crops, tree

farming, orchards, production of grass seed and hay, and hunting and recreation operations.

Several workshops have focused on potential problems and practices when former CRP land returns to row-crop farming, but this will provide ideas if farmers are considering something other than row crops, Roegge said.

Workshop participants will get a thumbnail sketch of alternative operations, basic requirements, and market potential, Roegge said.

Farmers may not want to put all their former CRP land in an alternative practice, but might use a portion or some of the rougher ground that way, he added.

The workshop is organized by the Two Rivers Resource, Conservation, and Development Area; the Quincy Extension Center; AmeriCorps; Natural Resources Conservation Service; and the Consolidated Farm Services Agency.

For more information or to register, call the Quincy Extension Center at 217-221-2508.

Friendly people and bad roads

Citizens tell what they like and dislike about Barry

By TOM COULSON

According to Americorps, the people of Barry like its friendly helpful people most, and its roads and sidewalks least.

These are two of dozens of findings relayed to council last night by Darlene Ivarson and Starr McDaniles.

Ivarson and McDaniles, during May 11-June 9, delivered 541 questionnaires and had 351 returned - 65%. Of the returns, 310 were filled out.

These are some of the things a survey shows:

◆ One-half of respondents live in Barry 26 years or longer, and 90% expect to be living there five years from now.

◆ Although the largest single group of respondents was older than 70, the response was fairly evenly distributed across ages.

◆ Fifty-two percent have high school diplomas, 23% some college and 8% college degrees.

Of 301 who answered a question, 76 work in Barry, elsewhere, 111 are retired.

Of the 115 commuters, five less than six miles away, 14 7-15 miles away, 40 work 16-20 miles away, 15 work 21-30 miles away, and 10 more than 40.

LIKES AND DISLIKES

What three things do you like best about Barry?

VFW wants liquor license

Barry VFW Commander Everett Dolbeare asked council last night about the possibility of a liquor license for the club, which has a clubhouse on Decatur 1 1/2 blocks from route 106.

Dolbeare said the club would like to sell only beer and only 3-4 nights a week.

He was told a first step would have to be getting the clubhouse rezoned commercial. It is residential, and the liquor ordinance prohibits licenses in that zone.

Mayor Ed Venicombe did not know whether a license is available, and city attorney Mike Hollahan said he would check.

Public works director Bob Dieker said he would let Dolbeare know when the zoning committee is to meet.

172 responded to this with a total of 519 comments. The top five:

- 206 - Friendly, helpful people.
- 85 - Small rural town setting.
- 39 - Businesses.
- 37 - Quiet, peaceful neighborhood.
- 26 - Library and churches.

Fourteen other factors were listed, including (in descending order) good schools; progressive and improving; low crime rate; police, fire and ambulance departments; security; excellent city services including pool; clean parks; community spirit including festivals; meets most basic needs; low cost of living; close to major roads; good senior housing; and American Legion.

"What three things do you like least about Barry?"

259 responded to this with 322 comments. The top five:

- 58 - Roads and sidewalks.
- 35 - Some people get treated better than others.
- 30 - Too many police officers.
- 27 - Unresponsive government.
- 22 - Run down houses.

Twelve other factors received votes, including (in descending order) drugs and liquor problem, lack of jobs, dogs and cats roaming, not enough for young people to do, trucks parked around central park and over city, lack of available housing, children running the streets, education system, sewer system, too many city employees not doing their work, no zoning, too much low income housing.

"What do you feel is the biggest problem in Barry?"

363 responded to this, but many answers were similar to what they liked the least. The first two, however, were a little different. The top five:

- 22 - Too few activities for teenagers, young adults and senior citizens.
- 22 - Drugs and alcohol caused by too few activities.
- 22 - Streets and sidewalks need repair.
- 21 - Too many police officers.
- 17 - Lack of jobs.

A question about historic preservation was answered by 98 persons with 108 suggestions. The question:

"Are there any historical or geographical features you would like to see preserved in your area?"

The leading answers:

- 35 - Downtown buildings.
- 17 - Old homes.
- 11 - Cemetery.
- 11 - Park
- 6 - Churches.

Other responses included historical monument, library, stone bridge on Bainbridge, Bennett Springs, bluff area west of Barry, Indian mounds, school, restore top of bank building, forests, Watson property, museum, Bernie Keller farmhouse, bandstand and Mortimer Street House.

"Where do you shop?"

A big majority of respondents shop at home for groceries, gasoline and bank service. Quincy is the favorite source for clothing.

Market comparisons:

- Groceries - Barry 246, Quincy 65, Pittsfield 29, other 28.
- Clothing - Quincy 125, other 109, Pittsfield 87, Barry 38.
- Gasoline - Barry 172, other 96, Quincy 22, Pittsfield 19.
- Banking - Barry 247, other 48, Pittsfield 23, Quincy 11.

One-half of respondents believe Barry's downtown business will increase; 35% believe it will decrease.

Eighty percent want tourism to increase.

This was a "needs assessment survey" conducted by Two Rivers RC&D's Americorps rural development team.

Beginning May 11, Ivarson and McDaniles distributed forms with requests they be returned in three days.

On the third day, the team gathered surveys of persons who were home or had left them in the door to pick up.

If residents were not home, surveyors made one more attempt. After that signs were posted asking citizens to return forms to city hall.

"The 64.9% return was very good," Ivarson said. "Anything over 50% is good."



Village of Golden

Golden, Ill. 62339



August 10, 1995

Two Rivers Regional Council
110 E. Fayette
Pittsfield, Ill. 62363

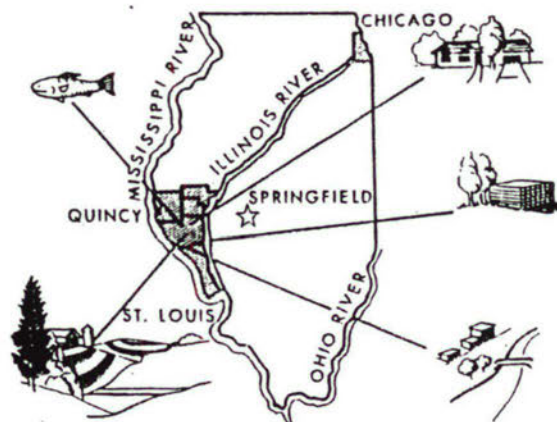
Dear Sir:

The Village of Golden Board request the Americorps National Service to conduct a survey of the Village of Golden.

Please do this as soon as possible.

David Winebrinner
Village President

The Conservation Reserve Program:
A Survey of CRP Contract Holders
in the Two Rivers Area



Survey Conducted by USDA AmeriCorps
Rural Development Team
Two Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Area

July 1995

THE CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM - An Overview

The question of how to protect environmentally sensitive lands under the control of agricultural producers is an issue that has received a great deal of attention since the passage of the 1985 Farm Bill. The American public has become increasingly concerned about issues like soil erosion, water quality and the protection of fish and wildlife.

One of the programs that grew out of this concern is the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program. CRP is a voluntary program that pays the owners of environmentally sensitive cropland an annual rental payment to remove these acres from production, establish a cover crop of grass on trees and maintain the land in a resource conserving use for a 10-year period.

Recently CRP has come under the close scrutiny of Congress because it involves the outlay of approximately half of all dollars currently in USDA's budget for conservation programs. Also, due to the federal government's need to reduce the national deficit, questions about CRP's cost effectiveness have been raised.

Since 1986, the Conservation Reserve Program has returned more than 36.5 million acres of cropland to resource conserving uses. More than 375,000 landowners from all parts of the country have signed 10 year agreements with USDA to not crop these acres in return for annual rental payments. USDA currently pays about \$1.8 billion annually for these contracts, with average individual payments equalling \$50 per acre annually.

CRP has produced some remarkable short term conservation benefits. Average soil loss rates on CRP acres have dropped from 20.9 tons per acre per year to 1.6 tons per acre per year. USDA estimates that CRP keeps 90 million tons of sediment annually out of waterways and that the program produces \$25 to \$30 per acre in environmental benefits.¹

CRP has also worked to reduce annual farm program payments by taking paid "base" acres out of production, and in some parts of the country, served as an emergency forage reserve when livestock feed was extremely short due to poor growing conditions.

Although CRP was originally scheduled to enroll up to 40 - 45 million acres, Congress failed in its 1994 budget to authorize funding for new enrollments. In late 1995, the first contracts will expire on approximately 2 million acres of land now in CRP. At the end of 1994 USDA announced its intentions to modify, renew or release existing contracts and enroll up to 10 million more acres. However, successful completion of these actions will depend upon funding appropriated for the program in the future. With the new Congress, and the overall uncertainty about how budgets will be handled, CRP's future is by no means guaranteed.²

¹ Margheim, G. A., 1994, Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, When Conservation Reserve Contracts Expire: The Policy Options, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Ankeny, Iowa.

² American Farmland Trust, April, 1995, The Conservation Reserve Program: An Assessment Based on State Leadership Workshops.

The CRP Survey in the Two Rivers RC&D Area

Nearly 75,000 acres are enrolled in the CRP program in the five county area.

In November 1994, the Two Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Staff met with representatives of John Wood Community College, University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Consolidated Farm Service Agency, Illinois Department of Conservation, Farm Bureau and the USDA AmeriCorps Rural Development Team. This survey was designed to measure contract holders' future plans for CRP acreage and their opinions of the program.

Approximately 1,490 surveys were mailed to all CRP contract holders in Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Pike and Schuyler Counties. Completed surveys were returned by 855 contract holders, a response rate of 57%.

The results of the survey are reported here.

Survey Question 1: If the CRP program is continued, will you re-enroll in the program under the current contract provisions?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Adams	84%	11%
Brown	81%	15%
Calhoun	84%	12%
Pike	81%	11%
Schuyler	86%	8%
Two Rivers Area:	83%	11%

Survey Question 2: If conditions change would you be interested?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Adams	62%	16%
Brown	60%	19%
Calhoun	65%	18%
Pike	65%	15%
Schuyler	67%	19%
Two Rivers Area:	64%	17%

Survey Question 3: Did the CRP program meet your needs?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Adams	70%	5%
Brown	91%	4%
Calhoun	91%	4%
Pike	91%	3%
Schuyler	94%	3%
Two Rivers Area:	86%	4%

Survey Question 4: If re-enrollment is not available, have you considered options for use of your CRP acreage besides row-crop production?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Adams	33%	45%
Brown	39%	49%
Calhoun	43%	39%
Pike	46%	36%
Schuyler	49%	46%
Two Rivers Area:	42%	41%

Survey Question 5: Most CRP fields will need compliance plans revised if row crops are part of the crop rotation. Do you anticipate needing a field visit from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly SCS) to help revise your compliance plan?

(Very few respondents answered this question.)

Survey Question 6: Are you aware that a one to five year contract extension option is available to some participants with CRP acres established to grass if these acres are converted to hardwood trees?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Adams	43%	30%
Brown	28%	59%
Calhoun	36%	53%
Pike	50%	39%
Schuyler	38%	54%
Two Rivers Area:	42%	43%

Survey Question 7: If you are the original CRP contract owner, what program provisions prompted you to enter your acres into CRP?

(The answers to this question were equally divided between the need for income and to put the land in permanent cover.)

Survey Question 8: Have you noticed an increase in wildlife on your farm as a result of your CRP acres?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Adams	42%	26%
Brown	61%	30%
Calhoun	67%	22%
Pike	66%	22%
Schuyler	74%	25%
Two Rivers Area:	61%	33%

If yes, what types of wildlife have occurred?

Top four answers for each county were:

Adams:	1. Deer	2. Quail	3. Turkey	4. Squirrel
Brown:	1. Deer	2. Quail	3. Turkey	4. Rabbit
Calhoun:	1. Deer	2. Turkey	3. Rabbit	4. Quail
Pike:	1. Deer	2. Turkey	3. Quail	4. Rabbit
Schuyler:	1. Deer	2. Quail	3. Turkey	4. Rabbit

Survey Question 9: Is your CRP land used for hunting or other types of recreation?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Adams	51%	40%
Brown	64%	24%
Calhoun	55%	38%
Pike	56%	30%
Schuyler	49%	46%
Two Rivers Area:	54%	36%

Survey Question 10: What is your CRP acreage planted in?

(All surveys reported grass or trees.)

GOLDEN CITIZENS SURVEY
SEPTEMBER 1995

1. How many years have you lived in the Golden community? 33 yrs (AVERAGE)

2. How many persons living in your household are in each of the following age categories?

Under 20 18%; 20 to 34 8%; 35 to 49 30%; 50 to 64 7%; 65/older 3%.

TOP 3 3. What one thing do you like most about Golden? *SEE ATTACHED PAGE

1) NICE & FRIENDLY 2) NEAT & CLEAN 3) QUIET

TOP 3 4. What one thing do you like least about Golden? *SEE ATTACHED PAGE

1) ABANDONED HOUSES 2) BAD DRAINAGE 3) LACK OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

TOP 3 5. What is the one thing that would most improve Golden? *SEE ATTACHED PAGE

1) MORE BUSINESSES 2) CLEAN-UP PROPERTY 3) MORE HOUSING / PROMOTE GOLD

6. Are you in favor of increasing tourism in Golden?

83% Yes 17% No

7. Are you willing to volunteer for the Marigold Festival in Golden?

49% Yes 51% No

8. What kinds of affordable housing do you think needs to be built in Golden? (Please check all that apply)

Apartments 24% Single family rental houses 24%
Single family houses for purchase 41% Duplexes 7%
None needed 5%

9. If new apartments are built, what is the highest monthly rent you would consider to be affordable? 1325-1400 *SEE ATTACHED

10. If new single family houses are built, what is the highest price you would consider to be affordable? 70,000-90,000 *SEE ATTACHED

11. Do you know anyone living outside of Golden who would be likely to move here if affordable new housing is built?

26% Yes 74% No

12. Do you or your spouse work in Golden? 41% Yes 59% No
If not, how far do you drive to work? 20-35 miles *SEE ATTACHED

13. Do you take advantage of the goods and services offered in Golden?

	Regularly	Occasionally	Rarely
Bank	<u>84%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>11%</u>
Grocery Store	<u>79%</u>	<u>19%</u>	<u>1%</u>
Golden Locker	<u>33%</u>	<u>35%</u>	<u>33%</u>
Cafe	<u>36%</u>	<u>46%</u>	<u>22%</u>
Gas Station	<u>50%</u>	<u>32%</u>	<u>18%</u>
Auto Mechanics & Garages	<u>14%</u>	<u>24%</u>	<u>13%</u>
Beauty Shops	<u>60%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>20%</u>
Plumbers	<u>51%</u>	<u>36%</u>	<u>13%</u>
Electricians	<u>46%</u>	<u>34%</u>	<u>21%</u>
Carpenters	<u>42%</u>	<u>34%</u>	<u>24%</u>

What new store or business would you like to see established in Golden?

*SEE ATTACHED

TOP 3 1) DRY GOOD / VARIETY STORE 2) FAST FOOD / ICE CREAM STORE 3) HARDWARE STORE

14. How do you rate the following services?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Police Dept.	24%	45%	15%	16%
Fire Dept.	63%	36%	0%	2%
Street Dept.	23%	58%	14%	5%
Sanitary Sewer	34%	52%	10%	3%
Storm Sewer	17%	40%	19%	24%
Water System	41%	52%	4%	3%
Trash Pickup	46%	47%	5%	3%
Electric & Gas	41%	56%	2%	1%
Ambulance Service	53%	42%	3%	2%

How would you improve the services listed above?

* SEE ATTACHED

1) BETTER LAW ENFORCEMENT 2) BETTER DRAINAGE 3) IMPROVE CITY HELP

15. How do you rate other community services?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Schools	43%	50%	6%	1%
Library	53%	39%	7%	1%
Churches	60%	38%	2%	0%
Clubs	27%	59%	9%	5%
Athletic Leagues	20%	61%	17%	3%
Senior Citizens	9%	41%	24%	26%
Day Care	11%	46%	29%	14%

16. Would you object to the village using work camp inmates or Adams County Jail inmates to assist with village projects?

11% Yes 89% No

17. If funds are available which improvement would be most important:

- 35% 1. Wheel chair accessibility to village hall basement (might include second entrance).
- 32% 2. Improvement to village park including new play ground equipment.
- 14% 3. Permanent shelter between village hall and Osborne Building
- 19% 4. Other 1) SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT 2) FIXING STREETS

* SEE ATTACHED

Please remember that all completed surveys should be dropped off or mailed to the Village Office no later than Friday, September 8, 1995.

Village of Golden
P. O. Box 270
Golden, IL 62339

- 3) 4) HELPFUL
- 5) SMALL & SAFE
- 6) EVERYTHING & LOW CRIME
- 7) GOOD SCHOOLS & VOLUNTEERISM
- 8) DOCTORS CLINIC

- 4) 4) TRASH BURNING / JUNK ON PROPERTY / CLANISH / CATS / TOO FAR FROM CITY
- 5) LACK OF ACTIVITIES / LACK OF PRIVACY
- 6) STRAYING DOGS / HIGH PRICES (HOUSES, CAFE & STORE) / STORE HOURS

- 5) 4) RENOVATE WINDMILL
- 5) SURFACE DRAINAGE
- 6) FIXING STREETS / TEARING DOWN OLD HOUSES
- 7) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT / SENIOR ACTIVITIES / SEMI-PARKING
- 8) IMPROVE PARK / ACTIVITIES / ELIMINATE TRASH BURNING / BETTER SNOW REMOVAL

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Q-9) 2) 225-300 | Q-10) 2) 50,000-65,000 |
| 3) 150-200 | 3) 20,000-45,000 |
| 4) 100 ⁰⁰ | 4) 95,000-125,000 |

- Q-12) 2) 4-15 miles
- 3) 40-50 miles

- Q-13) 4) CONVENIENCE STORE / GROCERY STORE (THAT'S OPEN LATE)
- 5) CARWASH / LAUNDRY MAT
- 6) SWIMMING POOL
- 7) TEEN CENTER / DAYCARE

- Q-14) 4) TRASH PICK UP 2 / MONTH / SNOW REMOVAL / LIME IN WATER / STREETS REPAIRED / IMPROVE AMBULANCE SERVICE & CABLE SYSTEM / FINE FOR A TOWN THIS SIZE
- 5) SEMI PARKING / MORE INFO ON SERVICES / BETTER SALARY FOR CITY HELP

- Q-17) 3) SEMI PARKING / TEEN CENTER / FIX DRAINAGE PROBLEM / CLEAN DITCHES
- 4) SHELTER AT PARK / SWIMMING POOL / IMPROVE WATER MAINS / SENIOR CENTER / IMPROVE CROQUET COURT / RECYCLING PICKUP / NIGHT LIGHT IN SHELTER AT DARK / EXTRA TABLE AT PARK / DRAIN TILE ON N. MAIN / AIR CONDITION HALL BASEMENT / PLANT MORE TREES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SPEED MEMO

PART NUMBER

DATE

1

10-5-95

SUBJECT

Americorps - 4th Quarter
Reports

TO Paula Cole Jones

Washington, D.C.

FROM James B. Johnson

Champaign, Ill.

MESSAGE (WRITE CONCISE MESSAGE SIGN AND FORWARD PARTS 1 AND 3 TO ADDRESSEE RETAIN PART 2.)

Enclosed are the 4th Quarter reports from our
Americorps office sites in East St. Louis
and Chicago.

Thanks

SIGNATURE

James B. Johnson

REPLY (USE THIS SPACE FOR REPLY SIGN AND DATE. RETURN PART 3 TO SENDER. RETAIN PART 1.)

SIGNATURE

DATE

**AMERICORPS****4. QUARTER REPORT****SITE INFORMATION**

Operating Site name: CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

State: ILLINOIS

Site ID #: 94ADFDC0472010

Your Name: CARZELLA C. PRITCHETT

Your Position: PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Telephone number: (312) 373-9956

Fax number: (312) 373-9960

e-mail address
(if available) _____

Date report completed SEPTEMBER 25, 1995

Reporting Period: JULY 1, 1995 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1995

Program Start-up date: OCTOBER 17, 1994



MEMBER INFORMATION

FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site:	<u>20</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>18</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>2</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>8</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>8</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>18</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>16</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>2</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>8320</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>7820</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>1040</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>8928</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>7936</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>992</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	<u>35180</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>31270</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>3908</u>



PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized:	<u>4</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>4</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>1</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>1</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>2</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>2</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>1560</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>1560</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>527</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>521</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to date:	<u>2087</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>2087</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>



VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT

Non-AmeriCorps Member Volunteers

Total Number of non-AmeriCorps Volunteers:
involved in AmeriCorps service activities in
this quarter 130

Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities:
completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers
in this quarter. 8



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter: NONE

2. Program structural changes made this quarter: NONE

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter.

10

Total-to-date

10

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

3



MEMBER ASSESSMENT
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 20 **TOTAL EMPLOYED:** 8

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 8
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 0

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

Box 1 - GENDER	
Number of Males	<u>5</u>
Number of Females	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	<u>8</u>

Box 2 - RACE	
Number of Caucasians	<u>7</u>
Number of African Americans	<u>1</u>
Number of Native Americans	<u>0</u>
Number of Hispanics	<u>0</u>
Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander	<u>0</u>
Other	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>8</u>

Box 3 - EDUCATION	
Number w/out High School Diploma or GED	<u>2</u>
Number with High School or GED	<u>6</u>
Number with some college	<u>4</u>
Number with college degree	<u>0</u>
Number with Graduate degree	<u>0</u>
Number w/Professional or Trade School	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>8</u>

NOTE: Totals in boxes 1-3 should be the same number and should be the same as TOTAL EMPLOYED.

BOX 4 - OTHER	
Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS	<u>8</u>
Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps	<u>0</u>
Number of children	<u>0</u>
Number w/Disabilities	<u>0</u>



BUDGET INFORMATION

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps (Local Level Only)
Project Manager completes this section

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	<u>100%</u>
Approximate dollar amount	<u>35,000.00</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u>0</u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>3,500.00</u>
Training costs	<u>\$400.00</u>
Supplies (office) fax/telephone, mobile phone, pagers, phones chairs.	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Uniform costs	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Program Costs Tools, Carpet (Please explain what these costs were.)	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies brooms, saws, rakes, shovels, loppers, wheel barrels, coolers, muck buckets, hedge clippers	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Travel	<u> </u>
Training Master Gardeners, Ecological Stewardship, electrical, painting, plastering, tiling, Conflict Management	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Program Costs and Communication.	<u> </u>
Other office space, heat, electric, furniture.	<u>\$16,000.00</u>

OPTIONAL FORM 86 (7-90)

FAX TRANSMITTAL

of pages = 1

To <u>Corzella Pritchett</u>	From <u>James B. Johnson</u>
Dept./Agency <u>USDA - AmeriCorps</u>	Phone # <u>217-398-5293</u>
Fax # <u>312-268-9460</u>	Fax #

TOTAL P.01

PRIMARY CHALLENGES

Report on problems resolved and unresolved, obstacles to achieving program objectives, significant sources of delay, program elements not meeting expectations, events or incidents that caused concern. Use the format below for explaining problems and solutions.

NATURE OF PROBLEM

Please state the problem clearly and concisely. Be candid.

The city Park Board met with AmeriCorps to determine the need to get protection along the shoreline of the Kenneth Hall Park lagoon. The decision was to use Rip Rap, after getting together with the NRCS to survey the site it was decided that alternative erosion control should be considered which is more userfriendly for safety.

HAS THE PROBLEM BEEN RESOLVED?

No

IF NO, WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM?

A study is being made by AmeriCorps for the Park Board to determine other alternatives at this time.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE SOLUTION OR RESOURCES NEEDED TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM?

I feel that a berm with mulch cover may be an alternative.

Specify what steps you, your Members, USDA, and/or the Corporation for National Service can take to rectify the problems or at least ensure they do not recur in the future.

The Park Board has given full permission to the AmeriCorps team to work the problem out to meet any necessary safety standards. The NRCS will be working with the team to insure the best alternative. I will continue to Monitor the entire project until a final solution is completed.

PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Member Development: Progress made in boosting the personal development of members.

Member Development: Progress made in boosting the personal development to members. The members have been trained in many different areas to increase their skill level in the use of the Computer Aided Design system for drafting and developing landscape plans. They were trained to use the Sprout software to develop garden layouts, and a standard landscaping program. With these techniques many of the participants are able to focus on this skill to back up previous training that they have had. Several members who took this training have decided to go into landscaping and one member has started his business because of this training.

Members received training in the use of small engine tools, certified in the use of the chainsaw, defensive driving, CPR, Mastergardner, soil conservation, engineering techniques, plants and soils, forestry, and urban tree planting systems.

The exposure of various members to the many areas of this program has left outstanding impressions that they will be able to use to expand and grow for the future.

2. Community Building: Progress made in meeting your community service objectives.

Objective One: 100% of the lots were completed in both East St. Louis and Lovejoy. Because of early delays in the access of heavy equipment the Team went to the Army National Guard to get support with a Skip Loader and heavy duty trucks to complete nine additional lots that was needed to give us above 100% of our goal for clean up and lot development. Through four days of effort heavy concrete and metal have now been cleared and these lots can now be managed without extreme difficulty.

Objective Two: 100% of State Community College and the renovation of one of two greenhouses have been completed. The Kenneth Hall Park Board decided to build a completely modern structure with the latest technology, thanks to the help of URP and community support. AmeriCorps has helped this in everyway to welcome the future in plants and nursery into the community. Our new Team will continue to support this partnership.

Objective Three: 80% of this project was completed because of other plan changes on the athletic fields in compliance with the Community Park Plans to restore the Jones park and rename it Kenneth Hall Park. This project will be carried out in support of the rebuilding of the new greenhouse and the improvement of the Lagoon shoreline. Our priority is to support this project throughout the coming term.

Objective Four: 100% of this project was completed. Twenty two gardens were completed with many small gardens not even counted in the evaluation process. Produce from the demonstration gardens in East St. Louis and Lovejoy was very beneficial to food centers and domestics as well this season. Future plans will be to explore with communities help the need to supply more produce to the Farmers market which is in need of a better supply for the future.

3. **OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** The 739th Engineers of the East St. Louis National Guards has worked with the AmeriCorps Team in two locations to complete clean up. Both of the sites were completely cleaned in July and August by community groups and the AmeriCorps team. The National Guards supported the effort with 3 large tandem dumps and a large skip loader, the entire process required 4 days of intense activity. The two project resulted in 9 lots being released of excessive debris.

4. **Unique Successes or "Great Stories"**

Kristy White started the Washington Park project back in March of this year her goal was to work with her community church and her AmeriCorps team to complete the project, little did she realize that it would take some 7 months to complete. Early work on the 5 lots required a Bobcat, chainsaws, rakes, picks, shovels and lawn mows. Many hours were required just to get some of the layers of debris picked up and piled into recyclable piles of metal, glass, wood, stones, tires, plastic, many tons of concrete were cleaned up and piled with the help of the city of Washington Park backhoe and front end loader, in addition to hands and small tools. The city after 7 months can now be proud of 5 more renovated lots, thank to the community, 739th Engineers and AmeriCorps for Getting Things Done!

In Lovejoy, Ill a pile of rubble 200 ft long, and 81 ft wide had to be cleared, with the AmeriCorps team and the Bobcat they pile the debris for 4 lots into huge pile. Tonia Brown, Ken Douglas, Cora Emerson and many other team members completely leveled the rough hard to control mass into a workable pile that a large piece of equipment could handle. On Sept 22 and 23 the piles were loaded by a huge skip loader, and hauled by 3 large tandem dumps to a dumpsite. That once piled mass is now a lot that can be manage by smoothing and seeding for future development by the community. The partnership with the mayor and her staff through out the process, the 739th Engineers, and AmeriCorps worked together to get things done.



Objectives Section

Objective: 1 (state objective) PROVIDE 11,000 HOURS OF URBAN GREENING SERVICE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND OTHER PARTNERS.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
- BLACK ARTS EXHIBIT	1232
- CHRIST WAY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	392
- LINCOLN PARK CONSERVATORY	384
- GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY	180
- ELLIOTT DONNELLY YOUTH CENTER	210
- URP (RIVER RESTORATION)	525
	<u>945</u>
TOTAL:	3,868

OBJECTIVE 1 WAS EXCEEDED BY - 14,448
- 11,000
3,448 hrs. or 1.31 %

(complete this sheet for each objective)



Objectives Section

Objective: 2 (state objective) PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR 1,000 CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

HOURS / STUDENTS:

623 / 2670	2ND QUARTER
504 / 1143	3RD QUARTER
1127 / 3813	TOTAL

GOAL WERE EXCEEDED DURING THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTER.

PROJECTS

- ELLIOTT DONNELLY
- YOUTH NET
- RACE TO KNOWLEDGE
- CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- NATURE CONSERVANCY (MIGHTY ACORNS)
- CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

SUBJECTS

ACADEMIC

INDOOR/OUTDOOR GARDENING

NATURE

ECOLOGICAL

(complete this sheet for each objective)



Objectives Section

Objective: 3 (state objective) RECRUIT 500 VOLUNTEERS TO CREATE URBAN AGRICULTURE AND GREEN/SAFETY SITES ON TWO VACANT LOTS NEAR PUBLIC HOUSING AND IN LITTLE VILLAGE.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

4TH QUARTER

	<u>HOURS</u> / <u>VOLUNTEERS</u>
- ELLIOTT DONNELLY	693 / 50
- 1026 E. 46TH ST. GARDEN	630 / 63
- BETHEL LIFE	1260 / 100
- HENRY HORNER (JANE ADAMS)	448 / 40
- MADDEN PARK	945 / 36
- 4800 W. WALTON	112 / 12
- 5237 S. GREEN	112 / 18
- 5758 W. POTOMAC	112 / 21
TOTAL:	4312 / 340

3RD QUARTER

	<u>HOURS</u> / <u>VOLUNTEERS</u>
- U - CAN	178 / 2,200
- MIGHTY ACORNS	24 / 12
- AUSTIN LIBRARY	128 / 30
- WENTWORTH GARDENS	441 / 41
- LATHROP HOMES	490 / 60
- DUSABLE HIGH SCHOOL	336 / 60
- ROBERT TAYLOR	704 / 71
TOTAL:	2,301 / 2,474

2ND QUARTER

	<u>HOURS</u> / <u>VOLUNTEERS</u>
- MAYOR'S OFFICE RECOGNITION DINNER	34 / 0
- LATHROP HOMES CHRISTMAS DINNER	43 / 22
- FIELD MUSEUM GREEN & GROWING FAIR	40 / 15
- KENWOOD OAKLAND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	31 / 6
TOTAL:	148 / 43

(complete this sheet for each objective)

OBJECTIVE 3 WAS EXCEEDED BY 2,357 or 5.71%



Objectives Section

Objective: 4 (state objective) PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TO 500 VOLUNTEERS TO PLAN AND CREATE URBAN AGRICULTURE AND GREEN/SAFETY SITES.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

4TH QUARTER

	<u>HOURS / VOLUNTEERS</u>
- MIGHTY ACORNS (TOURING THE WOODS)	128 / 56
- UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	40 / 80
- CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES	48 / 20
- NATURE CONSERVANCY (MIGHTY ACORNS)	64 / 64
- KENNICOTT DAY CAMP	490 / 178
- HENRY HORNER (JANE ADAMS)	105 / 43
TOTAL:	875 / 441

2ND QUARTER
3RD QUARTER
4TH QUARTER

<u>HOURS / VOLUNTEERS</u>
35 / 120
2136 / 160
875 / 441
TOTAL: 3,046 / 721

- OBJECTIVE 4 WAS EXCEEDED BY 221 OR 1.4%

(complete this sheet for each objective)



PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. **Member Development:** Progress made in boosting the personal development of members.

TRAINING

- MASTER GARDENERS
- SOILS
- WETLAND
- ENVIRONMENTAL
- ECOLOGICAL CITIZENSHIP
- TREEKEEPERS
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- EFFECTIVE PRESENTATIONS
- ECOSYSTEMS/MULTI-DISCIPLINARDS
- INDOORS/OUTDOOR GARDENS
- JUDGING
- URBAN TREE CARE

TEAM BUILDING

- TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT
- CONFLICT MGMT/ RESOLUTION
- FACILITATION
- LEADERSHIP

PERSONAL SKILLS

- COMMUNICATION
- WRITING
- VERBAL
- CPR/FIRST AID
- SKIING

LIFE SKILLS

- TOOL SAFETY
- PAINTING
- PLASTERING
- ELECTRICAL
- PLUMBING
- GANG AWARENESS
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- DRUG ABUSE
- CHILD ABUSE
- RAPE PREVENTION
- POLICE CAREERS
- STREET SAFETY

2. **Community Building:** Progress made in meeting your community service objectives.

EVERY COMMUNITY IS UNIQUE, BRING TO THE TABLE A BROAD RANGE OF EXPERIENCE, EXPECTATIONS, AND RESOURCES, ISSUES ARE QUICKLY RESOLVED AND WE BEGIN "GETTING THINGS DONE" AS SOON AS THE NATIONAL SERVICE INITIATIVE IS COMPREHENDED. WE HELP, ASSIST, FACILITATE, OFFER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OPTION TO ANY GROUP, ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL. WE DO NOT DICTATE AGENDAS, DEMAND RESPONSE, OR IMPOSE OUR VIEW UPON OUR PARTNERS. THIS SCENARIO PUTS EVERYONE ON AN EQUAL PLAYING FIELD WHERE EXPECTATIONS ARE CLEARLY DEFINED.



PRIMARY CHALLENGES

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NATURE OF PROBLEM

Please state the problem clearly and concisely. Be candid.

NONE AT THIS TIME.

HAS THE PROBLEM BEEN RESOLVED?

IF NO, WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM?

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE SOLUTION OR RESOURCES NEEDED TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM?

Specify what steps you, your Members, USDA, and/or the Corporation for National Service can take to rectify the problems or at least ensure they do not recur in the future



3. Other Accomplishments:

BY INTERFACING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE URBAN RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP, CHICAGO COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE OFFICE, YOUTH NET, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, FISHIN' BUDDIES, OPENLANDS AND THE CHICAGO FOREST PRESERVE. WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE EACH MEMBER WITH A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO WORK ON. WE HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED OURSELVES THROUGHOUT VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE METRO AND SUBURBAN AREA.

4. Unique Successes or "Great Stories":

SEE ATTACHMENTS.



TRAINING ASSESSMENT

PRIMARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS

Please specify precisely what kind of staff or Member training or other technical assistance can be provided by USDA, the Corporation for National and Community Service, or other sources to improve your project.

USDA - NRCS

- BASIC SURVEY AND NOTE KEEPING

CNCS

SARAH

- TRAINING HAS BEEN EXCELLENT DURING THIS PHYSICAL YEAR.



MEDIA ASSESSMENT

1. NATIONAL IDENTITY ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

NONE THIS QUARTER.

2. MEDIA COVERAGE

WITH THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST TO THE CHICAGO METRO URBAN AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE OFFICE WE HAVE DEVELOPED A STRATEGIC PLAN, THAT WILL BE USED FOR THE NEW FYSICAL YEAR.

3. OTHER CREATIVE DOCUMENTATION

OVER SCRAP BOOK WITH INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL ENTRIES HAS PROVIDED US WITH A READY DISPLAY OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WHICH DOCUMENT THE PARTNERSHIP SATISFACTION. .

**AMERICORPS
4TH QUARTER REPORT**

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name: East Saint Louis/Lovejoy AMERICORPS

State: Illinois

Site ID: 94ADFCO472012

Your Name: Rufus C. Williams

Your Position: Coordinator

Telephone number: (618) 271-9540

Fax number: (618) 271-9737

e-mail address
(if available) _____

Date report completed 9-27-95

Reporting Period: 7-1-95 - 9-30-95

Program Start-up date 10-3-94

MEMBER INFORMATION

FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site;	
Environmental Corps Members:	30
Rural Development Corps Members:	0
 Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	 2
Environmental Corps Members :	2
Rural Development Corps Members:	0
 Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	 21
Environmental Corps Members:	21
Rural Development Corps Members:	0
 Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	 17201
Environmental Corps Members:	17201
Rural Development Corps Members:	0
 Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	 6599
Environmental Corps Members:	6599
Rural Development Corps Members:	0
 Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	 37,400
Environmental Corps Members:	37,400
Rural Development Corps Members:	0

PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized: 8
 Environmental Corps Members: 8
 Rural Development Corps Members:

Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter: 3
 Environment Corps Members: 3
 Rural Development Corps Members:

Number of Members at beginning of quarter: 8
 Environment Corps Members: 8
 Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter: 2165
 Environment Corps Members: 2165
 Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter: 5410
 Environment Corps Members: 5410
 Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service to date: 5895
 Environment Corps Members: 5895
 Rural Development Corps Members:

VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT

Non-AmeriCorps Member Volunteers

Total Number of non-AmeriCorps Volunteers: 4
involved in AmeriCorps service activities in
in this quarter.

Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities: 128
completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers
in this quarter.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

None

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

None

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter.

224

Total -to-date

~~20~~ 40

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

2

**MEMBER ASSESSMENT
AS OF END OF THIS QUARTER**

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 30 **TOTAL EMPLOYED:** 30

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 30

TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED _____

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

BOX 1 - GENDER

Number of Males _____

Number of Females _____

TOTAL _____

BOX 2 - RACE

Number of Caucasians _____

Number of African Americans _____

Number of Native Americans _____

Number of Hispanics _____

Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander _____

Other _____

BOX 3 - EDUCATION

Number w/out High School Diploma or GED _____

Number with High School or GED _____

Number with some college _____

Number with college degree _____

Number with Graduate degree _____

Number w/Professional or Trade School _____

TOTAL _____

NOTE: Total in boxes 1-3 should be the same number and should be the same as the same as **TOTAL EMPLOYED**.

BOX 4 - OTHER

Number receiving Health Insurance _____

Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps _____

Number of children _____

Number w/Disabilities _____

BUDGET INFORMATION

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps (Local Level Only)
Project Manager completes this section

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	<u>100%</u>
Approximate dollar amount	<u>45,000</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u>15,000</u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>300</u>
Training costs	<u>0</u>
Supplies	<u>5,000</u>
Uniform costs	<u>0</u>
Program costs (please explain what these costs were)	<u> </u>

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies	<u>1,000</u>
Travel	<u>165.00</u>
Training	<u>0</u>
Program Costs	<u> </u>
Other	<u> </u>

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Please state the problem clearly and concisely. Be candid.

The city Park Board met with AmeriCorps to determine the need to get protection along the shoreline of the Kenneth Hall Park lagoon. The decision was to use Rip Rap, after getting together with the NRCS to survey the site it was decided that alternative erosion control should be considered which is more userfriendly for safety.

HAS THE PROBLEM BEEN RESOLVED?

No

IF NO, WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM?

A study is being made by AmeriCorps for the Park Board to determine other alternatives at this time.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE SOLUTION OR RESOURCES NEEDED TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM?

I feel that a berm with mulch cover may be an alternative.

Specify what steps you, your Members, USDA, and/or the Corporation for National Service can take to rectify the problems or at least ensure they do not recur in the future.

The Park Board has given full permission to the AmeriCorps team to work the problem out to meet any necessary safety standards. The NRCS will be working with the team to insure the best alternative. I will continue to Monitor the entire project until a final solution is completed.

PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Member Development: Progress made in boosting the personal development of members.

Member Development: Progress made in boosting the personal development to members. The members have been trained in many different areas to increase their skill level in the use of the Computer Aided Design system for drafting and developing landscape plans. They were trained to use the Sprout software to develop garden layouts, and a standard landscaping program. With these techniques many of the participants are able to focus on this skill to back up previous training that they have had. Several members who took this training have decided to go into landscaping and one member has started his business because of this training.

Members received training in the use of small engine tools, certified in the use of the chainsaw, defensive driving, CPR, Mastergardner, soil conservation, engineering techniques, plants and soils, forestry, and urban tree planting systems.

The exposure of various members to the many areas of this program has left outstanding impressions that they will be able to use to expand and grow for the future.

2. Community Building: Progress made in meeting your community service objectives.

Objective One: 100% of the lots were completed in both East St. Louis and Lovejoy. Because of early delays in the access of heavy equipment the Team went to the Army National Guard to get support with a Skip Loader and heavy duty trucks to complete nine additional lots that was needed to give us above 100% of our goal for clean up and lot development. Through four days of effort heavy concrete and metal have now been cleared and these lots can now be managed without extreme difficulty.

Objective Two: 100% of State Community College and the renovation of one of two greenhouses have been completed. The Kenneth Hall Park Board decided to build a completely modern structure with the latest technology, thanks to the help of URP and community support. AmeriCorps has helped this in everyway to welcome the future in plants and nursery into the community. Our new Team will continue to support this partnership.

Objective Three: 80% of this project was completed because of other plan changes on the athletic fields in compliance with the Community Park Plans to restore the Jones park and rename it Kenneth Hall Park. This project will be carried out in support of the rebuilding of the new greenhouse and the improvement of the Lagoon shoreline. Our priority is to support this project throughout the coming term.

Objective Four: 100% of this project was completed. Twenty two gardens were completed with many small gardens not even counted in the evaluation process. Produce from the demonstration gardens in East St. Louis and Lovejoy was very beneficial to food centers and domestics as well this season. Future plans will be to explore with communities help the need to supply more produce to the Farmers market which is in need of a better supply for the future.

- 3. OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** The 739th Engineers of the East St. Louis National Guards has worked with the AmeriCorps Team in two locations to complete clean up. Both of the sites were completely cleaned in July and August by community groups and the AmeriCorps team. The National Guards supported the effort with 3 large tandem dumps and a large skip loader, the entire process required 4 days of intense activity. The two project resulted in 9 lots being released of excessive debris.

4. Unique Successes or "Great Stories"

Kristy White started the Washington Park project back in March of this year her goal was to work with her community church and her AmeriCorps team to complete the project, little did she realize that it would take some 7 months to complete. Early work on the 5 lots required a Bobcat, chainsaws, rakes, picks, shovels and lawn mows. Many hours were required just to get some of the layers of debris picked up and piled into recyclable piles of metal, glass, wood, stones, tires, plastic, many tons of concrete were cleaned up and piled with the help of the city of Washington Park backhoe and front end loader, in addition to hands and small tools. The city after 7 months can now be proud of 5 more renovated lots, thank to the community, 739th Engineers and AmeriCorps for Getting Things Done!

In Lovejoy, Ill a pile of rubble 200 ft long, and 81 ft wide had to be cleared, with the AmeriCorps team and the Bobcat they pile the debris for 4 lots into huge pile. Tonia Brown, Ken Douglas, Cora Emerson and many other team members completely leveled the rough hard to control mass into a workable pile that a large piece of equipment could handle. On Sept 22 and 23 the piles were loaded by a huge skip loader, and hauled by 3 large tandem dumps to a dumpsite. That once piled mass is now a lot that can be manage by smoothing and seeding for future development by the community. The partnership with the mayor and her staff through out the process, the 739th Engineers, and AmeriCorps worked together to get things done.