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Michigan Operating Sites, 1996 USDA/AmeriCorps Members

<u>Number</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Hours for 1st quarter</u>
Y26P	Christina Coulon Sergio Perez Karry Trickey	1405 S. Harrison, Rm. 101 E. Lansing, MI 48823 (517)337-6701	264 424 424
Y26N	Greg Price	Huron Pines RC&D 501 Norway St. Grayling, MI 49738 (517)348-9319	384
Y26M	Aaron Aumock	USDA/NRCS Bay City 4044 South 3 Mile Bay City, MI 48706 (517)684-1040	384
Y26L	William Bartlett	MSU Extension 817 South Stewart Ave. Fremont, MI 49412 (616)924-0500	384
Y26K	Jill Send	MSU Extension 116 E. Philip St. Lake Leelanau, MI 49653	384
Y26J	Dana Gron	MSU Extension 1040 S. Winter St., Ste. 2020 Adrian, MI 49221 (517)264-5300	384
Y26I	Matt Schnepf	USDA/NRCS Charlotte 551 Courthouse Dr., Ste. 3 Charlotte, MI 48813 (517)543-1539	384
Y26H	Douglas Fedewa	USDA/NRCS Hillsdale 3251 Beck Rd. Hillsdale, MI 49242 (517)439-1497	384
Y26F	Amy Sutton	USDA/NRCS Cheboygan 825 South Huron St., Ste. 2 Cheboygan, MI 49721 (616)627-2565	384
Y26D	Phil Throop	Timberland RC&D 38 Applewood Dr. NW Sparta, MI 49345 (616)887-5760	384

Y26E	George Kenny	Waterford SWCD 2891 Dixie Hwy. Waterford, MI 48327 (810)673-4496	384
Y26C	Sharlynn Cobaugh	USDA/NRCS 1137 S. Telegraph Monroe, MI 48161 (313)241-7755	384
Y26B	Laurel Reimann	USDA/NRCS Ann Arbor 7203 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (313)761-6722	384
Y26A	Lisa Crozier	Sauk Trails RC&D 225 Broadway, Ste. 1 South Haven, MI 49090 (616)637-2439	384

* This site was not numbered, Y26D was left out
and there were two Y26F's.

- These operating site numbers correspond to the numbers on the quarterly report (copy enclosed). THEY MAY NOT BE THE SAME NUMBERS ON THE OTHER OPERATING SITE FORMS WE SENT BEFORE THE QUARTERLY REPORT. Please check to ensure everything is right.

Newaygo/Muskegon Ground Water Stewardship Program Status Report March 15, 1996

	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Accomplishments</u>
Ground Water Technician: Farm*A*Systs	75	42
AmeriCorps Member: Farm*A*Systs	100	44
<u>Muskegon Cost Share Programs:</u>		
Portable Pesticide Mix/Load Pads	3	2 interested
MSU-Nutrient Mgt. Computer Program	5	2 interested
Manure Samples	20	5 taken 3 interested
Nitrate Soil Samples	41	2 interested
Well Water Testing	9	2 interested
Well Closures	20	13 interested

*In addition 30 hose connection vacuum breakers (anti-backflow devices) have been handed out to Muskegon County FAS participants.

Questionnaires were sent out in January describing the Ground Water Stewardship Program and asking for those interested to respond. >2,000 were sent out. 18 were returned for Newaygo County and 15 were returned for Muskegon County. Although the numbers were small, most responses lead to Farm*A*Syst and cost share participation.

Michigan Dept. of Agriculture offered additional cost share funds last week. Both counties applied for more funds March 13, 1996. \$30,000 for one permanent mix/load/storage facility and \$4,500 for three permanent mix/load pads.

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AMERICORPS MEMBERS

1. Where did you first hear of Americorps? Alan Herceg sent me an application after I applied to NRC in MI
2. Where did you get your application form? Alan Herceg
3. What was your college major? Soil Science (Penn State University)
4. Please list the three most important factors that motivated you to join Americorps.
 - a. WAS not presently employed and did not have contacts in MI
 - b. Program was in the environmental field
 - c. Education Award to pay back student loan

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Fill in comments and concerns where appropriate.

If you Firmly Disagree, circle 1

If you Disagree, circle 2

If you Slightly Disagree, circle 3

If you Slightly agree, circle 4

If you Agree, circle 5

If you Firmly Agree, circle 6

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| 5. | a. The Americorps experience was close to what I expected. | | | | (4) | | |
| | b. If disagreeing please explain _____ | | | | | | |
| 6. | a. Selecting Americorps volunteers for this program should be restricted only to people who have majors in agriculture, biological sciences or in a field that would give them some knowledge of groundwater issues. | 1 | 2 | 3 | (4) | 5 | 6 |
| | b. Please explain your response. <u>I think that it would be easier to train people who have experience in groundwater issues, but there are people out there that might be quick learners that can still add a lot to Amer. Corps</u> | | | | | | |
| 7. | The people in the office in which I worked were supportive of my efforts. | | | | | | (6) |
| 8. | a. The people in the office in which I worked were prepared for my arrival. | | | | | (5) | 6 |
| | b. If disagreeing, what could the staff have done to better accommodate and assist you? | | | | | | |

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| 9. | I was adequately prepared to do the task I was assigned.
If disagreeing, what assistance did you need that was not provided. <u>Prepared on all but the groundwater teams; could have had more direction.</u> | | | | | 5 | 6 |
| 10. | The cluster concept was of assistance to me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 11. | The leaders of the cluster sites provided needed assistance. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 12. | Cluster site meetings were held.
___ a) too often ☒ b) just often enough ___ c) not often enough | | | | | | |
| 13. | I would recommend service in AmeriCorps to others. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 14. | a. Do you feel you received adequate technical training to deliver Farm*A*Syst?
☒ Yes ___ No | | | | | | |
| | b. If not; what would have been helpful? _____ | | | | | | |
| | c. Do you feel you received adequate/appropriate personal development training?
☒ Yes ___ No | | | | | | |
| | d. If not, what changes would you suggest? _____ | | | | | | |
| 15. | How have you benefitted from your experience?
<u>More self-confidence because I was given a lot of individual responsibility. Better communication skills through training, meetings, presentations, & letters. Contacts in agriculture and environment that would be good contacts if I obtain other employment positions w/ government or industry.</u> | | | | | | |
| 16. | How would you suggest recruiting future USDA/AmeriCorps members?
<u>I think that last year's approach was good. You may want to recruit nationally to different schools that have agricultural and environmental programs</u> | | | | | | |
| 17. | Where would you place USDA/AmeriCorps advertisements?
<u>Colleges; Bulletin boards in student union buildings; college career centers; federal job listings on e-mail; community career centers</u> | | | | | | |
| 18. | Please include any comments regarding the USDA/AmeriCorps program.

<u>For the 2nd AmeriCorps group, make sure you point out at the interviews that some loans are not eligible for the education Award repayment. That was one of the reasons that I joined AmeriCorps.</u> | | | | | | |

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AMERICORPS MEMBERS

1. Where did you first hear of Americorps? Internet
2. Where did you get your application form? Extension
3. What was your college major? Lyman Briggs Science & Tech Studies
4. Please list the three most important factors that motivated you to join Americorps.
 - a. benefits
 - b. gain experience
 - c. stay in Extension

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.
Fill in comments and concerns where appropriate.

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If you Disagree, circle 2

If you Slightly Disagree, circle 3

If you Slightly agree, circle 4

If you Agree, circle 5

If you Firmly Agree, circle 6

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| 5. | a. The Americorps experience was close to what I expected. | | (2) | | | | |
| | b. If disagreeing please explain | <u>I thought it would be better organized</u> | | | | | |

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| 6. | a. Selecting Americorps volunteers for this program should be restricted only to people who have majors in agriculture, biological sciences or in a field that would give them some knowledge of groundwater issues. | (1) | | | | | |
| | b. Please explain your response. | <u>There are many skills necessary for the position & if they have an agriculture or natural resources background they would be a step ahead.</u> | | | | | |

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| 7. | The people in the office in which I worked were supportive of my efforts. | | | | | (5) | |
| 8. | a. The people in the office in which I worked were prepared for my arrival. | | | | | | (6) |
| | b. If disagreeing, what could the staff have done to better accommodate and assist you? | | | | | | |

9. I was adequately prepared to do the task I was assigned. FD D SD SA A FA
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 If disagreeing, what assistance did you need that was not provided. _____
10. The cluster concept was of assistance to me. 1 2 3 4 5 6
11. The leaders of the cluster sites provided needed assistance. 1 2 3 4 5 6
12. Cluster site meetings were held.
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13. I would recommend service in AmeriCorps to others. 1 2 3 4 5 6
14. a. Do you feel you received adequate technical training to deliver Farm*A*Syst?
☒ Yes ___ No
- b. If not; what would have been helpful? _____
- c. Do you feel you received adequate/appropriate personal development training?
☒ Yes ___ No
- d. If not, what changes would you suggest? _____
15. How have you benefitted from your experience?
Gained more confidence in the field
16. How would you suggest recruiting future USDA/AmeriCorps members?
Through Agriculture, Natural Resource College Offices & Counselors
17. Where would you place USDA/AmeriCorps advertisements?
Same as above:
18. Please include any comments regarding the USDA/AmeriCorps program.

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EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AMERICORPS MEMBERS

1. Where did you first hear of Americorps? National Public Radio
2. Where did you get your application form? Allegan SCD
3. What was your college major? Earth Science w/ a geology emphasis.
4. Please list the three most important factors that motivated you to join Americorps.
 - a. Practical experience working on groundwater issues
 - b. Wanted to be a part of the solution
 - c. USDA/NRCS contacts

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Fill in comments and concerns where appropriate.

If you Firmly Disagree, circle 1

If you Disagree, circle 2

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| 5. | a. The Americorps experience was close to what I expected. | | | (3) | | | |
| | b. If disagreeing please explain <u>I didn't expect to witness so much cynicism and apathy towards government programs, nor did I expect the laissez-faire work ethic found in the field office.</u> | | | | | | |
| 6. | a. Selecting Americorps volunteers for this program should be restricted only to people who have majors in agriculture, biological sciences or in a field that would give them some knowledge of groundwater issues. | 1 | 2 | 3 | (4) | 5 | 6 |
| | b. Please explain your response. <u>While the position should be one of environmental advocacy, it should be filled by someone who has a personal stake in the farm/rural community.</u> | | | | | | |
| 7. | The people in the office in which I worked were supportive of my efforts. | 1 | 2 | 3 | (4) | 5 | 6 |
| 8. | a. The people in the office in which I worked were prepared for my arrival. | 1 | 2 | (3) | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | b. If disagreeing, what could the staff have done to better accommodate and assist you? | | | | | | |
| | <u>It would've been easier to get program running if the staff 1) was knowledgeable about Americorps and FAS 2) If they sold their District Board on Americorps and FAS first and 3) If they helped spread the initial news about Americorps and FAS to cousin agency that way the other stakeholders in the ag community will have heard about Americorps and FAS from a respected and known agency, rather than just myself told calling and trying to explain it all w/out benefit of any farm/ag industry /govt. experience.</u> | | | | | | |

9. I was adequately prepared to do the task I was assigned. FD 1 D 2 SD 3 SA 4 A 5 FA 6
 If disagreeing, what assistance did you need that was not provided. More on farm examples of cropping and animal requirements, in addition typical farming activities (Ag 101)
10. The cluster concept was of assistance to me. 1 2 3 4 5 6
11. The leaders of the cluster sites provided needed assistance. 1 2 3 4 5 6
12. Cluster site meetings were held.
 ___ a) too often ___ b) just often enough ☒ c) not often enough
13. I would recommend service in AmeriCorps to others. 1 2 3 4 5 6
14. a. Do you feel you received adequate technical training to deliver Farm*A*Syst?
 ___ Yes ☒ No
- b. If not; what would have been helpful? More examples of the "systems" that run a farm. IE: Milking Parlor → New technology vs. old. Wells → pit vs. buried. More details about the components of these systems. Lot of staff I didn't have a good grasp of just very basic at the beginning.
- c. Do you feel you received adequate/appropriate personal development training?
 ___ Yes ☒ No
- d. If not, what changes would you suggest? More flexibility in choosing training that would meet my own needs.
15. How have you benefitted from your experience?
I discovered I had a knack for problem solving and could see the big picture of a situation. I utilized these strengths to overcome many of the challenges that I faced during my tour of duty.
16. How would you suggest recruiting future USDA/AmeriCorps members?
Going to communities in which potential members would serve. Try not to bring in complete strangers - need people who are connected.
17. Where would you place USDA/AmeriCorps advertisements?
College department bulletin boards, local newspapers (dailies and weeklys)
18. Please include any comments regarding the USDA/AmeriCorps program.
I never fully understood the role of the cluster site leaders. I feel they should have been housed in their respective watersheds to pitch in and promote unity and fellowship among the AmeriCorps members and farming communities.

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AMERICORPS MEMBERS

1. Where did you first hear of Americorps? Adrian Daily Telegram
2. Where did you get your application form? Al Herceg's office
3. What was your college major? Natural Resources Management
4. Please list the three most important factors that motivated you to join Americorps.
 - a. to gain experience in my field
 - b. education award
 - c. community service

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Fill in comments and concerns where appropriate.

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| 5. | a. The Americorps experience was close to what I expected. | | | | | (5) | |
| | b. If disagreeing please explain _____ | | | | | | |
| 6. | a. Selecting Americorps volunteers for this program should be restricted only to people who have majors in agriculture, biological sciences or in a field that would give them some knowledge of groundwater issues. | (1) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | b. Please explain your response. <u>The work that we do isn't that technical - more important are good communication skills and the ability to work with people.</u> | | | | | | |
| 7. | The people in the office in which I worked were supportive of my efforts. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | (6) |
| 8. | a. The people in the office in which I worked were prepared for my arrival. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | (5) | 6 |
| | b. If disagreeing, what could the staff have done to better accommodate and assist you? | | | | | | |

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9. I was adequately prepared to do the task I was assigned. FD D SD SA A FA
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 If disagreeing, what assistance did you need that was not provided. _____
10. The cluster concept was of assistance to me. 1 2 3 4 (5) 6
11. The leaders of the cluster sites provided needed assistance. 1 2 (3) 4 5 6
12. Cluster site meetings were held.
 ___ a) too often ☒ b) just often enough ___ c) not often enough
13. I would recommend service in AmeriCorps to others. 1 2 3 4 (5) 6
14. a. Do you feel you received adequate technical training to deliver Farm*A*Syst?
☒ Yes ___ No
- b. If not; what would have been helpful? _____
- c. Do you feel you received adequate/appropriate personal development training?
☒ Yes* ___ No
- d. If not, what changes would you suggest? *Many of our personal development sessions were at the end of our service but should have been at the beginning.
15. How have you benefitted from your experience?
It's given me a taste of what I like and don't like about my chosen field. I've met a lot of wonderful people and gained a new respect for agriculture. I've really enjoyed educating people on groundwater protection.
16. How would you suggest recruiting future USDA/AmeriCorps members?
advertise, word-of-mouth, placement offices, college alumni newsletters
17. Where would you place USDA/AmeriCorps advertisements?
colleges, high schools, newspapers, TV, radio
18. Please include any comments regarding the USDA/AmeriCorps program.
The whole program started so quickly and it really took awhile to get into it - deciphering acronyms and sorting out agencies. The goals were rather lofty and yet there were times when there just wasn't enough work to keep busy. No \$ made it difficult to do mailings and workshops - but that is the nature of this type of work (conservation.) Overall it has been a satisfying year.

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AMERICORPS MEMBERS

1. Where did you first hear of Americorps? Newspaper
2. Where did you get your application form? Through the mail
3. What was your college major? Physical Education
4. Please list the three most important factors that motivated you to join Americorps.
 - a. To help pay off college loans
 - b. Experience for future
 - c. Interested in environmental science and farming

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Fill in comments and concerns where appropriate.

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| 5. | a. The Americorps experience was close to what I expected. | | (2) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | b. If disagreeing please explain <u>I did not realize I would be a "salesperson" of Farm A Syst and that so much paperwork was involved.</u> | | | | | | |
| 6. | a. Selecting Americorps volunteers for this program should be restricted only to people who have majors in agriculture, biological sciences or in a field that would give them some knowledge of groundwater issues. | 1 | (2) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | b. Please explain your response. <u>I thought the job ended up being more marketing oriented, and I just learned and experienced about the agriculture.</u> | | | | | | |
| 7. | The people in the office in which I worked were supportive of my efforts. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | (6) |
| 8. | a. The people in the office in which I worked were prepared for my arrival. | 1 | (2) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | b. If disagreeing, what could the staff have done to better accommodate and assist you? | | | | | | |
| | <u>They were great as far as welcoming me, however they knew little about Farm A Syst,</u> | | | | | | |
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| | <u>AmeriCorps, or myself. They were not prepared because I think they were not well enough informed about the program and accommodating me.</u> | | | | | | |

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| 9. | I was adequately prepared to do the task I was assigned.
If disagreeing, what assistance did you need that was not provided. <u>I feel I was prepared as a person for the job, but the job description was somewhat unclear.</u> | | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 10. | The cluster concept was of assistance to me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 11. | The leaders of the cluster sites provided needed assistance. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 12. | Cluster site meetings were held.
___ a) too often ☒ b) just often enough ___ c) not often enough | | | | | | |
| 13. | I would recommend service in AmeriCorps to others. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 14. | a. Do you feel you received adequate technical training to deliver Farm*A*Syst?
___ Yes ☒ No | | | | | | |
| | b. If not; what would have been helpful? <u>The training sessions at the beginning of the program (for example, the speech and article writing workshop). Plus, more training on specific worksheet questions.</u> | | | | | | |
| | c. Do you feel you received adequate/appropriate personal development training?
☒ Yes ___ No | | | | | | |
| | d. If not, what changes would you suggest? _____ | | | | | | |
| 15. | How have you benefitted from your experience?
<u>(see attached sheet)</u> | | | | | | |
| 16. | How would you suggest recruiting future USDA/AmeriCorps members?
<u>The media.</u>
<u>When a person expresses genuine interest, I would give him/her a sheet with more explanations, clear cut goals and examples of what they will be doing on a daily basis.</u> | | | | | | |
| 17. | Where would you place USDA/AmeriCorps advertisements?
<u>In local newspapers, laundromats, grocery stores, high schools and colleges.</u> | | | | | | |
| 18. | Please include any comments regarding the USDA/AmeriCorps program.
<u>(see attached sheet)</u> | | | | | | |

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EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AMERICORPS MEMBERS

1. Where did you first hear of Americorps? Radio/News
2. Where did you get your application form? MDA Agent
3. What was your college major? Natural Resources
4. Please list the three most important factors that motivated you to join Americorps.
 - a. Education Bonus
 - b. Job description (work in NAT resources, ty & water quality)
 - c. Work with government agencies

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.
Fill in comments and concerns where appropriate.

If you Firmly Disagree, circle 1

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5. a. The Americorps experience was close to what I expected.
 - b. If disagreeing please explain _____

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6. a. Selecting Americorps volunteers for this program should be restricted only to people who have majors in agriculture, biological sciences or in a field that would give them some knowledge of groundwater issues.
 - b. Please explain your response. Americorps members can communicate more effectively with a nat resources/agg background. They are more familiar with groundwater concepts & can offer a better service.
 7. The people in the office in which I worked were supportive of my efforts.

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8. a. The people in the office in which I worked were prepared for my arrival.
 - b. If disagreeing, what could the staff have done to better accommodate and assist you?

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9. I was adequately prepared to do the task I was assigned. FD D SD SA A FA
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11. The leaders of the cluster sites provided needed assistance. 1 2 3 4 5 6
12. Cluster site meetings were held.
 ___ a) too often ☒ b) just often enough ___ c) not often enough
13. I would recommend service in AmeriCorps to others. 1 2 3 4 5 6
14. a. Do you feel you received adequate technical training to deliver Farm*A*Syst?
 ___ Yes ☒ No
- b. If not; what would have been helpful? more technical type training ON water testing, remediation, Nitrogen soil testing, etc.
- c. Do you feel you received adequate/appropriate personal development training?
 ___ Yes ☒ No
- d. If not, what changes would you suggest? more training up front before program starts, more personal development training in farming practices & systems such as tiles for disposal of milking center wastewater
15. How have you benefitted from your experience? & counting/crediting Nitrate Sources. Learned more about farming issues and practices. Marketing and advertising practices, organizational skills, writing, public speaking & preparation.
16. How would you suggest recruiting future USDA/AmeriCorps members?
College classes that prepare or review topics for soon to be graduates (example: MSU RD Senior Seminar).
17. Where would you place USDA/AmeriCorps advertisements?
College bulletin boards / counseling centers / inform College Ag teachers of program or send info to departments.
18. Please include any comments regarding the USDA/AmeriCorps program.

Program seemed to move very slow at the start; unsure of where we were going. This is expected though with a new program. Please have a concrete idea about projects and ideas when starting next time. When you start a program you are really overwhelmed & don't know where to go. Maybe all members can work together for the 1st month on things like media & preparation or work in clusters. more technical training on designs of filter strips and other water quality

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AMERICORPS MEMBERS

1. Where did you first hear of Americorps? NRCS
2. Where did you get your application form? NRCS
3. What was your college major? Natural Resource Management
4. Please list the three most important factors that motivated you to join Americorps.
 - a. Working in the natural resources field
 - b. Helping the community
 - c. Making connections through a professional job

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Fill in comments and concerns where appropriate.

If you Firmly Disagree, circle 1

If you Disagree, circle 2

If you Slightly Disagree, circle 3

If you Slightly agree, circle 4

If you Agree, circle 5

If you Firmly Agree, circle 6

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| 5. | a. The Americorps experience was close to what I expected. | | | | | (5) | |
| | b. If disagreeing please explain _____ | | | | | | |

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| 6. | a. Selecting Americorps volunteers for this program should be restricted only to people who have majors in agriculture, biological sciences or in a field that would give them some knowledge of groundwater issues. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | (5) | 6 |
| | b. Please explain your response. <u>This is not a labor or busy work type job. Knowledge of the topic is imperative or else people wouldn't have participated in the FarmX Ax Syst program.</u> | | | | | | |
| 7. | The people in the office in which I worked were supportive of my efforts. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | (6) |

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| 8. | a. The people in the office in which I worked were prepared for my arrival. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | (5) | 6 |
| | b. If disagreeing, what could the staff have done to better accommodate and assist you? | | | | | | |

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| 9. | I was adequately prepared to do the task I was assigned.
If disagreeing, what assistance did you need that was not provided. _____ | | | | | | |
| 10. | The cluster concept was of assistance to me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | <u>4</u> | 5 | 6 |
| 11. | The leaders of the cluster sites provided needed assistance. | 1 | 2 | <u>3</u> | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 12. | Cluster site meetings were held.
___ a) too often ___ b) just often enough <u>X</u> c) not often enough | | | | | | |
| 13. | I would recommend service in AmeriCorps to others. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | <u>5</u> | 6 |
| 14. | a. Do you feel you received adequate technical training to deliver Farm*A*Syst?
___ Yes <u>X</u> No | | | | | | |
| | b. If not; what would have been helpful? <u>We received technical training but not enough of it.</u> | | | | | | |
| | c. Do you feel you received adequate/appropriate personal development training?
___ Yes <u>X</u> No | | | | | | |
| | d. If not, what changes would you suggest? <u>One-on-one training in communication, public relations, and program delivery.</u> | | | | | | |
| 15. | How have you benefitted from your experience?
<u>I learned about myself and my abilities, my preferences as an employee in the field of natural resources, and how I work as a professional.</u> | | | | | | |
| 16. | How would you suggest recruiting future USDA/AmeriCorps members?
<u>Make sure recruits know what they're getting into. This might help to weed out the less ambitious personalities.</u> | | | | | | |
| 17. | Where would you place USDA/AmeriCorps advertisements?
<u>Collages, high schools, natural resource offices, boy scouts, FFA, local newspapers, 4-H</u> | | | | | | |
| 18. | Please include any comments regarding the USDA/AmeriCorps program.
<u>I feel that AmeriCorps members should not only work on one specific program (ie Farm*A*Syst) but help on more of a broad range where help is needed.</u> | | | | | | |

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AMERICORPS MEMBERS

1. Where did you first hear of Americorps? In August of 1994
2. Where did you get your application form? The mail, from the USDA.
3. What was your college major? Environmental Policy and Ecology - U of Michigan
4. Please list the three most important factors that motivated you to join Americorps.
 - a. Concern for the earth's life sustaining resources, such as water.
 - b. Concern for human, plant and animal welfare.
 - c. New educational opportunities and experience.

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Fill in comments and concerns where appropriate.

If you Firmly Disagree, circle 1

If you Disagree, circle 2

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If you Agree, circle 5

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| 5. | a. The Americorps experience was close to what I expected. | | | | (4) | | |
| | b. If disagreeing please explain <u>The AmeriCorps program was more challenging than I thought it would be - I have really enjoyed it.</u> | | | | | | |
| 6. | a. Selecting Americorps volunteers for this program should be restricted only to people who have majors in agriculture, biological sciences or in a field that would give them some knowledge of groundwater issues. | (1) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | b. Please explain your response. <u>I disagree, AmeriCorps volunteers should come from all backgrounds so all has the chance to work with other sectors of society and vice versa.</u> | | | | | | |
| 7. | The people in the office in which I worked were supportive of my efforts. | | | | | (5) | 6 |
| 8. | a. The people in the office in which I worked were prepared for my arrival. | | | | | | (6) |
| | b. If disagreeing, what could the staff have done to better accommodate and assist you? | | | | | | |

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| 9. | I was adequately prepared to do the task I was assigned.
If disagreeing, what assistance did you need that was not provided. <u>I think I was well-provided for, however, I wish our training was earlier in the year - like October.</u> | | | | | 5 | |
| 10. | The cluster concept was of assistance to me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 11. | The leaders of the cluster sites provided needed assistance. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 12. | Cluster site meetings were held.
___ a) too often ☒ b) just often enough ___ c) not often enough | | | | | | |
| 13. | I would recommend service in AmeriCorps to others. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 14. | a. Do you feel you received adequate technical training to deliver Farm*A*Syst?
☒ Yes ___ No | | | | | | |
| | b. If not; what would have been helpful? <u>However, the meetings should have been held in October - such as public speaking.</u> | | | | | | |
| | c. Do you feel you received adequate/appropriate personal development training?
☒ Yes ___ No | | | | | | |
| | d. If not, what changes would you suggest? _____ | | | | | | |
| 15. | How have you benefitted from your experience?
<u>I have greatly benefited from the AmeriCorps experience - I have learned more about a community I never really knew, but that I highly respected and worried about - the agricultural community.</u> | | | | | | |
| 16. | How would you suggest recruiting future USDA/AmeriCorps members?
<u>I would suggest advertising at universities and colleges all over the U.S. I would also put ads in the radio and newspaper.</u> | | | | | | |
| 17. | Where would you place USDA/AmeriCorps advertisements?
<u>I would place them in the newspaper, on the internet (such as the federal job board), at colleges and universities, as well as on the television.</u> | | | | | | |
| 18. | Please include any comments regarding the USDA/AmeriCorps program.

<u>The program offered me a wonderful experience, though quite challenging, I felt that I was really accomplishing my goals as I provided volunteer and confidential services to the agricultural community. I hope this program continues, and as it becomes larger and more organized, it will last as the Peace Corps has.</u> | | | | | | |

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AMERICORPS MEMBERS

1. Where did you first hear of Americorps? my mother
2. Where did you get your application form? It was mailed
3. What was your college major? Public Relations
4. Please list the three most important factors that motivated you to join Americorps.
 - a. Education Award
 - b. experience
 - c. Fun

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.
Fill in comments and concerns where appropriate.

If you Firmly Disagree, circle 1

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| 5. | a. The Americorps experience was close to what I expected. | | | | | | |
| | b. If disagreeing please explain _____ | | | | | | |
| 6. | a. Selecting Americorps volunteers for this program should be restricted only to people who have majors in agriculture, biological sciences or in a field that would give them some knowledge of groundwater issues. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | b. Please explain your response. _____ | | | | | | |
| 7. | The people in the office in which I worked were supportive of my efforts. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 8. | a. The people in the office in which I worked were prepared for my arrival. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | b. If disagreeing, what could the staff have done to better accommodate and assist you? | | | | | | |

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9. I was adequately prepared to do the task I was assigned. FD D SD SA A FA
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 If disagreeing, what assistance did you need that was not provided. _____
10. The cluster concept was of assistance to me. 1 2 3 4 5 6
11. The leaders of the cluster sites provided needed assistance. 1 2 3 4 5 6
12. Cluster site meetings were held.
 ____ a) too often ☒ b) just often enough ____ c) not often enough
13. I would recommend service in AmeriCorps to others. 1 2 3 4 5 6
14. a. Do you feel you received adequate technical training to deliver Farm*A*Syst?
☒ Yes ____ No
- b. If not; what would have been helpful? _____
- c. Do you feel you received adequate/appropriate personal development training?
☒ Yes ____ No
- d. If not, what changes would you suggest? _____
15. How have you benefitted from your experience?
I have experienced farm life
16. How would you suggest recruiting future USDA/AmeriCorps members?

17. Where would you place USDA/AmeriCorps advertisements?
In college newspapers,

18. Please include any comments regarding the USDA/AmeriCorps program.
Great Program just need to work on the kinks

I'm not sure where my name came from for this job.

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AMERICORPS MEMBERS

1. Where did you first hear of Americorps? I was sent a letter / application from
 2. Where did you get your application form? It was sent to me. Alan Herceg
 3. What was your college major? Biology / Earth Science
 4. Please list the three most important factors that motivated you to join Americorps.

- a. Agricultural aspects
 b. Lack of professional job experience
 c. New job skills and expertise and this job
was directly related to my field of study

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Fill in comments and concerns where appropriate.

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If you Agree, circle 5

If you Firmly Agree, circle 6

5. a. The Americorps experience was close to what I expected. FD D SD SA A FA
 1 2 3 4 5 6
 b. If disagreeing please explain I feel at the beginning the program
should have been running a little more smoothly, I wasn't the only one
who felt that we were pushed to the side!

6. a. Selecting Americorps volunteers for this program should be restricted only to people who have majors in agriculture, biological sciences or in a field that would give them some knowledge of groundwater issues. 1 2 3 4 5 6
 b. Please explain your response. I have noticed that it would be much easier to have a natural resources background than not to have one. I couldn't imagine doing the job without the natural resources background.
 7. The people in the office in which I worked were supportive of my efforts. 1 2 3 4 5 6

8. a. The people in the office in which I worked were prepared for my arrival. 1 2 3 4 5 6
 b. If disagreeing, what could the staff have done to better accommodate and assist you?

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9. I was adequately prepared to do the task I was assigned. FD 1 D 2 SD 3 SA 4 A 5 FA 6
 If disagreeing, what assistance did you need that was not provided. When we first started we should have had the training we much later received at towards the end of the program.
10. The cluster concept was of assistance to me. 1 2 3 4 5 6
11. The leaders of the cluster sites provided needed assistance. 1 2 3 4 5 6
12. Cluster site meetings were held.
 a) too often b) just often enough X c) not often enough At least 1x / month
13. I would recommend service in AmeriCorps to others. 1 2 3 4 5 6
14. a. Do you feel you received adequate technical training to deliver Farm*A*Syst?
X Yes X No
- b. If not; what would have been helpful? The marketing & communication workshops would have been better if offered at the beginning of the program.
- c. Do you feel you received adequate/appropriate personal development training?
X Yes No
- d. If not, what changes would you suggest?
15. How have you benefitted from your experience?
I have gained valuable job experiences and added technical expertise. Found out that I can be a "self starter". It gave me added self confidence.
16. How would you suggest recruiting future USDA/AmeriCorps members?
Colleges and Universities and maybe high school seniors
17. Where would you place USDA/AmeriCorps advertisements?
In college placement office and college newspapers
18. Please include any comments regarding the USDA/AmeriCorps program.
Overall, it was a good program and the next year should offer insight into how much better the program could be.

East Aurora, New York

AmeriCorps



1995-96 GIS & Conservation Technology Team

1st Quarter Progress Report



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To: Jean Krebs FAX (315) 477-6550
From: John Whitney
Subject: AmeriCorps

Here are a couple of brief notes for *NRCS in New York This Week*.

1995-96 AmeriCorps members, Lisa Matthies, Gayla Gross, Joe Ghosen, Scott Barnwell, and Chris Castiglione, extend an open invitation to visit the East Aurora Field Office for introductory GRASS & GPS orientation and training. Call the office to schedule a demonstration and training session. Phone (716) 652-8480 or e-mail to nrcsea@localnet.com.

Contact: John Whitney

The East Aurora based AmeriCorps team continues to provide assistance for a number of GIS and GPS projects with the Seneca Nation of Indians. One major new project is to assist Seneca Nation staff to locate and map a network of 144 abandoned, improperly closed gas wells scattered throughout the Cattaraugus Reservation. This will be the first step in planning for proper closure of the wells. Some of the wells are leaking gas, oil, brine, or rusty water to the surface. Others may be conduits for contaminants into the groundwater. Others may have potential for re-development for natural gas production. AmeriCorps members, together with Seneca Nation staff, are using GPS equipment and GIS technologies along with metal and gas detectors and visual observations to help find the wells.

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Technology Team



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John R. Whitney
DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

Date: November 28, 1995

To: Town Supervisors, City & Village Mayors, County Legislators, Dept. Heads,
and Others

From: 1995-96 USDA AmeriCorps™ Members

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) AmeriCorps program in East Aurora, now in its second year, is in the process of setting priorities in support of current and future community-based projects. These projects will typically have a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) component and/or a soil and water conservation component.

AmeriCorps is a national program committed to providing service to local communities. We are a highly qualified five member team with diverse educational, professional, and personal backgrounds working under the direction of John Whitney, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's District Conservationist in Erie County.

Our goal is to provide assistance to local communities. All of our assistance is free of charge (except for data transfer materials). GIS assistance will include, but is not limited to, the collection and digitizing (conversion of paper map information to a computer format) of critical decision-making data such as soils, wetlands, tax parcel boundaries, and special use districts. Conservation assistance will include, but is not limited to, stream corridor protection, roadbank revegetation, wetland restoration, run off management, and wildlife habitat enhancement.

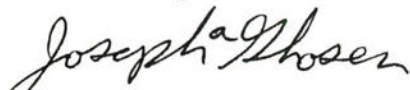
In partnership with several other local agencies we will be coordinating the dissemination of data to Erie County communities, Reservations, and municipalities to increase data sharing, decrease development costs, eliminate redundancy, and promote local conservation and planning efforts.

AmeriCorps has a wide variety of GIS related software and hardware at its disposal. These include GRASS, ArcInfo, and ArcView as well as several digitizing boards and plotters.

AmeriCorps also has access to topographical maps, airphotos, wetland maps, soils maps, and a library of information on soil and water conservation topics.

We are looking forward to a busy and productive year. We are counting on your input for projects and ideas. If you would like to learn about GIS, conservation, or AmeriCorps, please contact us.

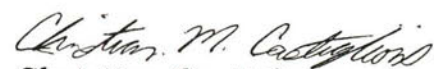
Sincerely,


Joseph Ghosen


Lisa Matthies


Gayla Gross


Scott Barnwell


Christian Castiglione

cc: John Whitney, District Conservationist



Scott Barnwell



Christian Castiglione



Joseph Ghosen



Gayla Gross



LISA MATTHIES

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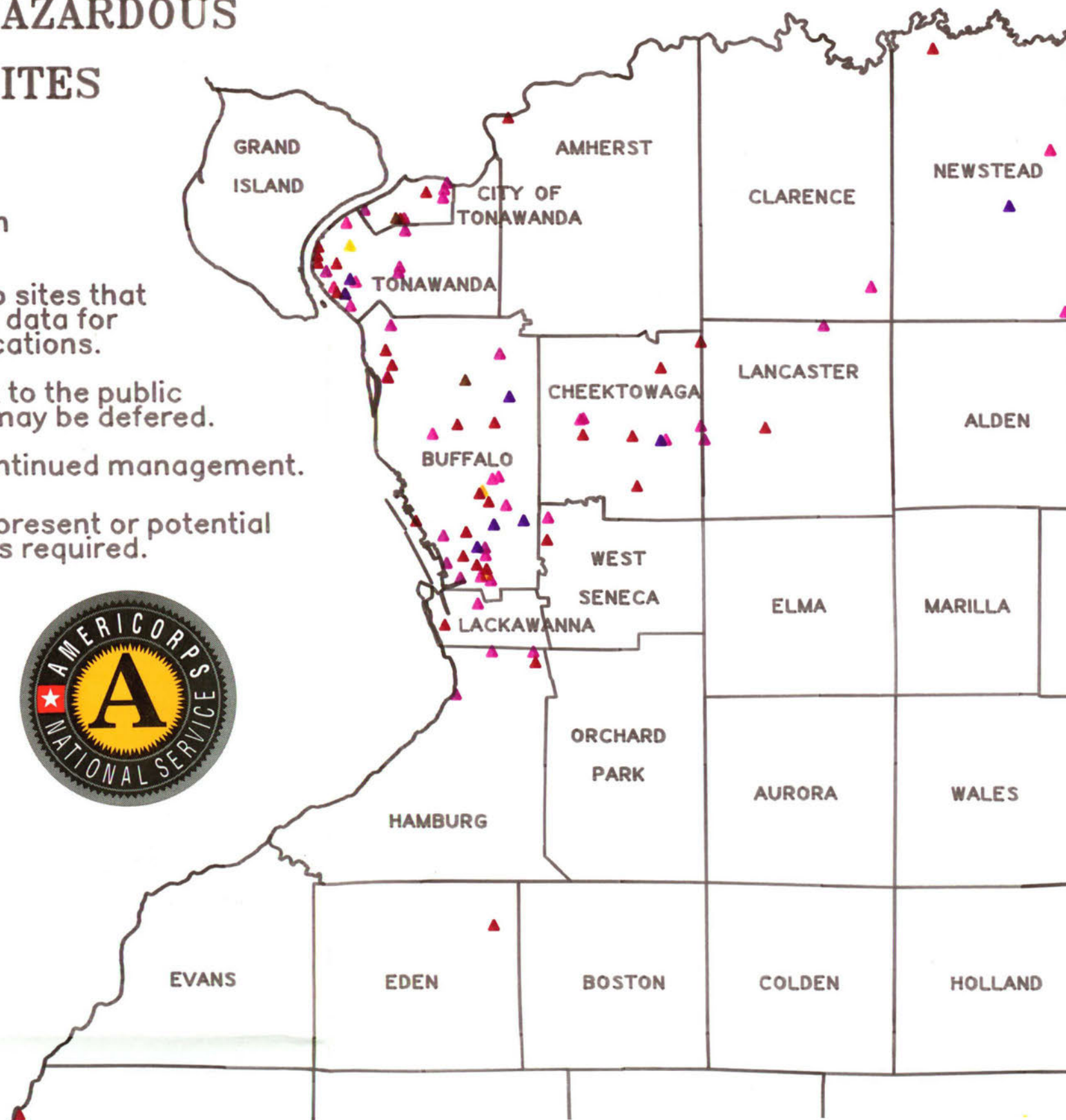
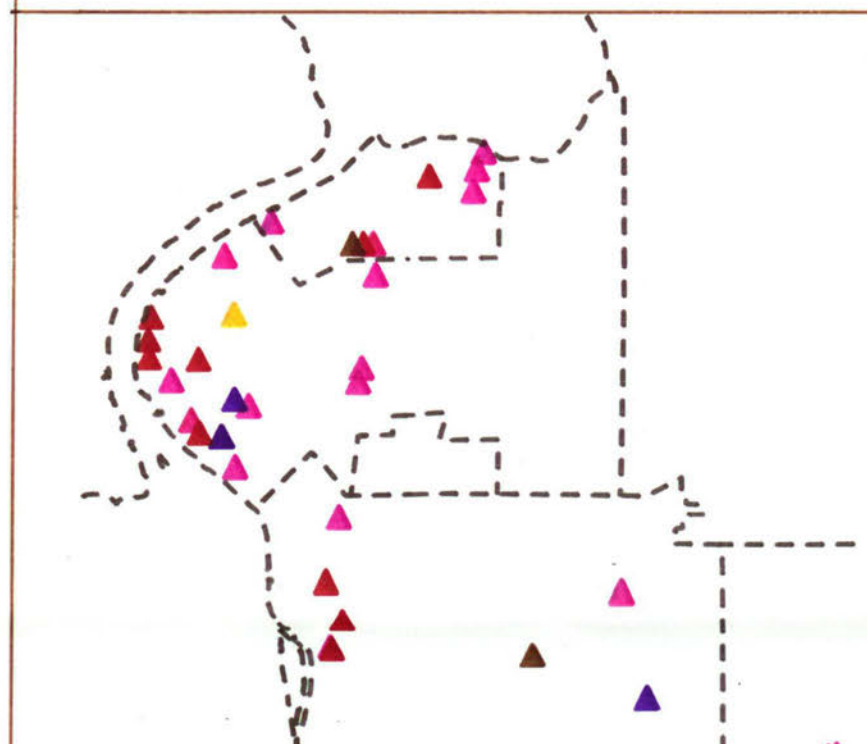
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- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
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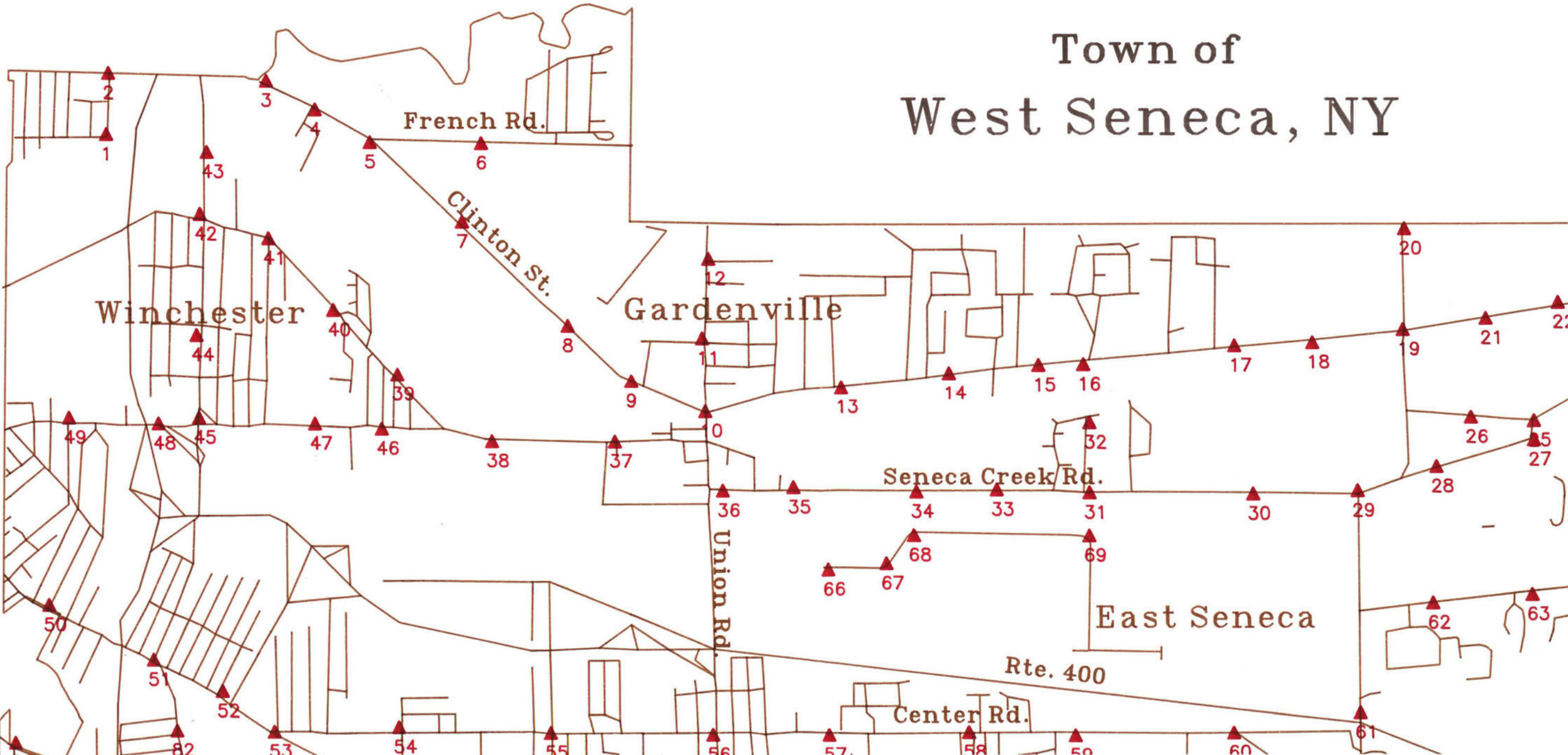
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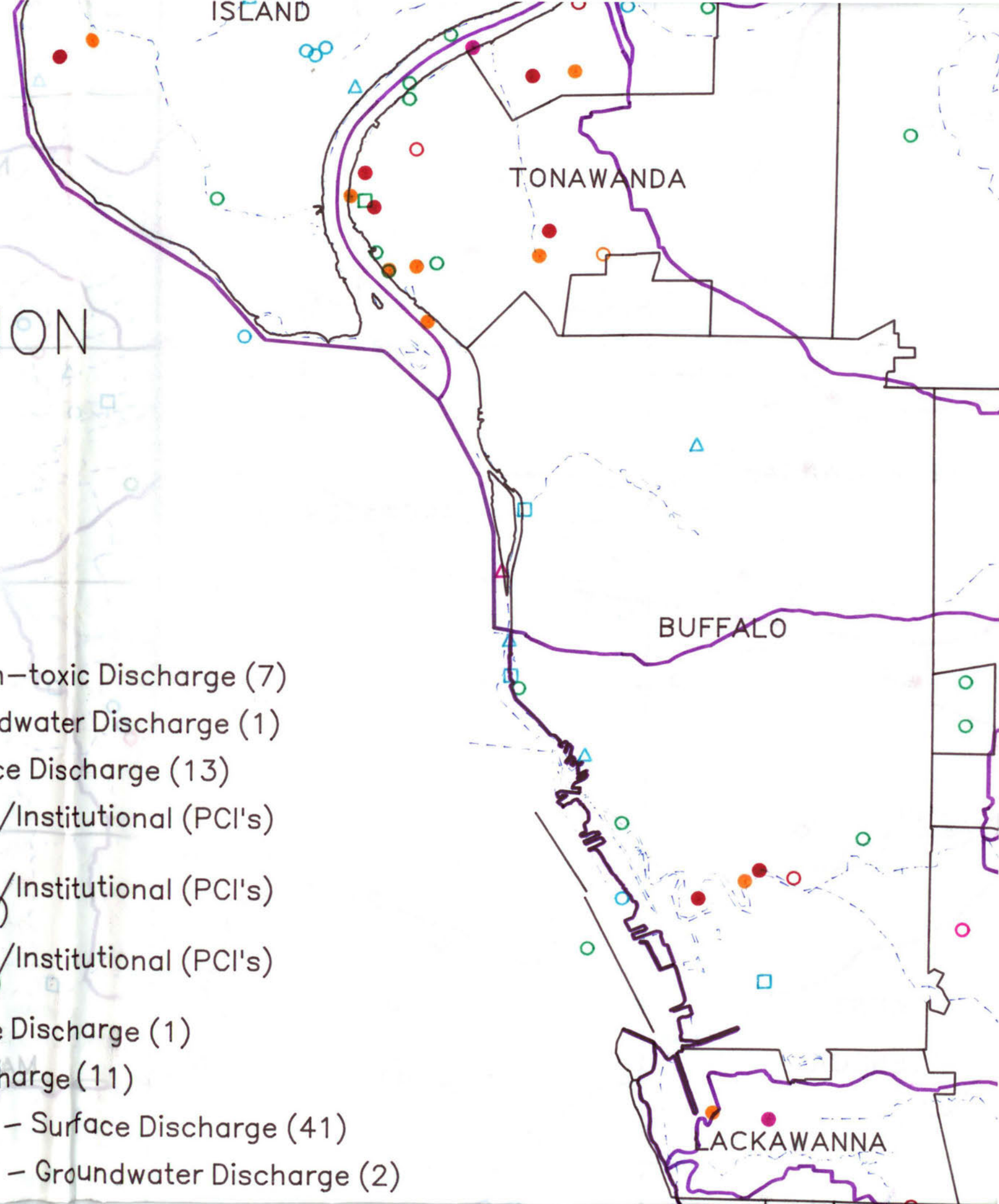
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- Non-significant State Private/Commercial/Institutional (PCI's)
Non-toxic – Surface Discharge (67)
- Non-significant State Private/Commercial/Institutional (PCI's)
Non-toxic – Groundwater Discharge (52)
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Non-toxic – Unclassified Discharge (63)
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- Non-significant Non-Toxic State Industrial – Groundwater Discharge (2)



Erie County - Computerized Map Data (as of 2/1/95)

Coverage	Source	Original Scale	Source Data
Transportation (roads, railroads, etc.)	US Census Bureau TIGER files	1:100000?	US Census Bureau 1990
Hydrography (rivers, streams, shorelines, etc.)	US Census Bureau TIGER files	1:100000?	US Census Bureau 1990
Wetlands NYS DEC US FWS	US FWS - National Wetlands Inventory NYS DEC - Freshwater Wetlands	1:24000	US FWS - National Wetlands Inventory 1978 NYS DEC - Freshwater Wetlands 1975
Western New York 11-Digit Hydrologic Unit (Watershed) Boundaries	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps	1:24000	USDA/NRCS and USGS (most current)
General Soil Map	Generalized Soil Survey of New York State	1:250000	USDA/SCS and The Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station 1991
Buffalo River Watershed Boundary Signs	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps	1:24000	Erie County Water Quality Committee 1994
Municipal Boundaries	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps	1:24000	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps (most current)
School Districts	Tax Parcel Maps - EC Finance Department (most current)	Variable 1" = 50 feet through 1" = 400 feet	NYS Office of Real Property Services 1989
Tax Parcels, Land Use, and Special Districts Towns of Sardinia, Wales, Collins, Holland, and North Collins only	Tax Parcel Maps	Variable 1" = 50 feet through 1" = 400 feet	Erie County Finance Department (most current)
Buffalo Creek Erosion Control Structures	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps	1:24000	Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District 1993
State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Locations	NYSDEC	Not applicable	NYSDEC SPDES Permit Database 1995
Hazardous Waste Sites	NYSDEC	Not applicable	NYSDEC Hazardous Waste Sites Records Database, 1991

Coverage	Source	Original Scale	Source Data
Permission Required:			
American Chestnut Tree Locations (seedlings and mature)	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps	1:24000	The American Chestnut Foundation 1995
Western New York Land Conservancy Project Sites	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps	1:24000	Western New York Land Conservancy 1995
Seneca Nation of Indians Land and Resource Records (various data sets)	Various	Various	Various

Computerized data is presently available through the AmeriCorps GIS & Conservation Technology Team based at the East Aurora Field Office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service).

Many other projects are in progress (in partnership with a variety of other agencies and organizations) in support of local community planning, resource protection, public education and conservation efforts throughout Erie County and adjacent areas. For more information contact the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service & Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District office at 50 Commerce Way, East Aurora, New York 14052-2185. Phone (716) 652-8480, e-mail nrcsea@localnet.com.

Some projects include:

1:24000 Erie County Stream Network
 Strawberry Island Temporal Analysis, 1934-1995
 Seneca Nation of Indians Gas Well Locations
 Erie County Environ. Concerns (suppl. to haz. waste site map)
 Erie County Agricultural Districts
 Western New York Waterfalls
 Emergency Watershed Protection Project Locations (1996 Flood Damage in the Southern Tier)
 Surficial and Bedrock Geology (from New York State Museum)
 Buffalo River Bathymetric Records (1988-1994)
 Erie Niagara Wetlands Initiative (includes digitized soil detailed soil maps for northern Erie and southern Niagara Counties)
 Town of Eden Detailed Soil Survey recompilation and digitizing
 Town of Amherst Flood Plains
 Town of West Seneca Survey Monument Densification
 City of Tonawanda Tax Maps
 DEC Wetland Map updates
 Seneca Nation of Indians Eagle Nest Sites
 Wetland Reserve Program Sites
 Conservation Reserve Program Sites
 Seneca Nation of Indians Agricultural Tracts & Fields
 United Way Social Service Agency Mapping Project
 Buffalo Habitat for Humanity Project Sites
 USGS Stream Gauging Stations & Flow Records
 Cazenovia Creek Drainage Basin Unregulated Discharges
 Aerial Photography Computerized Indexing System
and others!

Seneca Nation of Indians - Computerized Map Data (as of 8/10/95)

All computerized data is presently maintained at the East Aurora Field Office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service). Data will be transferred to the Seneca Nation when necessary computer equipment and software is available. All data sets are treated as restricted access data, available to the public or outside groups, agencies, or organizations only with the explicit permission of Seneca Nation, except for the previously published soil survey data.

Coverage	Source	Original Scale	Cattaraugus	Allegany	Oil Spring
Soils - except for spot symbols	USDA Soil Conservation Service, published soil survey, 1984	1:24000	YES	YES	YES
Land Use	1986 SNI "Master Plan"	1:24000	YES	YES	YES IHS air photo
Transportation (roads, railroads, etc.)	US Census Bureau TIGER files	1:10000?	YES	YES	YES
Transportation	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps (most current)	1:24000	YES	YES	YES
Hydrography (rivers, streams, shorelines, etc.)	US Census Bureau TIGER files	1:10000?	YES	YES	YES
Hydrography	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps (most current)	1:24000	YES	YES	YES
Reservation Boundaries	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps (most current) adjusted with assistance of SNI staff	1:24000	YES	YES	YES

Coverage	Source	Original Scale	Cattaraugus	Allegany	Oil Spring
City of Salamanca Boundary	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps (most current) adjusted with assistance of SNI staff	1:24000	N/A	YES	N/A
Lieu Lands	SNI linen survey transferred to USGS 7.5 min. topographic maps with SNI staff	?	N/A	YES	N/A
Hotchkiss Hollow Boundary	1986 SNI "Master Plan"	1:24000	N/A	YES	N/A
7.5 Minute Topographic Map Boundaries & Registration Coordinates	GRASS 4.0 produced file and GRASS lat./long. to UTM conversion utility	N/A	YES	YES	YES
Allegheny Reservoir - Normal Pool	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps (most current)	1:24000	N/A	YES	N/A
Allegheny Reservoir - Flowage Easement	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps (most current)	1:24000	N/A	YES	N/A
Allegheny River - Historic Channel	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps (most current)	1:24000	N/A	YES	N/A

Coverage	Source	Original Scale	Cattaraugus	Allegany	Oil Spring
Wetlands	US Fish & Wildlife Service - National Wetlands Inventory	1:24000	YES	YES	YES
County & Municipal Boundaries	USGS 7.5' Topographic Maps (most current)	1:24000	N/A	YES	N/A
County & Municipal Boundaries (not very good)	US Census Bureau TIGER files	1:10000?	YES	YES	YES
Soil Map Reclassified for: ♦ drainage ♦ hydric soils ♦ depth to bedrock ♦ prime farmland ♦ clay content ♦ erosion potential ♦ etc.	USDA Soil Conservation Service, published soil survey	1:24000	YES	YES	YES

Coverage	Source	Original Scale	Cattaraugus	Allegany	Oil Spring
Cultural Resource Sites and Project Areas	SUNY at Buffalo, SUNY at Binghamton, Rochester Museum of Science, New York State Museum in Albany, NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation	all data transferred to 1:24000 topographic maps prior to digitizing	YES	YES	YES
Forest Compartments	base maps prepared by SNI staff with assistance from Bureau of Indian Affairs	mosaic of 1:15840 maps (scale approx.) transferred to 1:24000 for digitizing	N/A	YES	N/A
1995 Forest Spray Blocks & No Spray Zones	SNI aerial photos (further modified by US Forest Service	?	N/A	YES	N/A
Hamlets and Villages	Various	Various	YES	YES	YES

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December 19, 1995

Hon. John J. LaFalce
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Mail Post Office Building
Niagara Falls, New York 14302

Dear Congressman LaFalce:

I recently received your inquiry concerning a letter you received from a constituent, Rene Sauvageau. Mr. Sauvageau expressed concerns regarding work being conducted by the AmeriCorps team based at our office.

I spoke with Mr. Sauvageau on Monday, December 18, 1995 to assure him that neither the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service nor the AmeriCorps members were representing geographic information system (GIS) or global positioning satellite (GPS) work as "legal surveys." I also explained that the monument densification project in the Town of West Seneca was being conducted under the leadership of the Town Engineering Department and that the "monuments" would not be legally functional until they were precisely located and described by licensed surveyors. GPS and GIS work by the AmeriCorps team was for the purpose of creating working maps to show the approximate locations of the monuments in support of future survey planning and record management needs.

The *Amherst Bee* article referenced in Mr. Sauvageau's letter implied that a similar effort was underway in the Town of Amherst. I am not aware of a monument densification project in Amherst. Inteligis Corps has been hosting a series of breakfast meetings with Town Engineers, municipal officials and others concerning monument densification efforts in Western New York. The meetings have had substantial input from the licensed surveying community, particularly by John McIntosh of the engineering and surveying firm, McIntosh & McIntosh.

The AmeriCorps team in our office is providing GIS and GPS supported assistance with many other projects for and with communities throughout Erie County and Western New York. Maps, documents and records created in support of these projects are for community planning and natural resource management purposes. These are not legal surveys or boundary delineations nor are they represented as such. In most cases, the projects convert previously mapped information into computer accessible formats. These GIS and GPS projects have both short and long term benefits for more efficient and effective land use planning and natural resource management. Licensed professional surveyors, municipalities and the general public will all benefit from these activities.

I told Mr. Sauvageau that I recently spoke with the past-president of one of the area's professional surveying associations and that I would be glad to participate in an upcoming regular or special meeting to discuss surveyor's concerns more fully as well as to describe both our AmeriCorps work and the general services and assistance provided through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Mr. Sauvageau was not satisfied with my explanation or project clarifications. His position is that no one can legally be conducting any measuring or mapping in New York State unless they are licensed surveyors or operating under the direct supervision of licensed professional surveyors. He is not satisfied that coordinates for the monuments will not be published until after they are precisely located by licensed surveys. He does not consider supervision by licensed engineers as adequate control and authority. He considers normal measurement and mapping activities of our office to be illegal since they are not conducted by licensed surveying professionals even though they are conducted under a long standing engineering approval authority system. I assured Mr. Sauvageau that our agency respects and recognizing the importance of licensing for legal survey purposes but

that it was my opinion, supported by many years of professional experience, agency policies and procedures, and my job approval authority granted and supervisors by professional engineers, that USDA NRCS and AmeriCorps members were not conducted measurement and mapping for legal survey purposes.

During my telephone conversation with Mr. Sauvageua, I said I would be sending him a written response to his concerns. Accompanying this letter is my DRAFT letter to Mr. Sauvageua. Based on the recommendation of NRCS State Conservationist, Richard D. Swenson, I will not release the letter until I receive comments or clearance from your office.

I hope this background helps in your response to Mr. Sauvageua.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

John Whitney
District Conservationist

cc: Richard D. Swenson, State Conservationist, USDA NRCS, Syracuse
Robert Hartrick, Area Conservationist, USDA NRCS, Batavia

NIAGARA FRONTIER LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION

Kenneth M. Slaughenhoupt LS/SRWA, President 1996
Niagara Boundary and Mapping Services, LS,PC
345 Third Street, Suite 470
Niagara Falls, NY 14303
February 9, 1996

Gloria Swanson
NYS Office of Professional Discipline
2 West Pleasant Avenue
Lancaster, NY 14086

SUBJECT: COMPLAINT RELATIVE TO MR. JOHN WHITNEY AND
AMERICORPS - SETTING OF SURVEY MONUMENTS AND
SURVEYING WITHOUT LICENSE.

Dear Ms. Swanson,

I am writing on behalf of the Niagara Frontier Land
Surveyors Association.

I have been told, that a member of our association has
filed a complaint with your department concerning alleged
surveying without a license. This involves work performed by
Americorps for the Towns of West Seneca and Amherst.

I am writing to express our (NFLSA) opinion that the
complaint is without merit, and should be dropped. The
complaint was apparently based upon information contained
in certain local newspapers which was misleading and false.

Mr. Whitney was invited and has spoken to our
Association on February 8th and detailed all of Americorps
involvement. He provided answers to questions from our
membership. The complainant was made aware of this
opportunity but did not attend.

I understand Mr. Whitney has supplied you with various
documentation concerning Americorps involvement with these
programs, and trust this matter may be closed expeditiously.
Please call me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely and positively,


Kenneth M. Slaughenhoupt LS/SRWA
President, NFLSA

cc. J. Whitney



Niagara

And Mapping Services

Boundary

February 14, 1996

Mr. John Whitney
USDA
Natural Resources Conservation Service
50 Commerce Way
East Aurora, NY 14052-2185

Dear John,

On behalf of the Niagara Frontier Land Surveyors Association I want to send along our sincere thanks to you and to Gayla, Chris, Scott and Joe. Your presentation was well received and appreciated.

As promised I have sent a letter to Gail Swanson, a copy of which is enclosed. If there is anything further we can do for you in this regard please let me know.

Sincerely and positively,

Kenneth M. Slausenhaupt LS/SRWA
President, NFLSA 1996

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February 21, 1996

John Whitney, DC
Natural Resources Conservation Service
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East Aurora, NY 14052-8337

Dear John:

I want to thank you for providing excellent examples of NRCS' cooperative activities with the Seneca Nation of Indians for a meeting of the United Southern and Eastern Tribes (USET). More than 100 representatives from 22 tribes attended the session in Crystal City, VA on February 5. This meeting was a good opportunity for NRCS to build on existing relationships and to create new partnerships.

James Ford from the Southeast Region and Judy Doerner from the East Region presented information about NRCS services to both the general session and a meeting of the Natural Resources Committee. Your GIS maps and write-up were also featured in a display which will be available to states in both regions for future events. Several tribe members stopped at the booth to ask about the maps and GIS project.

Enclosed are copies of the fact sheet and photo of the display prepared by Virginia's Public Affairs staff for the meeting. Thank you again for helping us bring information about our services to more tribes.

Sincerely,



M. DENISE DOETZER
State Conservationist

cc: Richard Swenson, STC, New York
Judy Doerner, Partnership Liaison, East Region
James Ford, Partnership Liaison, Southeast Region

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NRCS Working With Native Americans For A Healthy Land



NRCS gives technical help in soil and water conservation to individual landowners and operators, organizations, and city, county, and State governments, through nearly 3,000 local soil and water conservation districts.

NRCS provides assistance to plan and install natural resource management systems to protect soil, water, air, plants and animals. Natural resource information is available to land use officials for planning and maintaining housing, schools, water supply, highways, and recreational facilities. Other services include technical and financial help for watershed protection, flood prevention, and resource conservation and development.

The demand for NRCS services by Native American tribal groups continues to increase. Today, there are many areas where NRCS and Native Americans are working together to protect soil, water, and related natural resources.

Maine

The *Passamaquoddy tribe* is working with NRCS and the conservation district to use integrated crop management on 252 acres of blueberries to help protect water quality. NRCS is assisting with testing of wells located near blueberry fields to detect the presence of Velpar. A preliminary site review has also been completed for a proposed commercial cranberry development.

The *Penobscot Nation* is using NRCS hydric soils information to identify wetlands. Both tribes are participating with NRCS on a Task Force Work Group to find ways to protect the Atlantic Salmon which is proposed as an Endangered Species.

Connecticut

NRCS has provided the *Mashantucket-Pequot* with a wetlands inventory and evaluation, and a floodplain study for the newly acquired Lake of Isles property. This information will be used to protect critical areas during development. The tribe has a constructed wetland and wetlands planting trials established on the Reservation.

The *Mohegan Tribe* is consulting with NRCS on erosion control measures for steep slopes in the Trading Cove area. Here, hemlocks that cover the slopes are dying out due to an infestation of insects. They are also meeting to discuss the tribe's coastal zone management policies and opportunities to work with the Coastal America team.

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AmeriCorps And SNI To Locate Gas Wells

In the late 1980's, the Seneca Nation of Indians took title to dozens of old gas wells scattered throughout the Cattaraugus and Allegany reservations, and other oil and gas wells dating back to the early 1900's were previously abandoned. Unfortunately, the precise location of most of these wells is not known. Old well maps and records often show only approximate locations at best.

Today, some of the abandoned wells are leaking gas, oil, water, or brine to the surface, potentially contaminating soil or surface waters some distance from the actual well sites. Some wells may conduct contaminants such as fertilizers or road salts from the surface into groundwater.

Other wells could be re-developed for gas production. Knowing the precise location of the wells is the first step in planning for proper well closure or re-development of the Seneca Nation natural gas fields.



In foreground of photo is an abandon gas well found on the Cattaraugus Reservation during field GPS location. Including in photo (from left to right): Scott Barnwell - AmeriCorp, Bruce Abrams, SNI Maps & Boundaries, Leif Twoguns-Gas & Utilities, Lana Watt - Natural Resources, Armand Maybee-Waterline Project, Gayla Gross - AmeriCorp

vegetation growth has completely hidden all evidence of the well locations. These sites may ultimately require more extensive investigation with backhoes and other excavating equipment though that is not planned as part of this effort. AmeriCorps members will record the exact location of the wells using global positioning satellite equipment. Where necessary, Seneca Nation survey crews will use more traditional surveying techniques to record even more accurate locations.

AmeriCorps members will be wearing blaze orange jackets, at least during the winter (and hunting season). They will be driving either a tan GMC Safari van or a cream colored Dodge Dakota pickup. Seneca Nation staff will always accompany AmeriCorps members working on the project.

It is imperative that the wells be located more precisely for the Nation to adequately plan for funding well closures. Environmental impacts of roadway construction and well closure procedures must also be considered. The latitude and longitude coordinates collected in the field will be downloaded to computer to generate refined location maps which can be combined with other Seneca Nation records like soils, archaeological sites, land use, transportation system, wetlands, streams, etc. to analyze and predict costs and impacts of well closure or gas field re-development.

WHAT IS AMERICORPS?

AmeriCorps is President Clinton's new national service program designed to provide opportunities for Americans of all ages to help local communities meet critical social and environmental needs. Members receive a modest living allowance and, upon completion of a minimum of 1700 hours of community service, a \$4700 educational award. The East Aurora-based AmeriCorps team is under the direction of John Whitney of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). John, along with other NRCS staff, Earth Team volunteers, and last year's AmeriCorps members, has been working with Seneca Nation staff for many years to help develop geographic information system records to support the Nation's planning and environmental protection needs.

This year's AmeriCorp members are Lisa Mathies, Gayla Gross, Scott Barnwell, Chris Catiglione, and Joseph Ghosen. Lisa, a second year AmeriCorps member, is an Alfred University graduate with a degree in environmental studies. She is from Alden. Gayla, originally from Ohio, has a master's degree in hydrogeology from the University of Akron (OH). Gayla lives in Hamburg. Scott is a Georgetown University graduate originally from South Carolina. Scott has taught English in Bulgaria and has also studied in Senegal. Chris has a degree in Environmental Science and GIS from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse. Chris is from Depew. Joe has a master's degree in public administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He lives in Buffalo with his wife and young son. Joe is of Seneca descent and has family currently living on the Cattaraugus Reservation.

CALL FOR INFORMATION OR TO REPORT WELL LOCATIONS

Questions about the project can be directed to Jody Clark or call Leif Twoguns at 532-4900 if you have specific information about well locations.

THE WELL LOCATION TEAM

Jody Clark, Surveyor/Manager of the Seneca Nation of Indians' Department of Maps and Boundaries is coordinating the well location effort. Leif Twoguns of the Nation's Gas and Utilities Department is leading the field work. Many other Seneca Nation departments are also involved including: Planning, The Utility Board, Grants & Contracts, and Environmental Protection. Tom Plummer of the Indian Health Services office will also be assisting. Some of the many Seneca Nation staff working on the project include Armand Maybee, Bruce Abrams, Carol Guinane, Sandy Abrams, Bruce Williams, Lisa Maybee, Lana Watt, Darrell Lichy, Tim Stevens, and Tracey White.

Technical assistance will be provided by a five member team of AmeriCorps members based out of the East Aurora field office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service). Members of the AmeriCorps team will be collecting old well records and maps, developing and refining location procedures, documenting location efforts, creating geographic information system (GIS) maps, recording well locations using global positioning satellite (GPS) receivers, and helping to install markers at the location of well sites.

FIELD WORK UNDER WAY

The first phase of the project is already under way. According to Seneca Nation records, 144 wells are scattered across the Cattaraugus Reservation. AmeriCorps members have already collected well records and mapped locations from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation office in Olean. Field procedures are being tested and developed by locating and mapping the 25 to 30 wells known by Leif and other Seneca Nation staff. A computerized map of the approximate location of the wells has been developed by AmeriCorps members and the approximate latitude and longitude coordinates are being used along with the GPS equipment to navigate to the general vicinity of the well.

Once in the general vicinity, the location team will use metal and gas detectors (provided and operated by Seneca Nation staff) and visual observations to find and mark the exact well locations. Vegetative indicators, evidence of soil disturbance, and old equipment, tools, pipes and cables are some of the many signs that may be visible on or just below the surface. In some cases, three-quarters of a century of

Revised Draft Press Release

Satellites, AmeriCorps and Community Service

paragraph 1 ok.

AmeriCorps members are assisting the Engineering and Highway Departments with the installation of 130 survey monuments throughout West Seneca. Using advanced mapping and satellite technologies, the monuments will help more precisely map the Town. AmeriCorps members will also assist in mapping flood plain boundaries, wetlands, and watersheds to allow for more accurate and effective environmental planning and implementation of GIS (geographic information systems).

Using the emerging technology known as GPS (global positioning satellites), AmeriCorps members from the East Aurora USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office will be creating a preliminary map of the locations of the new survey monuments. Ground based survey crews will use the maps and monuments to more precisely record the positions of the survey monuments.

Ultimately, highly precise satellite location and navigation systems will be combined with the increased survey monument network to help governmental services in West Seneca, from A-Z, operate more efficiently and effectively. Private surveyors can complete jobs more quickly. Building footprints, waterlines, manholes, and other structures can be more quickly and accurately located and mapped. Town emergency vehicles will be equipped with high-tech mapping and satellite supported navigation equipment. From the Assessors' Office to the Zoning Board, and everything in between, this technology will allow the Town of West Seneca to better serve the community.

last paragraph ok

This revised version eliminates some serious inaccuracies and exaggerations.

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Relying on trust, empowerment and teamwork at all levels to accomplish the agency mission.

December 6, 1995

News Briefs:

- **John Whitney** knows where to look for potential employees. Two months ago, he needed to fill five temporary positions for President Clinton's **AmeriCorps program**. He started his search with conventional recruiting publicity. Then he opted for something new. "We decided to do a little work on the Internet," Whitney said. John posted an advertisement on JobCenter, a Syracuse on-line employment service. Within a month, the positions were filled, with eight of 38 applicants from the Internet. "It was fast and efficient," he said. "I view it as a supplement still, because not everyone looks on the Internet. But it's definitely an important new means for finding a job."
- **Summer-villa Farm** in Granby, won the "Take Pride In America" Conservation Farm of the Year award as the **Oswego County SWCD directors** recognized the 129 year old farm owners for their conservation practices which improve the quality of the water flowing into Lake Neatahwanta.

Contact: John DeHollander, Oswego SWCD

Wetlands Outreach and Partnership Building.

Saratoga County Planning Department hosted a workshop on "New Tools For Wetland Planning" and invited representatives from local planning boards, environmental management councils, professional/commercial planning and design firms and code enforcement officers and building inspectors. Turnout was close to 100%.

The highlight of the workshop was the distribution of the new "Interim Soils Report for Saratoga County" Funded by EPA specifically for this targeted audience, the Soils report was well received by all parties.

The workshop was the product of a Working Groups which was comprised of representatives from: NYS DEC, Adirondack Park Agency, Saratoga SWCD, Saratoga County Planning Board, Saratoga County Environmental Management Council, Saratoga Land Conservancy, EPA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Each made presentations about their available services and their permitting and regulating authorities.

Contact: Mark Silverman

Working with the partners

I recently had the opportunity (Rick was gone) to meet with the State RECD and FSA directors along with RECD NHQ leaders. The topics revolved around enhancing communication between the three agencies and serving customers. As someone recently moved into the state, I'm impressed with how open the communications are at the state level. That is how it should be at every level. It is expected of all USDA employees to make these relations better. Each of us is responsible and accountable for doing this.

At the state office we are taking steps to combine the three agency's mailings to service centers. We expect the new arrangements will provide better service (daily mail) at reduced cost for all agencies.

The word CARE can stand for several things:

- C = customer service (both internal and external) must be our foundation.
- A = Attitude - should always be professional
- R = Respect - for the people we work with
- E = Enthusiasm !!! for our mission to serve customers

I challenge each of you to CARE and I think about how *you* can improve. I think about it daily.

Darrel Dominick

Watershed model

Inspired by the gigantic "Choice Farm" display we secured for last year's Winter Farm Show, **Karen Williamson** has assembled a team of partners who are interested in constructing an exhibit model of a typical northeastern watershed showing how land use affects water quality. Partners include NRCS, FSA, DEC, Water Resources Institute, the Audubon Society, NYS Parks Dept., American Water Resources Association and a water protection group from New Jersey. **Bob Dibble, Jim Calhoun** are on the team. **Pete Spadora** was facilitator for the startup meeting. The group has been meeting since last spring to test feasibility of the idea and at this week's meeting decided to go ahead with the project. They now are looking for fabricators. (Your input would be welcome here). The team envisions a 5 x 5 foot table top model built in four 30" sections for easy portability. Each section would depict a particular land use, i.e., agriculture, industrial, commercial and suburban. Eventually the model would go on the road on loan to conferences, educational groups, etc. and would be accompanied by printed material and video.

Contact: Jean Krebs

Health Benefits -

Open Season Dates extended to Dec. 22

Because of administrative problems in receiving Open Season materials, NRCS has extended its Open Season for health benefits changes or enrollments to December 22, 1995. The effective date remains January 7, 1996 (pay period 1)

Some Plan Brochures on audio cassettes

Audio cassettes for the fee-for-service plan brochures are available for visually impaired employees. Employees who might have a need for this assistance should call **Marilyn Breton** in the Human Resources office.

Contact : Jeri Fowler

Thrift Savings Plan Open season to participate or elect changes November 15, 1995 - January 31, 1996. Details in Bulletin NY 360-6-7.

Calendar:

Dec. 4-7	NY Farm Bureau State Convention, Melville, NY
Dec. 5,6,7	Certified Crop Advisor Training, Ramada Inn, Ithaca, NY
Dec. 7	Management Team Meeting, Syracuse State Office
Dec. 6-9	Annual Training Conference-National Organization of Professional Black NRCS Employees, Atlanta, GA
Dec. 12	NRCS Awards Ceremony, NYS Grange HQ, Cortland, NY
Dec. 18	Cookie Day at State Office
Dec. 18	Departure party for Al Archer, Dave Angelo, Dana Chapman and Bob Reep. SO
Dec. 20	4-way partnership meeting, Herkimer F.O.
Dec. 21	QST Meeting, 2nd floor Galleries, Syracuse State Office
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Jan. 24	NY Nonpoint Source Coordinating Committee Mtg., DEC, Albany
Feb. 4-7	NACD Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV
Feb. 15	Western NY Stormwater Mgt. Conf & Trade Show, Rochester Marriott
Mar. 5-8	Conservation District Employees' Annual Training Session, Binghamton NY, - a "Water Quality Symposium"
Mar. 8-9	NY Farm Bureau Young Farmer Conference, Rochester, NY
Mar. 27-28	NY Federation of RC&D Councils, The Inn, Holiday Valley, Ellicottville
July 7-10	SWCS 51st Annual Conference, Keystone, Colorado

Deliver or FAX short items (1 paragraph, 5 or 6 lines (maximum) to Jean Krebs by each Wednesday afternoon. We welcome your ideas and comments.

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AMERICORPS/USDA ONLINE

A Newsletter About and For AmeriCorps/USDA Members and Staff
November 21, 1995

(Editor's Note: We want to hear from you. Send us your news, personal items, vignettes, etc., related to your AmeriCorps/USDA project. Publication may be limited due to space requirements. Send contributions to Katherine Gibney, Editor, 14th & Independence Aves., SW; Room 542-A, Washington, D.C. 20250; (202) 720-4369.)

AMERICORPS/USDA: SECOND YEAR GETS UNDERWAY

AmeriCorps/USDA projects celebrated the beginning of the second year of participation in the country's national service program during October with swearing-in ceremonies nationwide.

U. S. Department of Agriculture will sponsor approximately 1,350 members in 45 states during 1995-'96. Members will continue to serve on one of three types of teams: Anti-Hunger, Public Lands and Environment, and Rural Development.

Here's a sample of the launch in South Dakota.

The 10 AmeriCorps/USDA members on the Rosebud Reservation, who are members of the Sloux tribe, sang the national anthem in the Lakota language, according to project director Joyce Watkins of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The entire ceremony was in Lakota, except for the opening address by Paula Cole Jones, NRCS National Project Director, who came from Washington to attend the launch.

The five rural development members who are serving in central South Dakota along the Missouri River near Pierre, also took the oath of service administered by Dean Fisher, NRCS state conservationists. All members then left for Nebraska to join the nine rural development members in that state for their opening ceremony, followed by an orientation session at a state park. Opening week culminated with a service project at the park -- the planting of a milelong windbreak.

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE WHITE HOUSE . . .

Audrey Biggs, an AmeriCorps/USDA Rural Development Team member in Marion, Virginia, joined the fanfare in the East Room of the White House to officially open the program's second year with President Clinton on October 12.

Audrey, who is beginning her second year of service with AmeriCorps, was selected to represent the USDA at the launch with representatives from national service programs throughout the country.

**WELCOME NEW PROJECTS, NEW MANAGERS, AND NEW MEMBERS
TO THE AMERICORPS/USDA FAMILY**

MINUTES 12/14/95

(No meeting 12/7/95- AmeriCorps members, John out of town)

Presiding: Gayla
Minutes: Lisa

Present: All AmeriCorps members, John, Jeff

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Six Watershed Boundary Maps were digitized
- Waterfall maps for Erie County, Cattaraugus County, Chautauqua County were updated.
- 25 Gas Well locations have been found on the Cattaraugus reservation, map has been updated
- Erie County Hazardous Waste site map was created
- Buffalo Creek Stream Inspection Map was made
- Eight tax parcel maps for the City of Tonawanda were digitized
- Waterways on the Hamburg topo were digitized in PC ArcInfo
- 46 letters were sent to local municipalities offering GIS assistance from AmeriCorps
- NYSDEC Wetland regulations and copies of updated DEC Freshwater Wetland maps were acquired to begin an updated NYSDEC Wetland Map
- SPDES Discharge data was acquired to create a site map
- Worked with five volunteers on separate GIS projects

WHERE WE'RE GOING:

Seneca Nation Well Locating	Fri, 12/15, 10am
National Feul Gas	
well location procedures	Mon, 12/18, 8:30am
Buff State, Bathymetric data	Wed, 12/20, 1pm
Science Museum Meeting	Thu, 01/04, 7pm

WHERE WE'VE BEEN:

12/1 Cattarugus Reservation
12/4 Inteligis Corporation
12/5 NYSDEC Fish and Wildlife Division for wetland data
Cattaraugus Reservation
Buffalo State College
12/6 Buffalo State College
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ESRI Conference, Rochester
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12/12 NRCS State Recognition Ceremony, Cortland
12/13 Buffalo State College
Inteligis Corporation
12/14 Teleconference with Joel Berg, USDA AmeriCorps

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS GAS WELL PROJECT

Four days were spent out in the field with Lief Twoguns, locating known gas wells and using the GPS unit to get readings on each site. Twenty-five wells were located. Work will continue Friday and next week

Location data from the DEC has been accurate. Data on USGS topo quads seems to be offset. A map showing known locations and probable locations has been made.

GPS navigating has worked so far only in continuous mode.

Two more battery packs for the GPS unit have been ordered. We have permission to use the GPS unit from the Ellicotville Office when they receive it from Syracuse.

A meeting set for Monday, 8:30am, has been arranged with National Fuel Gas to discuss protocol for gas well location procedures. All available members should attend.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS EAGLE NEST LOCATION PROJECT

A day needs to be scheduled with Jody Clark. No new information.

WESTERN NEW YORK WATERFALL SURVEY

Erie, Chautauqua, and Cattaraugus County maps are finished. Highest and lowest elevation points need to be added to the maps. When final maps are plotted, Scott Esminger should be notified.

We received a letter from him this week with a list of highest and lowest elevation points for all but three counties.

John Kick should be contacted again about getting TIGER data for more counties.

WATERWAY PROJECT

All systems are ready for digitizing. New SOPs will be created to explain process of digitizing and adding information to attribute tables. Digitizing has started with the Hamburg quad.

OTHER BUFF STATE PROJECTS

We have been working with Brent, a Buff State student on digitizing bathymetric data for sections of the Buffalo River. We will meet with him again Wed. at Buff State.

Maryellen, a Buff State student is working on a project of Strawberry Island. She will be at the office next Friday around 10am.

Another student (Joel) wants to work with us in ArcView and learning PCArcInfo. He has his own PCArcInfo setup at his house and is going to purchase a digitizing board. He has our number and will call or stop by when he's through with the semester.

WATERSHED BOUNDARIES

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Boundaries crossing the Allegeny resevoir need to be closed.

NYSDEC WETLAND DELINEATIONS

AmeriCorps has inspired the DEC to get a GIS sytem set up in their office (most likely ArcView2).

Gayla made copies of two revised wetland boundaries that can be edited in our digitized data. She also brought back copies of DEC wetland regulations.

Mark Kendall is going to have his interns make copies of wetland surveys they use for us, beginning in the Tonawanda Creek watershed.

NYSDEC SPDES SITES

We have data for 400 sites in Western New York, and coordinate locations for about 330 sites. Coordinates may be found by using MapInfo, and then putting the coordinated into the SPDES database. Joe has created a symbol classification system to use for creating a map.

NYSDEC HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES

A map was created displaying hazardous waste sites in Erie County based on 1991 data from the DEC Environmental Conservation Department. The map should be shown to Spencer Schofield, Dept. of Environment and Planning.
The DEP has a digitizing board and ArcInfo system ready for use.

CITY OF TONAWANDA TAX PARCELS

Three parcel maps were digitized this week by Chris and Gayla. A total of 8 maps are finished.

BUFFALO CREEK 1995 INSPECTION

Chris and Joe created a map of streambeds showing bank status. This year an additional project will be to locate discharge points along the creek, mark them with the GPS, and categorize them in support of the DEP's Cazenovia Creek project.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We were sent locations of Habitat sites in the Cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna. We should be able to create a map of these sites in MapInfo.

NEW NOTES:

Gayla met John Whitney of Grand Island at Municipal Engineer meeting and offered our services on their monumentation project once monuments are located.

The computer should be back Monday.

Joe, Scott and Gayla watched the AmeriCorps leader video conference tape.

Holiday Gala (or Gayla) scheduled for Wed. Dec. 27th. BYO Spirits and Pizza Toppings

TO DO:

Create a list of callbacks we receive about GIS data mailing

Joe-GRASS SOP addition for creating insets

Chris-GRASS SOP addition for displaying line labels on maps

Keep gettin' things done!

MINUTES 12/21/95

Presiding: Scott
Minutes: Chris

Present: All AmeriCorps members except Lisa (she was sick), John, Jeff

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Waterfall map for Erie County was updated with highest and lowest elevation points.
- An additional 7 wells have been located for Seneca Nation of Indians Gas Well Project. The grand total is now 32.
- Erie County Hazardous Waste site map was created
- Buffalo Creek Stream Inspection Map is complete.
- Ten additional tax parcel maps for the City of Tonawanda were digitized making a grand total of 18 completed maps.
- Waterways were digitized in PC ArcInfo and the Hamburg topo is almost near completion.
- NYSDEC Wetland regulations and copies of updated DEC Freshwater Wetland maps were acquired to begin an updated NYSDEC Wetland Map
- All the locations of the SPDES Discharge sites have been found.
- A database of Habitat for Humanity homes has been created and a map has been made in MapInfo.
- Worked with five volunteers on separate GIS projects
- John has ordered the digitizing board for the office.
- The SOP's for GRASS have been updated.

WHERE WE'RE GOING:

Seneca Nation Well Locating	Thu, 12/21, 9:30am
Buff State, Waterway project	Fri, 12/22, 8:00am
Science Museum Meeting	Thu, 01/04, 7pm

WHERE WE'VE BEEN:

12/1 Cattaraugus Reservation
12/4 Inteligis Corporation
12/5 NYSDEC Fish and Wildlife Division for wetland data
Cattaraugus Reservation
Buffalo State College
12/6 Buffalo State College
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12/18 National Fuel Gas meeting, Hamburg
Buffalo State College
12/19 Buffalo State College
Inteligis Corporation
12/20 Buffalo State College
Inteligis Corporation
12/21 Cattaraugus Reservation

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS GAS WELL PROJECT

Five days were spent out in the field with Lief Twoguns, locating known gas wells and using the GPS unit to get readings on each site. Thirty-two wells were located. Work will continue Thursday and next week.

A map showing known locations and probable locations has been made.

We have received the two new battery packs that were ordered.

We have permission to use the GPS unit from the Ellicottville Office when they receive it from Syracuse.

John, Joe, Gayla, Scott, and Chris attended a meeting with Paul Jusko, Frank Krajcer, and Dave Bimber from National Fuel Gas on Monday. We discussed techniques and strategies for finding abandoned gas wells on the Cattaraugus Reservation. Also, we were informed that NFG had owned approx. 25 wells which they transferred over to the reservation. John will contact Jody Clark about this information. Gayla will send a letter to NFG thanking them for meeting with us and sending us the booklet on finding abandoned wells.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS EAGLE NEST LOCATION PROJECT

A day needs to be scheduled with Jody Clark. No new information.

WESTERN NEW YORK WATERFALL SURVEY

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When final maps are plotted, Scott Esminger should be notified.

John Kick should be contacted again about getting TIGER data for more counties.(Joe)

WATERWAY PROJECT

Progress has been made on the digitizing efforts. Almost all of the Hamburg topo has been completed. Scott and Chris Kennedy have discovered how to reduce the 'crashing' of the system - save often. Also, to shrink the size of the node error boxes, you must change the mapdef to the quad that you are working on.

New SOPs will be created to explain process of digitizing and adding information to attribute tables

OTHER BUFF STATE PROJECTS

We have been working with Brent, a Buff State student on digitizing bathymetric data for sections of the Buffalo River. Scott met with him on Wednesday and gave him an intro into Arc/Info.

Maryellen, a Buff State student is working on a project of Strawberry Island. She will be at the office Friday around 10am.

Another student (Joel) wants to work with us in ArcView and learning PCArcInfo. He has his own PCArcInfo setup at his house and is going to purchase a digitizing board. He has our number and will call or stop by when he's through with the semester.

WATERSHED BOUNDARIES

Lake Ontario shoreline has been digitized on six topos. Two maps will be registered in UTM Zone 18 and projected to Zone 17.

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Joe will try to finish the four that are left on Friday.

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We have received a phone call from Mark Kendall thanking us for the letter and the support which has inspired the DEC to get a GIS system set up in their office (most likely ArcView2).

Gayla made copies of two revised wetland boundaries that can be edited in our digitized data. She also brought back copies of DEC wetland regulations.

Mark Kendall is going to have his interns make copies of wetland surveys they use for us, beginning in the Tonawanda Creek watershed. We should contact him about working with and training the interns for their new system.

NYSDEC SPDES SITES

Joe has located all the SPDES sites in Western New York and needs to get into a database (hopefully when the computer gets back) so he can start creating the map.

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The DEP has a digitizing board and ArcInfo system ready for use.

CITY OF TONAWANDA TAX PARCELS

Ten more parcel maps were digitized this week by Chris and Gayla. A total of 18 maps are finished.

We should send Tony Voell a progress report and see if he wants us to work with and train his intern.

BUFFALO CREEK 1995 INSPECTION

Joe has revised the map with his masterful use of insets and color legends. The map is now complete.

This year an additional project will be to locate discharge points along the creek, mark them with the GPS, and categorize them in support of the DEP's Cazenovia Creek project.

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Joe has created a database produced a map in MapInfo. The map is only producible on an 8.5 X 11 piece of paper. Maybe we can take it down to the Planning Dep. to use their plotter with MapInfo. If this is not possible we need to make the locations into a sites file.

NEW NOTES:

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Holiday Gala (or Gayla) scheduled for Wed. Dec.27th. BYO Spirits and Pizza Toppings

Scott will leave on Friday and won't be back until Wednesday.

John's schedule for the next couple of weeks is on the board. (Be ready for surprise inspections)

TO DO:

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KEEP GETTIN' THINGS DONE!

MINUTES 12/28/95

Presiding: Chris
Minutes: Scott

Present: All AmeriCorps members except Joe; John, Jeff

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Found highest and lowest points for the waterfall map of Cattaraugus County.
- Discovered the limitations of searching for gas wells in the snow. The grand total is still 32.
- 1995 Buffalo Creek Streambank Inspection map complete.
- Map of WNY watersheds, streams, topoquads, and municipal boundaries is nearing completion.
- Five additional tax parcel maps for the City of Tonawanda were digitized making a grand total of 23 completed maps.
- Waterways were digitized in PC ArcInfo and the Hamburg topo is complete except for a few minor edits. Began digitizing the Langford topo. Brent from Buffalo State started to learn PC ArcInfo.
- Headwaters of navigable waterways in WNY digitized.
- Drafted a thank you letter to NFG for meeting with us regarding gas well relocation.
- Worked with five volunteers on separate GIS projects
- The SOP's for PC ArcInfo have been updated.
- Toboggan team building exercise at Chestnut Ridge Park (only Lisa fell off)
- Holiday Gala chez Gayla with Joe winning Balderdash

WHERE WE'RE GOING:

Intelligis Corp.	Thursday, 12/28
Science Museum Meeting	Thu, 01/04, 7pm

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WATERWAY PROJECT - *Buff State*

Progress has been made on the digitizing efforts. The Hamburg topo is finished with the exception of putting data into the poly coverage and digitizing the center lines of ponds. We began work on the Langford topo. Check out the new and improved SOPs in the SOP folder.

OTHER BUFF STATE PROJECTS

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We should set up a meeting with the DEC to check the status of waste sites and to get additional information.

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NEW NOTES:

-The computer is still not back yet.

-After this Friday, Scott will be out of the office until January 22.

-John's schedule for the next couple of weeks is on the board. (Be ready for surprise inspections)

-Ed Pitz called yesterday. He is a surveyor and is interested in stopping by to talk with us about GPS.

TO DO:

Create a list of callbacks we receive about GIS data mailing

Digital Elevation Models for the Seneca Nation of Indians - We need to learn to register scanned topographic maps. Gary Lamott may be a useful contact.

Print map of SNI cultural resource sites.

Scanned soils data arrived on tape. We need to learn to register the data. The data needs to be cleaned and patched.

KEEP GETTIN' THINGS DONE!
GET DATA OUT, VIEWED, AND USED!!!

Western New York ARC/INFO Users Group

AmeriCorp Files

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December 21, 1994

Mr. John R. Whitney
District Conservationist
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation
50 Commerce Way
East Aurora, NY 14052

Dear John,

Approximately 20 people attended our training sessions at UB on ArcView 2. A special thanks to Ron Rozensky for loading the software and data and keeping the machines running during the sessions. For those of you that missed it, we'll try and reschedule another training session in the future if there is enough interest.

For our next meeting the Town of Eden has graciously offered our user group the chance to sit in on their town board meeting and see a live demo of how they are currently using ArcView to conduct the Town's business. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 10th at 7:00 pm in the Eden town hall, 2795 East Church Street (see attached map for directions).

I tried to schedule a meeting on GPS (global positioning satellite) surveying applications with Trimble Navigation for January, but was unable to confirm a date. They are willing to come speak to us and show a live demo of the technology. The Erie County Water Authority is trying to schedule a day long field demo with Planned Dynamics and Trimble. We'll piggyback our meeting to match the ECWA date and keep everyone posted.

Again, a word of thanks to John Whitney and the Ameri Corp program for help with this mailing by providing stamps and envelopes. As before, please RSVP 655-5540 so we can plan for seats, handouts and refreshments. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Graham S. Hayes

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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"GIS and Conservation Technology Team"
East Aurora, New York

Third Quarter Report

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July 16, 1996

Mr. Joel Berg
United States Department of Agriculture
Ag. Box 1301
Washington, DC 20251

Dear Joel:

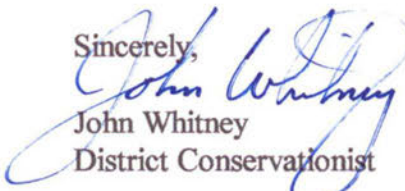
Enclosed is the third quarter progress report for the East Aurora **AmeriCorps GIS and Conservation Technology Team**. Also enclosed are a press release and an invitation for the Team's "Open House" scheduled for Monday afternoon, August 12, 1996.

As we prepare to wrap up the 1996 term of service, we hope to get some good feedback on current activities and guidance on developing next year's work plan through the Open House and through correspondence and conversation with community leaders and agency representatives over the next few weeks. We're anxious to begin recruiting so as soon as we get the "ok," we're prepared to update the recruiting plan and start the process rolling.

This year's team has done a fantastic job meeting an ever increasing demand for GIS data and assistance. Next year's AmeriCorps team has their work cut out for them!

Thank you for your commitment to the AmeriCorps program.

Sincerely,


John Whitney
District Conservationist

cc: Richard Swenson, State Conservationist, USDA NRCS, Syracuse
Robert Hartrick, Area Conservationist, USDA NRCS, Batavia
Nikki Smith, NYS Office of National & Community Service, Albany



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For Immediate Release: July 16, 1996

Contact: Lisa Matthies

AmeriCorps Showcases GIS Community Service Accomplishments

The 1995-1996 AmeriCorps GIS and Conservation Technology Team will have an Open House on Monday, August 12, to showcase local "GIS Conservation Technology Team" AmeriCorps community service projects. Since their service term began in October, the five member East Aurora based AmeriCorps Team has worked with local organizations, WNY communities, and over two dozen volunteers to create and distribute geographic data, design maps, and provide training in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and computerized mapping software. The Open House will highlight new mapping technologies and geographic data management.

AmeriCorps will also be recognizing volunteers and acknowledging project partners including NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Inteligis Corporation, Seneca Nation of Indians, Buffalo State College, United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Niagara and Orleans County Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Map Buffalo Project, and Erie County Department of Environment and Planning.

The GIS and Conservation Technology Team in East Aurora is one of forty-five USDA sponsored AmeriCorps national service sites nationwide and one of a half dozen local AmeriCorps sites. AmeriCorps members devote 1700 hours to community service in exchange for a modest living allowance and educational award. This year's team members are Scott Barnwell, Joe Ghosen, Chris Castiglione, Gayla Gross, and Lisa Matthies. A graduation ceremony will be performed to mark the successful completion of the team's year of service. Information on applying for the next AmeriCorps term, tentatively beginning in October, will also be available.

GIS Resource Group, an East Aurora based consulting firm, will provide a large format projection system so that AmeriCorps members can more effectively demonstrate maps and GIS technologies for a large audience.

The AmeriCorps Open House will be held Monday, August 12, from 3:30pm to 6:30pm at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office, 50 Commerce Way, East Aurora. Refreshments will be served. For more information or directions, please call our office at 652-8480. Come and see how AmeriCorps benefits you and your community! Reservations are requested.

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DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

You Are Invited To An AmeriCorps - GIS & Conservation Technology Team - Open House

Date: Monday, August 12, 1996

Time: 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Place: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
&
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District Office
50 Commerce Way

East Aurora, New York 14052

Phone: 652 - 8480

Fax: 652 - 8506

E-mail: nrcsea@localnet.com

RSVP: By August 9, 1996

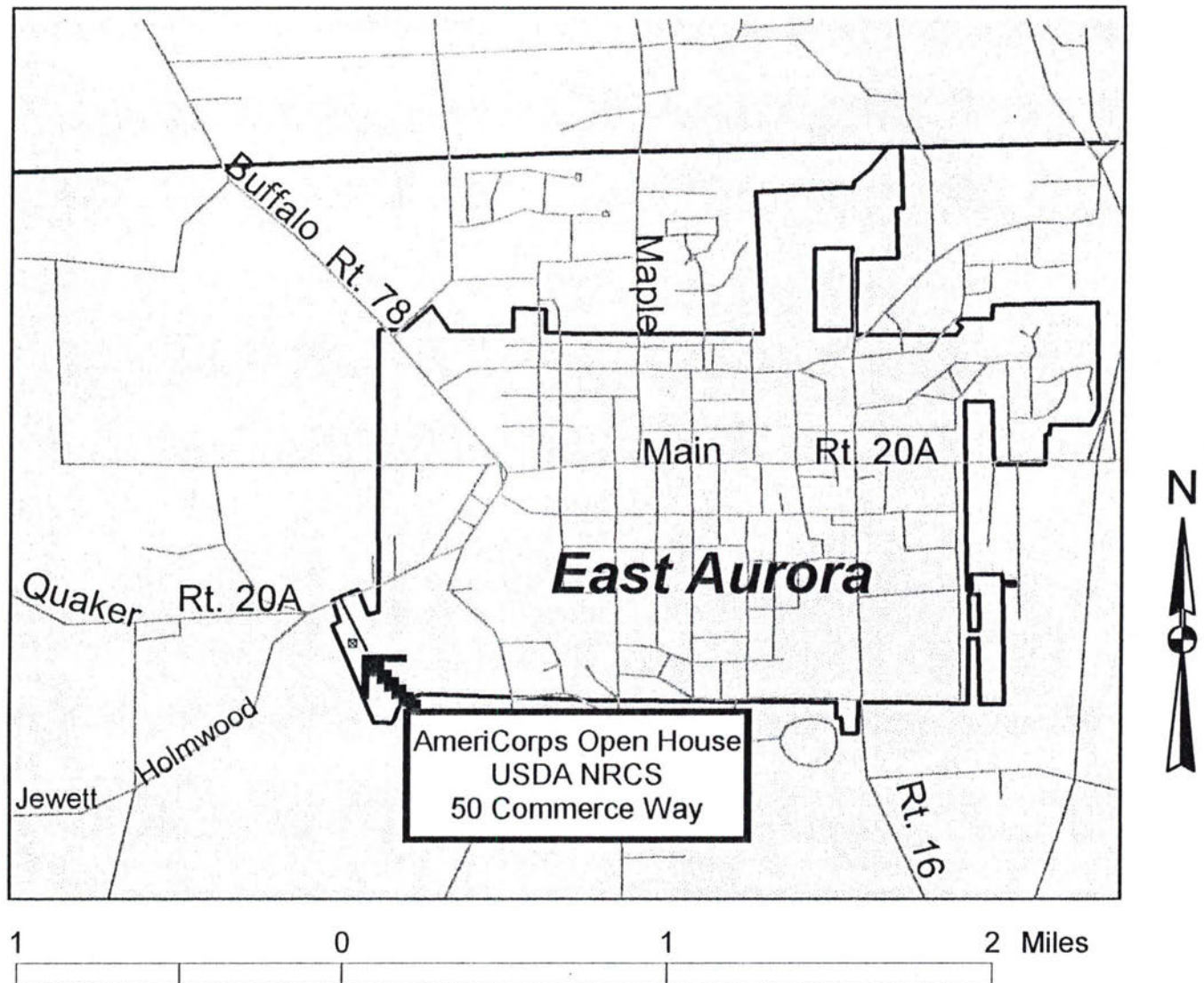
Refreshments will be served

**Please come and view the geographic information system data
developed and assembled over the last 10 months.**

**We will also discuss plans and community service needs for
next year's AmeriCorps Team.**

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

(see reverse for directions)



Directions

from the North: Rt. 400 S to Maple Street. Take Maple Street south into East Aurora. Right on Main Street (Rt. 20A), left on Commerce Way.

from the East: Rt. 20A west to East Aurora, left on Commerce Way.

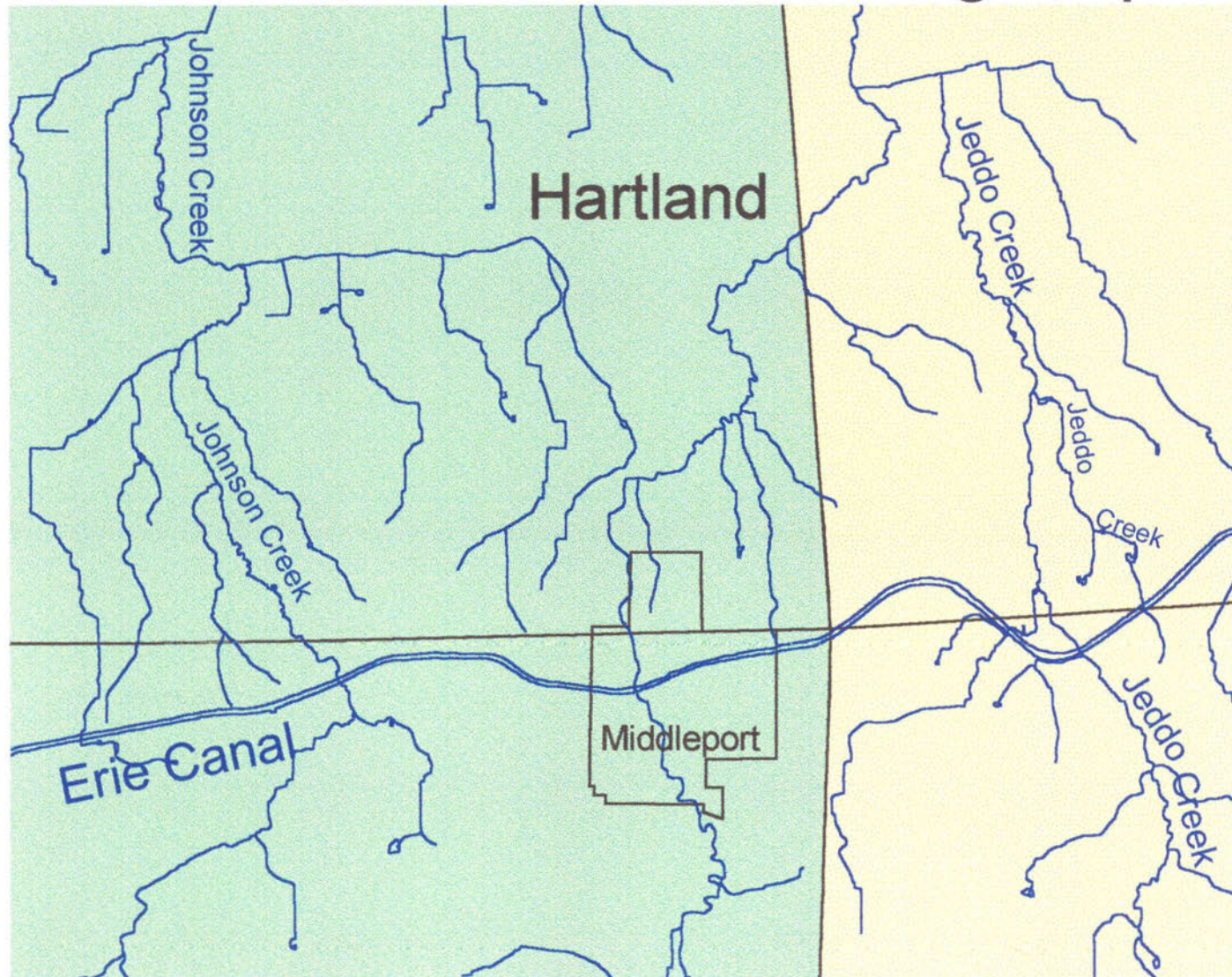
from the South: Rt. 219 N to Rt. 20A. Take Rt. 20A east to East Aurora. Turn right on Commerce Way *or* Rt. 16 N to Main Street (Rt. 20A). Turn left on Main Street, left on Commerce Way.

from the West: Rt. 20A east to East Aurora, left on Commerce Way.

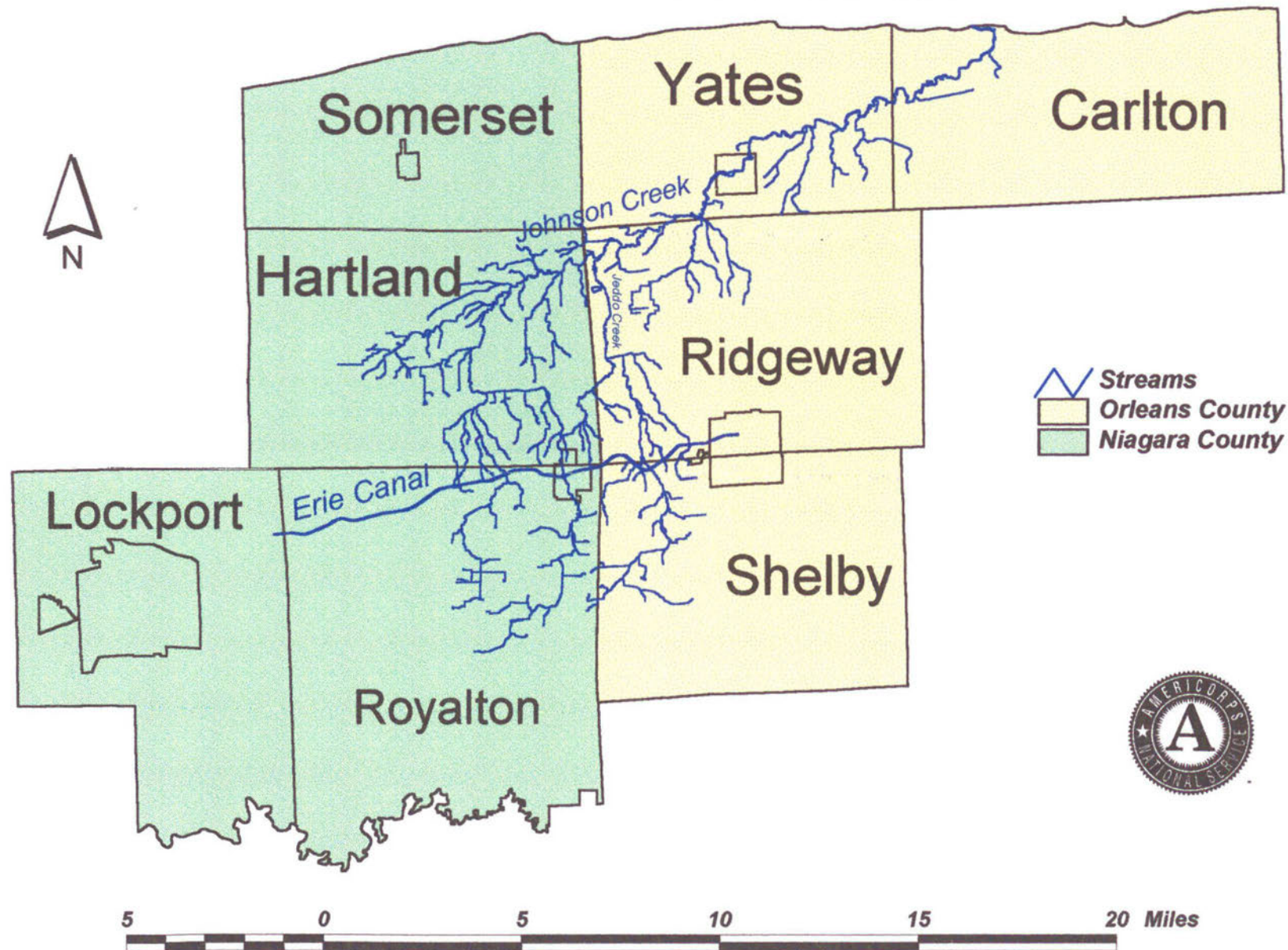
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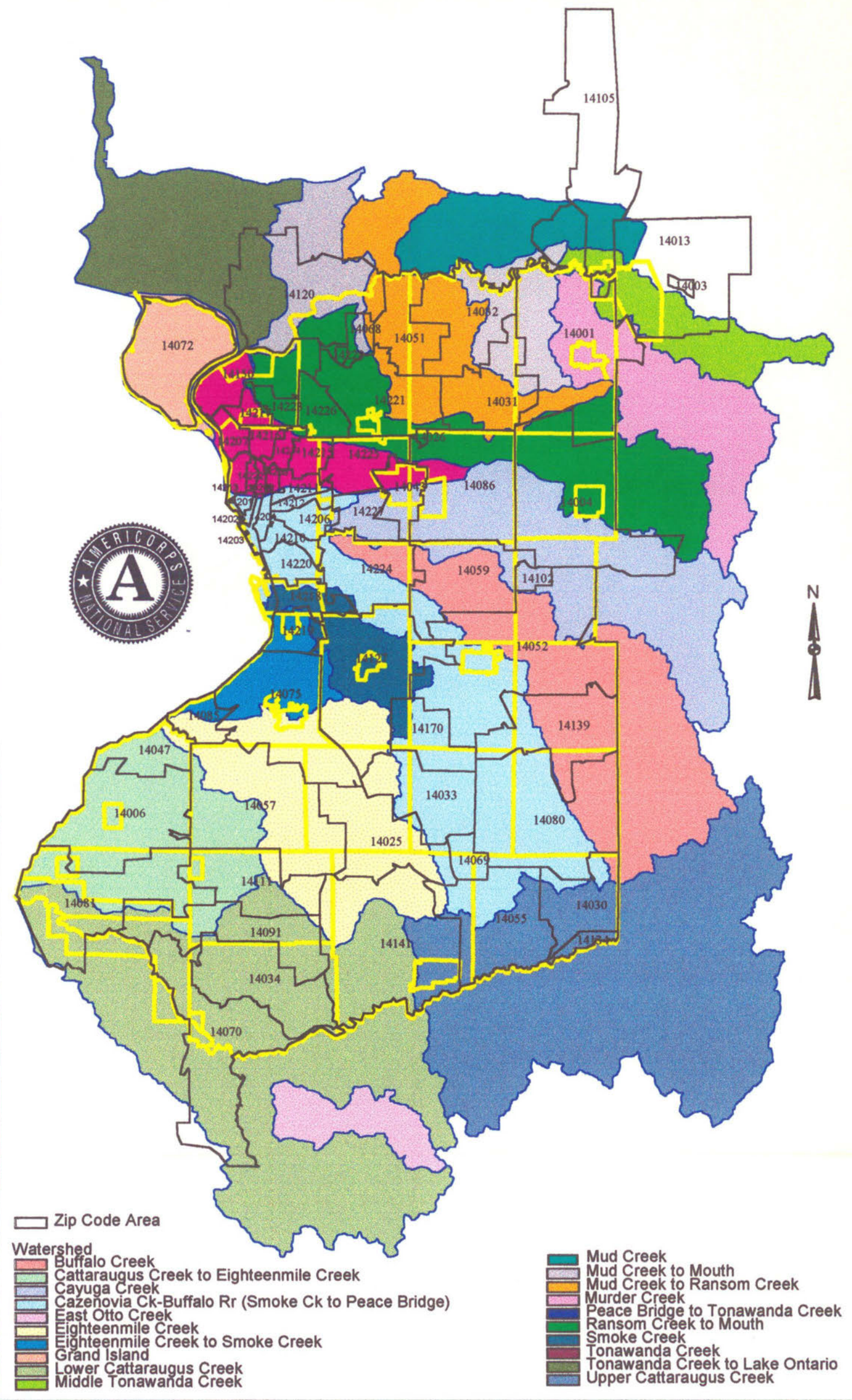
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UPDATE ON SNI AND AMERICORPS CONTINUE LOCATING GAS WELLS

Have you seen your local abandoned gas well? SNI staff and AmeriCorps are making good progress locating abandoned gas wells on the Cattaraugus Reservation, thanks to the help from many people who remember having gas wells near their homes or seeing them in the woods. SNI staff and AmeriCorps have also relied on old maps, well records, metal detectors, and a global positioning system (GPS) receiver. Over 50 of the approximately 150 gas wells on Cattaraugus Reservation have been located since December 1995. The locating project also includes approximately 120 gas or oil wells on Allegany Reservation and four wells on the Oil Spring Reservation.

SNI staff and AmeriCorps have been locating these wells, an effort that involves lots of time, leg work, and eagle-eye vision. Several people have helped a great deal by guiding the field crew to the wells. Old maps showing the approximate location of the well are frequently consulted. The GPS receiver is often used to guide the field crew to the mapped location. Once in the mapped location, gas detectors and metal detectors are used to help find the well. From a distance, many of the wells are indistinguishable from tree stumps. A few wells have been found in relatively good condition with all associated hardware intact. In most cases all that remains of the well is a 10-inch diameter pipe that is standing open or sometimes has a cap bolted on. Often a strong sulfur smell signals that methane gas is rising out of the well. Sometimes methane can be seen and heard bubbling through water standing in the open pipe. In the Cattaraugus Creek Valley, shallow groundwater under artesian pressure flows out of some of the gas wells.

When the well or evidence of the well is found, it is flagged with surveying tape and its location (latitude and longitude) is measured with the GPS receiver. In some cases, all evidence of the well has been obliterated by old abandonment procedures, vandalism, logging, or dense vegetation. These well sites may ultimately require more extensive investigation with backhoes and other excavating equipment. A number of wells could be re-developed for gas production. The remaining wells should be closed to eliminate environmental and safety hazards. Knowing the precise number and location of wells is the first step in planning for re-development or proper well closure.

Jody Clark, Surveyor/Manager of the SNI Department of Maps and Boundaries, is coordinating the well location effort. Leif Twoguns, Gas and Utilities Department, is

leading the field work. Other SNI staff involved with the project include Armand Maybee, Bruce Abrams, Tim Stevens, Lana Watt, and Carol Guinane. Technical assistance is provided by a team of five AmeriCorps members from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) field office in East Aurora. The AmeriCorps members are Scott Barnwell, Chris Castiglione, Joe Ghosen, Gayla Gross, and Lisa Matthies.

AmeriCorps is President Clinton's national service program designed to provide opportunities for Americans of all ages to help local communities meet critical social and environmental needs. The East Aurora AmeriCorps team is directed by John Whitney of the USDA NRCS. John, along with other NRCS staff, Earth Team volunteers, and last year's AmeriCorps members, has been helping SNI staff develop geographic information system records that support the Nation's planning and environmental protection needs.

Please call Leif Twoguns @532-4900 if you have information about a well location or if you have any questions about the project.

Merged databases map service needs

Individuals and planners will soon be able to access human services in their neighborhood as easily as pulling push pins off a wall map.

Agency by agency, a team of volunteers is working to "geocode" Western New York's social service agencies on a unified map. The first-of-its-kind effort takes locations on a computerized map and integrates them with more traditional computer databases that usually carry lots of text but don't necessarily make maps.

The effort is part of a broad-based survey of the area's human service providers. When complete, the system will display, for example, the nearest food pantry, bus carrier or job training services in any particular location.

It will also let planners avoid the controversies that arise when any particular neighborhood raises complaints of being saturated with social service providers.

"With this, we can use existing data to determine where there are needs and examine where there are in fact services," said Richard Lee, a vice president of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County.

"We hope to have this project evolve so that it will be of direct help to caseworkers and clients by clearly showing where services are available," Lee said.

The keyboarding work is being done by volunteers in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's AmeriCorps program, with computers and data being provided from the United Way.

The information on each service will come from surveys being conducted by Erie County and the WNY Grantmakers Association.

Surveying is expected to begin within a few weeks, with the final maps ready by early July.

The AmeriCorps program traditionally uses such computer mapping — also called geographic information systems — to develop maps of waterways and wetlands that environmentalists and planners can use as part of conservation projects.

As part of the nation's public service program, AmeriCorps provides volunteers for such projects in exchange for specific job training.

In recent months, the local AmeriCorps workers assigned to the Natural Resources Conservation Service have used the mapping systems to help the Cattaraugus Indian reservation map abandoned gas wells.

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AmeriCorps & United Way Bring People and Services Together

The USDA AmeriCorps at the Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office in East Aurora, New York has teamed up with the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County on an exciting new project. The project, based on the strengths of both organizations, combines mapping and the delivery of social services for a variety of human interest groups.

The AmeriCorps Team has the computer mapping skills and technical computer background, and The United Way is supplying the necessary staff, databases, and computer equipment for the project. Together both groups are mapping as many agencies as possible in Erie County, New York as a planning tool to bring together people and the services they desire.

A process called "geocoding" is used to match addresses to locations which are then mapped. One example is a person looking for the job training facility located closest to their home. Using a computer-generated map they would be able to locate all job training and other related services and determine which are the most convenient based on distance, availability of public transportation, proximity to other services or employment opportunities, or variety of training services provided.

There are future plans to bring this system "on line" so people can use the Internet to access this information from their homes, libraries, government facilities, etc. AmeriCorps and The United Way are excited to be working together and plans for several other projects are also underway.

This version of the article also appeared in 2 or 3 of the local "Bee" weekly papers.

Business First had some trouble with "AmeriCorps" but otherwise they did ok.

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DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

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News Release AmeriCorps Supports GIS Efforts in Western New York

What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is a national service initiative that helps communities address critical economic, human, and environmental needs. The AmeriCorps *GIS and Conservation Technology Team* in East Aurora, New York is part of USDA's 1996 AmeriCorps national direct grant approved by the Corporation for National & Community Service. The East Aurora program focuses on community planning and cooperation with local governments. Some of the services provided by our program include improving economic planning and development; responding to area natural disasters; working toward solutions for difficult social, economic, and environmental problems; improving agricultural and environmental assessments; supporting existing volunteer programs; and improving participation in existing government programs.

"Making important natural resource and demographic data more available and accessible for Western New York communities is the basis for the East Aurora AmeriCorps program," said Project Director and USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist John Whitney. These services have led the East Aurora Team to incorporate GIS into every aspect of their work. Last year's AmeriCorps team corresponded with Peggy Harper, ESRI's Senior Marketing Representative in Boston. This resulted in ESRI's donation of pcARC/INFO and ArcView site licenses to the Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District. ESRI's donation has supported the office's AmeriCorps GIS data development and data sharing efforts. Whitney added, "By using ARC/INFO and ArcView software, AmeriCorps members have greatly improved their efficiency and ability to respond to requests for data and project assistance."

Who Is AmeriCorps

The five member *GIS and Conservation Technology Team* was assembled from over 60 applicants with a wide range of educational and technical backgrounds. This year's members are Scott Barnwell, Chris Castiglione, Joe Ghosen, Gayla Gross, and Lisa Matthies. Scott is a Georgetown University graduate who also studied in Senegal and taught English in Bulgaria. Chris has a degree in Environmental Studies from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse. Joe has a master's degree in Public Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Gayla has a master's degree in environmental geology from

the University of Akron (OH). Lisa is a second year AmeriCorps member with an Environmental Studies degree from Alfred University. "Earth Team" volunteers (NRCS's official volunteer program) and agency staff work with the AmeriCorps team on various community assistance projects.

What Does AmeriCorps Do

With this diverse team of professionals, the East Aurora AmeriCorps has branched out to a number of different projects and disciplines. One of the major projects underway is the digitizing of Erie County waterways from the more than 31 USGS topographic quadrangle maps. This effort complements previous efforts to digitize the 11-digit hydrologic watershed boundaries of Western New York and includes all the waterways that drain across Erie County including streams from Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties. Digitizing these waterways from the 1:24000 USGS topographic quadrangle maps allows for a greater degree of accuracy compared to other sources of available stream data. The necessary foundation of natural resource coverages is rapidly becoming available and accessible to the community through the USDA/AmeriCorps program.

The AmeriCorps team has joined forces with The United Way of Buffalo and Erie County on another exciting new project. This project brings together the people of Western New York and the services that they need or desire. AmeriCorps involvement is based on the technical aspect of geocoding and mapping these services. With the locations of these social services, databases of demographics will help identify the background and needs of the communities in the Buffalo area. AmeriCorps and The United Way are excited to be working together on several additional projects already planned.

Other community assistance projects underway include the digitizing of tax parcel maps and floodplain boundaries for area municipalities; locating and mapping the hazardous waste sites and State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System sites of Western New York; locating and mapping homes built or rehabilitated by Habitat for Humanity; updating the State Department of Environmental Conservation wetland inventory; locating and mapping the Emergency Watershed Protection Sites receiving federal funds for flood damage repair; digitizing detailed soil maps; and transferring data to area municipalities, agencies, and consulting firms upon request. Table 1 lists active projects and the data sets available through the AmeriCorps and NRCS team.

With the majority of Western New York municipalities and consultants using ESRI software, the transition between last year's AmeriCorps team and this year's team has gone smoothly with the use of ARC/INFO and ArcView. Most of last year's work was done on GRASS 4.0. Importing data into ARC/INFO has increased the efficiency and usability of these coverages. "Data sharing is an essential part of our work," said team member Gayla Gross. "ARC/INFO has made our job much easier."

All AmeriCorps work is being completed with the help of area businesses, universities, municipalities, government agencies, and many volunteers. Cooperative efforts have allowed the GIS team access to more ARC/INFO software including a number of pc systems, SUN

workstations, and a laptop system with ArcView. These relationships have proven to be beneficial to both the AmeriCorps team and the Western New York communities.

For more information contact the *USDA/AmeriCorps GIS and Conservation Technology Team* at (716) 652-8480 or e-mail us at nrcsea@localnet.com

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April 14, 1996

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"The Spirit is Here"

June 11, 1996

The Olympic Torch Relay will come to our community...



United Way
of Buffalo & Erie County

742 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209
716 - 887-2626 / Fax: 716 - 882-0071

May 28, 1996

Dear Friend:

I'd like to share with you a tremendous opportunity for you, your employees and our entire community. On Tuesday, June 11, the Olympic Torch Relay will come through Western New York on route to the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. On that day, United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, Coca-Cola, and the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) would like to ensure that every member of our community take part in this once-in-a-lifetime event.

United Way would like you and your employees to join in the excitement. Enclosed you will find information to help you communicate internally the thrill of the June 11 event. We ask that you please post the enclosed flyer for your employees, make copies of the map to distribute to others, and "Tell 10 People" about the upcoming Torch Relay.

If your workplace or social group is interested in having a speaker on the upcoming event, please call Terry Hamner at the United Way at 887-2622.

Let's make sure that everyone welcomes the Olympic Torch Relay as the world watches Western New York write our page in Olympic history.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter J. Grimm".

Peter Grimm
PaineWebber Incorporated, and
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United Way
Provider of community support
and volunteer services to
the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay

"THE SPIRIT IS HERE"



June 11, 1996

The 1996 Olympic Torch Relay is Coming to our Community!

On June 11, the Olympic Flame will come through Buffalo and Western New York as it travels to the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. Local Community Heroes will represent our community as they run with the torch on its way to the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta.

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- **Bring your family and friends to line the route and watch the Torch Relay - cheer for our Community Hero Torchbearers**

OR

- **Take part in a Community Celebration in Niagara Square that will offer lots of food, ☺ fun and ♪ entertainment♪.**

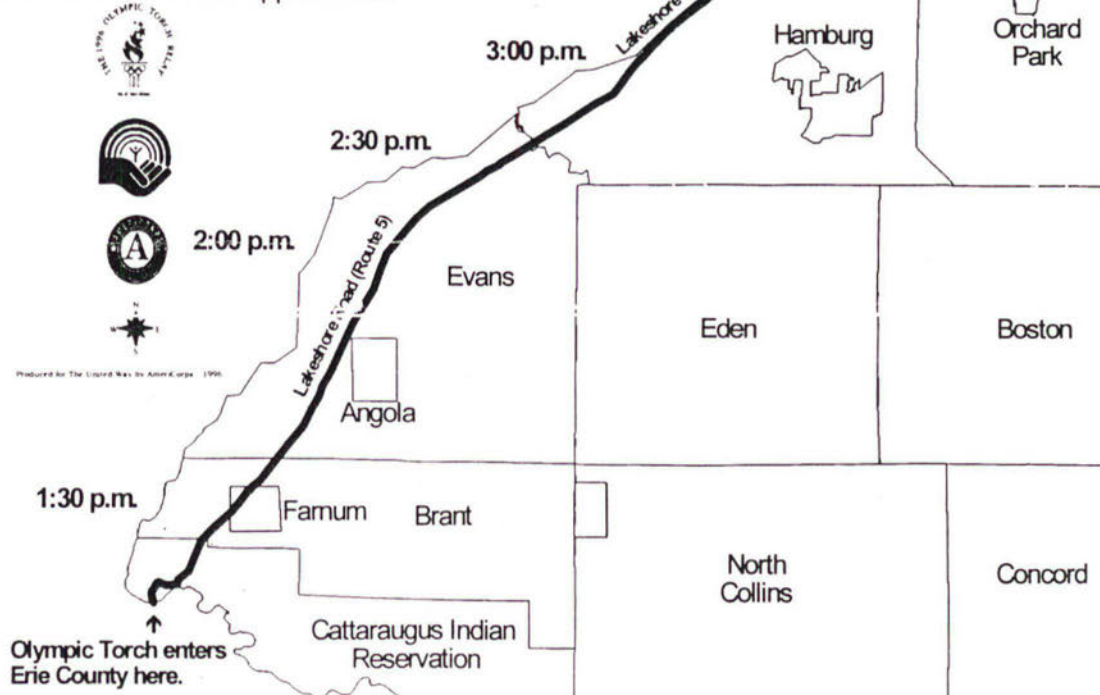
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ERIE & NIAGARA
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Torch arrival times are approximate.





1996 Olympic Torch Relay Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who will carry the Torch?

- A. Torchbearers have already been selected. Community Hero Torchbearers were chosen through a nomination process and judged by a group of local community leaders last fall. Additional torchbearers were selected through a Coca-Cola point-of-purchase contest and through Olympic sponsorships during February and March.

Q. When will the Olympic Torch come through Western New York?

- A. On Tuesday, June 11, the sacred flame will make its way from Ripley, Pa. through Buffalo and onto Niagara Falls.

Q. How can I get involved?

- A. Everyone is encouraged to come out and cheer on our local heroes. You can bring your friends and family to line any part of the route. You are also invited to join the United Way and the entire community for a Community Celebration in Niagara Square from 4-7 p.m. on June 11.

Q. What is the Community Celebration?

- A. A celebration of Buffalo's rich cultural heritage and diversity featuring hot dogs and entertainment. Buffalo's own Lance Diamond will perform. The theme is "The Spirit is Here!"

Q. What is the United Way's role?

- A. United Way is a provider of community support and volunteer services for the Olympic Torch Relay. United Way facilitated the torchbearer selection process for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games and is responsible for crowd building along the route and the Community Celebration.





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June 29, 1996

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Big Flats Plant Materials Center
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Corning, NY 14830-0360

March 18, 1996

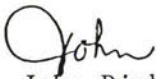
Chris Castiglione
AmeriCorps
c/o USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
East Aurora Field Office
50 Commerce Way
East Aurora, NY 14052-8337

Dear Chris,

We would like to thank you for your help and dedication with the willow cutting project this past week at the Big Flats Plant Materials Center. With the small staff at the PMC, cutting the amount of willow cuttings needed for the bio-engineering projects would not be possible, but by your efforts on the "Willow Wattle Crew", we were able to cut an acre in less than two days. Thanks to the New Jersey crew for bringing the warm temperatures!

Your cooperation on this project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



John Dickerson
Plant Materials Specialist
Syracuse, NY



Martin van der Grinten
Manager
Big Flats Plant Materials Center

cc: John Whitney, DC, NRCS, East Aurora, NY



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your own company.

Brent A. Speer

Lisa,

Thank for all the time and effort
you put into my project. It was
a pleasure meeting and getting to
know you. Good luck with all your
future endeavors (1) And always
Remember, you owe me a trip to
NYC !!!
- Maryellen Seibert

... from the bottom of my cart.

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Donna -

Just a note to thank
you and the "Mapping
Experts" team for all of
your great work!

You helped us to present
a very colorful and
professional looking map
for the press conference

Thanks!

May 14, 1996

Chris Mendel
21 Linwood Terrace
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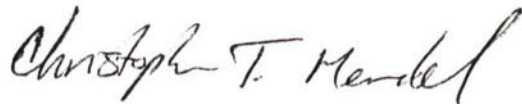
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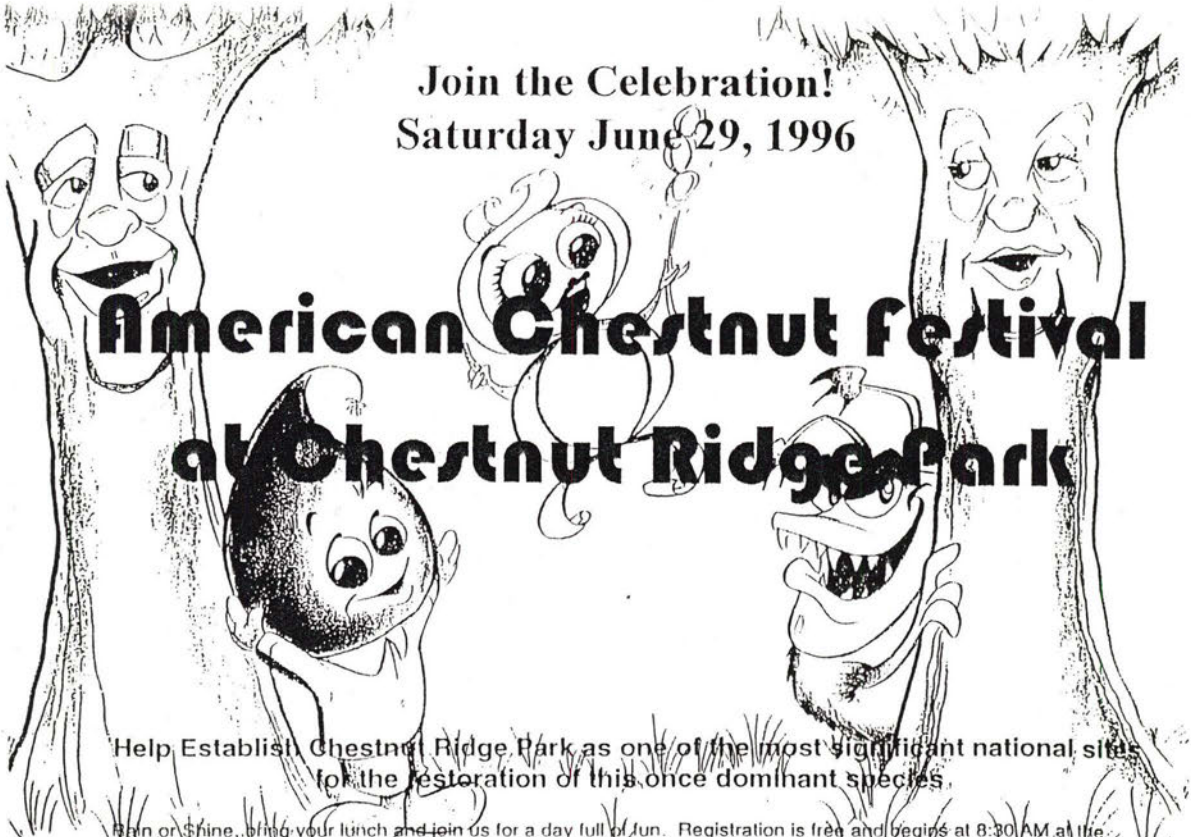
Dear Mr. Scott Barnwell:

I recently noticed your involvement in "Our Weakening Web," a temporary exhibit at the Buffalo Museum of Science. I greatly admire the hard work and concern for the environment you expressed there and would like to further acquaint myself with your operation. I would be very grateful if you would examine my résumé; your knowledge and experience in this field are extremely valuable to me. I will be calling you soon to see if we can get together briefly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher T. Mendel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Chris Mendel" in the address block.



Join the Celebration!
Saturday June 29, 1996

American Chestnut Festival at Chestnut Ridge Park

Help Establish Chestnut Ridge Park as one of the most significant national sites
for the restoration of this once dominant species.

Rain or Shine, bring your lunch and join us for a day full of fun. Registration is free and begins at 8:30 AM at the Casino near the park entrance and pick up your map showing the location of the days events. While at the casino or between programs go inside and enjoy several educational exhibits from the organizations active in the festival and in this the fight to save and restore this valuable species.

Plant an American Chestnut Tree

Seedlings grown by area school children will be planted in a new seed orchard that will be used for breeding and to produce seed for the restoration of American Chestnut trees in NYS forests. The planting site will be open from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Stop in at your leisure and you can plant or watch as area Scouts work. Planting instructions will be provided, bring your tree questions for the experts.

Assist in a Botanical Survey Locating Chestnut Trees

Come out and enhance your tree identification skills while helping survey for American Chestnuts that still survive in the park. With only 29 nut producing pure American trees in all of NYS, any nut producing specimen is vital to the survival of this once keystone species. Identification and Survey Workshops begin between 8:45 AM and 9:15 AM and will be directly followed by the Field Survey to be conducted between 10:00 am and 12:00 PM.

Educational Programs for all ages

Studying Nature with Roger Tory Peterson Institute, a one hour program starting at 12:45 PM. Learn from the experts on tips and techniques useful for this enjoyable life long pursuit.

Chestnut and History Tour, a one hour program starting at 2:00 PM. The tour will visit an orchard of Chinese and Japanese trees, an area of the park where American Chestnut stumps continue to send up stump sprouts and a large blighted American Chestnut tree. This may be the last year to view this large live tree before it is killed by the infection.

Games and Activities Especially for Children

ACFNY Children's Program with Don Birdd as Charlie Chestnut, a one hour program starting at 12:45 PM. Bring the children for an enjoyable hour that of fun and learning.

Studying Nature with Roger Tory Peterson Institute, a one hour program starting at 2:00 PM. Start your children early for developing skills that will aid in learning and appreciation of nature.

American Chestnut Trees for Sale

You can help insure the survival and recovery of this magnificent species. The seedlings will be available to purchase at the registration desk. 4 seedlings for \$10.00. Please note these trees will still be blight susceptible but can be very important when resistant trees become available to pollinate them in the years ahead! The proceeds from tree sales will help support American Chestnut Education, an educational animated video for introducing the subject to children in grades 3-5 (this is where the scene above originated) and involving youth with this successful conservation milestone. We hope to see you at Chestnut Ridge Park!

Educational Awards Presentation

Join us at 3:15 PM behind the Casino overlooking Buffalo and Lake Erie as we conclude the festival, review the days results, and honor several dedicated educators responsible for the successful integration of conservation and education using the American Chestnut as we prepare educational materials to support classroom programs.

Special thanks to the following groups for contributing to the success of this event.

AmeriCorps, Botanical Gardens Society, Buffalo Audubon Society, Buffalo Museum of Science, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Erie County Parks Department, Erie County Environmental Education Institute, National Wild Turkey Federation, Natural Resource Conservation Service, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, NYS Forest Owners Association, Niagara Frontier Botanical Society, Roger Tory Peterson Institute, and many WNY teachers and students. This project is financially supported by the Erie County Environmental Education Institute Inc.

For other information reach us at: New York State Chapter American Chestnut Foundation Inc., c/o Buffalo Museum of Science, 1020 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14211, (716) 896-5200

Directions

Chestnut Ridge Park, Town of Orchard Park, Erie County, New York, USA. Take Route 219, exit onto Route 20A east bound approximately 1 mile into the Village of Orchard Park where you turn right onto Route 277 south, then drive 3 miles to the Chestnut Ridge Park entrance. We will meet at the Casino near the park's entrance. The Casino and Tobogan area are visible as you enter the Park from Route 277. Signs will be posted as you enter.

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Date: 3/21/96
Presiding: Scott
Minutes: Lisa
Present: Chris, Gayla, Joe, Scott, Lisa, Jeff, John

WHERE WE'RE GOING

Mon. 3/25 AmeriCorps Video Satellite Conference, 11am-noon
* Wed. 3/27 NFTC Bicycle Subcommittee Meeting, 4:30pm
Thurs. 3/28 Career Fair (and FREE dinner)
ECC North 5:30pm
Wed. 4/17 Buffalo Assoc. of Prof Geologists
Strawberry Island 6pm
Sat. 4/20 Garden Information Day 9:30am-4pm
Tues. 4/23 BMS Presentation
National Day of Service
May SNI Eagle Nest Location Project

Also- March 27-April 3 Lisa will be in Florida.
March 27-March 31 Chris will be in Virginia Beach
April 7-April 15 Scott will be in California

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Three more quads digitized at Buff State. At this pace, Erie County should
be completed by the end of the week
Three additional gas wells located and measured with GPS
Provided City of Tonawanda with hardcopy parcel map for Tonawanda Harbor
Canal Restoration
Began digitizing work with Town of Amherst

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Joe will add Councilmatic Districts and plans to have the map completed
by the end of the week. The MERGE strategy did not yield optimal results.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS GAS WELL PROJECT → Press release

Three additional gas wells measured Monday and Tuesday. Gayla searched for four others.
The gas well search will take place on all three SNI reservations.
Gayla plans to well hunt with Leif 2-3x/week when the weather clears. when? what %?

1:24000 WATERWAY PROJECT . Dan Howard - checkplots

Digitizing efforts were increased this week- Five more quads digitized. Three are left to
complete Erie County.

We need to identify quads outside of Erie County that need to be digitized.

✓ BATHYMETRIC DATA

Poster session at the Geological Society of America, Northeast Conference, is today.
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Poster session at the Geological Society of America, Northeast Conference, is today.
AmeriCorps involvement with the project is complete.

NYSDEC WETLAND DELINEATIONS Lee White →

Mark called this week needing info on Niagara County quads. When he has data organized
we will begin to make required changes.

WATER GAUGE STATION PROJECT

Joe stuck by his word and drafted a letter to order the CD-ROM this week.

MAPS

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE → • LIST PARTNERS
• USDA NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

Display is up! Additions or changes can be made as necessary. Priority now is to work on the April 23rd presentation.

UNITED WAY—

The Wednesday meeting didn't happen. We should reschedule so all of us are familiar with work being done at United Way.

Three United Way employees completed training in ArcView this week.

United Way has the data dictionary for Census Data.

Joe created a map for the Westside Demo Project displaying service and support organizations and should make us a copy of the map.



DEP SOIL MAP DIGITIZING

DEP received data from EPA- its incomplete. Spencer is now having Mike do the soil digitizing. — soils →

SOUTHERNTIER EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM

Map of Allegany County was sent to Fred Sinclair. Maps of Yates, Wyoming, and Ontario Counties have not been completed.

John will be working in the Southern Tier a couple days/week for the next month supervising ewp work.

METADATA

Needs to be completed! Files are on PC2. We need to create a checklist of data coverages we've written metadata for.

EXPORTING DATA

Problems exporting erie.allbou due to areas of poor digitizing. The coverage should be redigitized.

Floodplain data for Erie County was imported onto PC1.

Requests for data from the TOWN OF HAMBURG and the TOWN OF COLLINS need to be filled.

New to the project list-

TOWN OF AMHERST FLOODPLAINS - linework

Chris has started digitizing floodways and floodplains off FIRM maps at the Town of Amherst Computer Services office in ArcInfo.

NO NEW PROGRESS ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS-

GOVERNANCE PROJECT

SENECA NATION OF INDIAN FARM TRACTS

WNY WATERFALL PROJECT

CULTURAL RESOURCES MAP

EARTH TEAM NEWS

Chris Kennedy is leaving for Colorado this week.

—Cathy will be at Buff State Monday to work

Matt, a new volunteer started this week.

—No word from Bryan Paul.

Potential Volunteer Projects-

AERIAL PHOTO INDEXING

Letter to COMMUNITIES
1996, 8MB RAM, Hardware Space

Miscellaneous

PRESS RELEASES- write some!

*Progress on Gas Well Project for Seneca Nation Indian Newspaper

*AmeriCorps use of ArcView, ArcInfo for ESRI's ArcNews

Chris sent a letter and Earth Team info to Lou Rozanski, East Aurora HS

Lisa spent two days at ArcView training- has notes, intro to ArcView training disks, and CD-ROM.

Mike Gangemi is taking the job offer at Planigraphics in Kentucky.
at the DEP for only the next week or two.

book,

He'll be

Minutes 4/18/96

Presiding: Chris
Minutes: Gayla
Present: Everyone

Where We're Going

Sat. 4/20 Garden Information Day 9:30am-4pm
Tues. 4/23 Proposed National Day of Service
Tues. 4/30 WNYARC meeting at URS Consultants, Inc. 6-7:30pm

Accomplishments:

Habitat for Humanity maps are completed and delivered

Sent map of gas/oil wells on Allegany Reservation to SNI

Waterway digitizing is almost complete (only 1 quad left)

United Way accomplishments :

Five signs have been made for the United Way

Five maps have been made for Olympic Torch relay route

Completed information requests for:

5 maps and information for E&E

15 maps for Jeanie Barnaba, CLEARS

10 maps for 4-H (trivia question - is it Hands, Heart, Health, and Home?)

stop-in request for two wetlands maps

Emergency Watershed Protection site digital data

Completed two maps for Town of Collins information request. A third map is in progress.

Expanded attribute tables for surficial and bedrock geology layers.

Three press releases are being prepared

Digitized NYSDEC wetland delineations in East Aurora quadrangle.

Habitat for Humanity

Received thank-you from Habitat for Humanity. Requested 11x17 map.

Seneca Nation of Indians Gas Well Project

Project is on hold during the Buffalo Creek stream inspection; however, will be able to resume search next week only since Jeff will be busy with Tree & Shrub program. Gayla will call Lief and schedule field days. Completed a map showing the oil and gas wells on Allegany Reservation and sent it to Lief. Gayla drafted a press release for the SNI newsletter, it is nearly ready to be sent out.

1:24000 Waterway Project

One quadrangle remains to be digitized (Wolcottsville). About half of the quadrangles have been edited. Need to complete quadrangles in the Cazenovia and Buffalo Creek watersheds first. Files are in a directory called ECWATERS. Lisa added TICs at Buff State for the quadrangles outside of Erie County. Dan Howard of the Town of Amherst wants to tag along at Buff State to learn about pcARC/INFO. He will be teaching a class there next fall. Be sure to let him know when we'll be there.

*On a side note: We should get some copies of the Strawberry Island and Bathymetric data for our office.

DEC Wetland Delineation

Gayla and Joe began digitizing the wetland delineations, and completed the East Aurora quadrangle. They are in a directory called DECNEW. The polygon was digitized if the wetland boundary changed. If the wetland boundary was field-checked but not changed, a line was digitized near the checked boundary. Gayla started adding fields to the PAT.APR file, per the hand-written list of attributes provided by Mark (it is in the Concord file). Gayla will call Mark and arrange for him to drop off more files and see what we've done so far.

Buffalo Museum of Science

Joe added the USDA non-discrimination clause to the display and cleaned up the display. We need to visit the display once/week and make sure there are enough handouts, etc. Joe's presentation was canceled.

United Way

Scott accompanied Joe yesterday and made 4 maps for the Olympic Torch relay route through Buffalo. Joe made 4 or 5 signs. Discussed how to re-involve United Way staff in the mapping projects and teach them how to make their own signs (e.g., written instructions for sign-making). Joe drafted a general press release describing the partnership between AmeriCorps and the United Way.

Dept. of Environment and Planning

Scott is going to DEP today to work on legislative district map. Spencer Scofield wants council districts and the Buffalo Creek riprap sites from us. John would like the hazardous waste site data layer that Gangemi worked on to see if it fits in with the layer Joe did and if we can use it.

The work station at DEP is not used now that Gangemi is gone. Just call Dale Morris and let him know when we're going to show up.

Floodplains of Amherst

The digitizing and labeling of all the floodplains and floodways are complete. Chris is ready to start mapjoining for a complete Amherst coverage. They received the pavement layer from ECWA. The final step is the rubber sheeting of the area to match up with the pavement layer.

Southern Tier Emergency Watershed Protection Sites

The map of Cattaraugus County was completed by Gayla. Chris completed Yates County. Chris made a list of each county's sites whether we have received them, digitized them, and sent them. Chris has sent everything we have to John Kick. Need to call Jim Booth or Frank Pasquale in Livingston County to get their sites. What about Ontario County?

Exporting Data

Lisa is working on the request from the town of Collins. She plotted the land use and special districts, and is working on the parcel coverage. Joe is working on the request from the town of Hamburg. We decided to copy whole (i.e. Erie Co.) coverages onto disks and give them those instead of plucking out features inside the town border.

Town of Marilla project

No progress since Leigh White stopped in the office.

Marsh Monitoring Program (Ecology and Environment)

Contact is Paul Fuhrmann. Lisa wrote a letter offering our assistance.

Johnson/Jeddo Creek Atlantic Salmon Reintroduction Program

Jim Benzley of Orleans Co. Planning Dept. is printing the tax parcel maps for Orleans County. About 15-17 tax parcels maps will be digitized for both Niagara and Orleans Counties. John is going to pick up the tax parcel maps on Tuesday 4/23. US. F&W will ultimately turn this into a watershed planning project. We need to make a point of asking Inteligis which parts of Orleans and Niagara Counties they have already digitized.

Miscellaneous

Possible project with Chet Janzenski, DEP - no progress. Scott can discuss with him today at DEP.

Lisa called Glen Gelinas and offered assistance about maps for the American Chestnut Festival at Chestnut Ridge park. He said it'd probably be canceled, but he would like us to update the tree location map. He'll call us when he has all the information ready.

4-H called with a request for demographic data. Joe made and delivered 10 maps.

* Joe got a bunch of census data from UB. It is in a directory called CENSUS. Can link it to other data layers.

Gayla sent out about 4 maps and some related information for a data request from E&E.

Gayla & Chris sent out about 15 maps to Jeanie Barnaba (CLEARs) covering the Tonawanda Creek watershed.

Joe printed maps of Niagara and Erie County wetlands for a stop-by request.

Gayla enhanced the attribute table for both the surficial and bedrock geology layers. She added unit names, ages, descriptions. She will write a description for the metadata and call the State Museum and offer to send them a copy of the database.

Chris is working on the ESRI press release. He contacted them about the article in ARC NEWS describing ESRI grants for conservation work. The grants are for free software licenses. We need to pursue this because our current license expires in May 1996.

CONTINUE METADATA whenever you get a chance.

Volunteers - We need volunteers to help us out with all of our projects. Lisa talked to Christine Kelly and Wendy Maz____ski at Buff State. They are interested in volunteering this summer. Bryan Paul called to apologizing for not volunteering to date. He hopes to be able to volunteer in May and will call us then. Brent and MaryEllen want to continue volunteering. Brent is volunteering at the DEC and could help us out with the wetland delineation project.

Joe will ask Tom Murdoch about getting ArcView 2.1.

John sent away for free CityGreen software from American Forests.

Bob Simpson will export the US EPA data layers for us again. Just send back the tape.

Need to send out the letter to all the Erie County communities! Include updated project list and data set list, include offer to install ArcView version 1.

Margaret retired Monday. Jeff and John's workloads increased immediately. Anything we can do to help ease their burden will be greatly appreciated. 4/27 is tree & shrub pick-up day.

Lisa will call Mark Lazarro of the West Seneca Youth Bureau to see what is planned for the Nat'l Day of Service on 4/23.

There is a CCC reunion coming up at Allegany State Park. Should we get involved from a past vs. present perspective?

John will try to resolve the plotter paper & pens order problem.

Thanks to Lisa for obtaining Bob Dylan tickets for Joe and Scott.....

Minutes 5/2/96

Presiding: Lisa
 Minutes: Scott
 Present: all but Joe

Where we are going:

Sat.	5/4	Wake Up New York - ECC North campus
Wed.	5/8	Area meeting in Lester - AmeriCorps presentation
Thurs.	5/9	Niagara Frontier Wetlands Initiative, CLEARs
Tues.	5/14	AmeriCorps Conference, Albany
Sun.	5/26	Bike WNY 30-mile Ride through Buffalo
Fri.	5/31	WNY Utilities, possible AmeriCorps presentation
Sat.	6/1	Day in the country for artists - Olmstead Camp
Tues.	6/11	GIS/SIG Conference, Rochester (RSVP by 5/11!)

Accomplishments:

Livingston County EWP site map created
 Western New York EWP site map created
 United Way/AmeriCorps press release printed in Alden Advertiser and East Aurora Bee
 Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Explorer map created for Lancaster/Depew area
 Johnson/Jeddo Creek lines digitized
 Finished digitizing waterways within Erie County
 2 DEC wetland quads digitized
 Completed edgematching of Amherst floodplains
 Helped distribute 83,000 tree and shrub seedlings
 Helped release 5400 salmon into the Johnson/Jeddo Creek

Habitat for Humanity

Request for 11x17 map needs to be completed
 Add Habitat for Humanity to data list as permission required. This project could expand to include greater Buffalo H for H projects.

Seneca Nation of Indians Gas Well Project

Press release sent to Jody Clark with an 11x17 map of the Cattaraugus Reservation. Gayla spent Monday searching for three wells. Project now on hold until the GPS is sent from Fort Worth. It is supposed to arrive by 5/7. SNI is creating a video of the Gas Well Project (will AmeriCorps involvement be mentioned?)

Also note: SNI is using NRCS original air photos in their office for this project. We should make them color copies and keep originals here.

1:24000 Waterway Project

Erie County is fully digitized. Digitizing of the outlying watersheds is continuing at Buff. State as well as editing and labelling of digitized quads at both BSU and in our office.

We will be receiving copies of the Strawberry Island and Bathymetric final reports. Data is on the Buff State computers- we should get copies.

DEC Wetland Delineation

Mark Kendal stopped by last Thursday to drop off data for two more quadrangles and to see what we've done so far. He is very pleased. Wolcottsville and Corfu quads were digitized this week.

United Way

Produced a map of boy scout, cub scout, and explorer troops in the Lancaster/Depew area. Began work on an additional boy scout map for West Seneca.

Dept. of Environment and Planning

Council district and riprap site data needs to be brought to DEP. We got their generalized soil data and solid waste site data. The waste site data imported into PC ArcInfo and ArcView with no problem, but the soils data did not work in ArcView. We could also take a look at the EPA data and see if it would be beneficial to have here.

Amherst Floodplains

Edgematching is done. The data is now ready to be rubbersheeted.

Southern Tier Emergency Watershed Protection Sites

Livingston County is complete, the last of the maps. We also created a map including all of the counties (wny.ewp).

Johnson/Jeddo Creek Digitizing

All creek lines in Niagara County have been digitized. The parcel lines have been started. The RFP has taken over all of the resources of Intelligis for now. Chris C. and Kris P. helped release 5400 tagged salmon into the creek. We can help with sampling on Mondays and Thursdays.

Data Transfers**Miscellaneous**

Lisa, Gayla, Scott, John, and especially Jeff helped to distribute 83,000 tree and shrub seedlings.

Gayla judged Envirothon videos.

No response to our offer of assistance from the Marsh Monitoring Program.

Chet JANDZINSKI may need our assistance with ag district line adjustments for the Clarence/Newstead area.

ESRI press release to be sent one of these days..

Our request for a video and book arrived from the AmeriCorps National Service Resource Center.

WRP and CRP sites can both be updated. Ask John to get started.

Sardinia is very excited about ArcView.

Tony E. will send out more watershed maps for other parts of NYS to be digitized if we want.

Does DEC have updated '96 SPDES database? HWS is from '91 records update.

MINUTES 5/16/96

Presiding: Scott Barnwell
Minutes: Chris Castiglione
Present: John, Jeff, Joe, Scott, Chris

Where We Are Going!!

5/23 United Way Presentation (Tentative date)
5/26 Bike WNY 30-mile ride through Buffalo
5/31 WNY Utilities meeting: AmeriCorps presentation w/ GIS Resource Group
6/1 Day in the Country for artists - Olmstead Camp
6/11 GIS/SIG Conference, Rochester

Accomplishments!!!!

- *8 GRASS coverages of SNI have been imported into ARC on pc1
- *American Chestnut Tree data has been moved from GRASS to ARC on pc1
- *5 maps for grant (United Way)
- *Home page is developing into a nice looking site with maps and links to other sites
- *Delivered data to Jim DelaPlante
- *ESRI Press Release was sent out (two weeks ago, but since we didn't have a meeting last week it shows up on these accomplishments)
- *Solid Waste Maps were created using the coverage from the DEP
- *3 signs were made for the United Way
- *Justin (intern) has been trained to digitize (aka puck monkey)
- *"the women" have been trained at Buff State
- *3 more DEC wetland delineation folders were completed
- *Circles (radius) maps completed at United Way (Bailey-Delevan area)
- *surficial and bedrock geology database has been updated and sent to NYS museum
- *8 Olympic Torch Relay Route maps have been completed
- *Census data at block group level imported.
- *Farm census data ('92, '87, '82) downloaded from the internet
- *Gayla, Lisa, and Chris attended the Leicester meeting and gave a presentation
- *Chris, Lisa, and Scott attended the NYS AmeriCorps Conference in Albany and impressed some people with their display and work.
- *John Kick visited 5/6 & 5/7 and helped import the scanned soil data into LTPlus. Work has begun to start labeling the soils for the southeast corner of the Clarence topo.

MISC. - Scott, Chris, and Lisa have to sign and make copies of the travel vouchers from Big Flats and send them back to Tracy.

Habitat for Humanity

The 11 x 17 map still has to be made and sent out. There is a legend for this map all set up on the laptop and the map just has to be plotted. Lets get this one done.

SNI Gaswell project

This is on hold until we receive our GPS unit. It should have been back by now but we are still waiting. The most recent SNI newsletter did not have Gayla's article in it, but that could be because they are not ready for it yet. It should be in the next one.

1:24000 Waterway project

Justin has been trained to do some editing. Two volunteers should be starting at Buff State for this project. Editing is still taking place and the Buffalo Creek watershed should be completed soon.

On a side note: There is a volunteer from England working with Spencer on watershed sub-boundaries. He should be working with us and use some of our data (i.e. our watershed boundaries) for a reference. We should call Spencer to get more info.

NYSDEC wetland delineations

Kris Perrit finished the labeling for the 3 folders we have. We should get a master list of the topos we have finished for future reference. We have to call Mark to get the next shipment of folders.

United Way

Boyscout map of West Seneca is done. Solid Waste Site map is done. 5 maps of Wendy, Zenner,... neighborhood were made. 3 signs were made. Joe worked with George from the State unemployment office for 3 hours. Census data at block group level has been imported with a database of the fields. A census data project folder should get started. Joe is going to try to get zipcode coverage from Graham Hayes at GIS Resource Group.

Southern Tier Emergency Watershed Protection Sites

For now, this project is on hold. There will be another round coming from Cattaraugus County due to the recent flooding in the area.

Town of Amherst Floodplains

The rubbersheeting is starting to go a little bit smoother. There is a problem when you shift the polygons and the labels end up outside the polygon. These labels have to be moved back inside the polygons before the coverage is built. If you build it first it will give all the labels contained inside 1 polygon the same label values. This will mess up your labeling system. Jerry wants to talk about other projects that can get underway there. We also need to call Dewbury and Davis about their floodplain coverages. Joe still has the number.

DEP

We imported the Solid waste data from them into our system. We need to start thinking about what projects can be started there. We are still waiting for the legislative district maps to arrive.

Johnson/Jeddo Creek

Justin is almost done with the stream digitizing of two of the quads. We are going to see if the 1:24000 streams will be better to work with than the tax parcel streams. The streams from the topos have to be projected from NAD83 to NAD27. When working with topo quads make sure you register the map with the corners on the map. The dotted cross-hairs are the projected NAD83 tic marks which we are not using.

Lisa is getting the missing tax parcels and quad from Niagara County. She has been working up at Inteligis and training Mike and Sandra for the JJCreek project.

Misc.

Gayla should check with the City of Tonawanda staff about their data and if they need any help getting it operational.

Data has been transferred to Nussbaumer & Clarke (we gave them everything)

Data has been transferred to Jim DelaPlante (He only got wetlands, SPDES, & Haz sites)

Niagara Frontier Wetlands Initiative & Eden - scanned soil maps have been imported into LTPlus and the labeling has begun. The info has been moved to ARC on pc1 for easier labeling. If you want to know how it was done - ask Joe!

Minutes 5/23/96

Presiding: Chris Castiglione

Minutes: Joe

Present: ALL

Where We Are Going!!

5/26 Bike WNY 30-mile ride through Buffalo

5/31 WNY Utilities meeting: AmeriCorps presentation w/ GIS Resource Group

6/1 Day in the Country for artists - Olmstead Camp

6/11 GIS/SIG Conference, Rochester

Accomplishments!!!!

Edited several Waterway quads

Labeled one Soil quad

Brought over Buffalo Creek Structures Info to Arc-ArcView

Produced 13 maps for the Olympic Torch Route for the United Way

Rubbersheeted several maps for the Town of Amherst Floodplains

Obtained copies of Legislative District maps and related database

Offered help to Town of Eden ArcView project

Met with Scott Ensminger to rekindle waterfalls project

Farm Census Data collected for the Eight Western Counties of NY

LTPlus-ed 7 soil quads and brought them over to ARC-ArcView

Justin digitized 2 1/2 quads of J-J Creek lines

Set-up parcel information for J-J Creek Samon-reintro project

Made check plots for seven soils quads

Produced Town of Collins Parcel maps (draft copies)

Worked with five volunteers - training them in GRASS-LTP-ARC-ArcView and more.....

Habitat for Humanity

The 11 x 17 map still has to be made and sent out. There is a legend for this map all set up on the laptop and the map just has to be plotted. **Lets get this one done.**

SNI Gaswell project

The GPS unit has been replaced. Gayla will call SNI to schedule fieldwork.

1:24000 Waterway project

Two volunteers have started at Buff State for this project. Editing is still taking place and the Buffalo Creek watershed should be completed soon.

As a team we need to decide which attributes should be focused on. Stream name, continuous-intermittent, protected status, double-line or island, trib #. Scott needs help to finish by August, but keep priority on Buf-Caz Creek Watershed.

New Number - 15342

NYSDEC wetland delineations

We should get a master list of the topos we have finished for future reference. Mark has delivered two more quads of changes.

United Way

11 8.5x11 and 2 E-size maps were created for the Olympic Torch route. Work continues in training Donna in Arcview. We still have a lot of Census and Tiger data to collect. Things appear to be running smoothly for the moment.

Southern Tier Emergency Watershed Protection Sites

For now, this project is on hold. There will be possibly be another round coming from Cattaraugus County due to the recent flooding in the area. Gayla will call Joann for new sites in Cattarugus County.

Town of Amherst Floodplains

Two maps remain to be rubbersheeted. We will soon be finished. They would like us to continue to work there. We will dicuss future projects at a later point.

DEP

Legislative District maps have arrived. We will probably line trace in ArcView using Tiger roads so that things line-up. When we finish there is a dataset that can be attached to this coverage.

DEP now has ArcView

On a side note: Scott has worked with Martin (a volunteer from England) who is working with Spencer on watershed sub-boundaries. He is working with us and is using some of our data (i.e. our watershed boundaries) for a reference. He is digitizing the sub-watershed boundaries.

Johnson/Jeddo Creek

Justin has done the stream digitizing of two and 1/2 quads. Everything so far looks good. There are still 2 1/2 quads to go. Inteligis has 1/2 the parcel data we need and wants to sell it the EPA for ~ \$875. We should start digitizing the parcels they dont have and see how this situation resolves itself.

Soils - NFWI - DATA PROJECT

All seven quads have gone thru LTPlus and 5 have been exported. John Kick is coming next week wens-thur-fri to work on this project. Procedures still need to be better hammered out in the future, but the project has come to life rather quickly.

WATERFALLS PROJECT

Chris and Joe met with Scoot Ensminger and we have decided to make this an ArcView Project. I told him to wait a couple of weeks so we could gather the Tiger data we need for the project. Future maps will be 8 1/2 by 11. Areas with a lot of falls will be done using insets on separate pages. Once a good layout has been developed the project should be very easy to manage.

CENSUS DATA PROJECT

There has been a folder developed for the census data we have now for Erie county. We still will be adding new census data, so as we do this file will expand to reflect what info we have. This data is mappable.
data is in PC1 in C:\census - refer to the folder for field meanings.

FARM CENSUS DATA PROJECT

We have summary info for the Eight Western Counties of New York. This data is divided into years -92 -87 -82 accordingly. This data is also mappable!
data is in PC1 in c:\census\farmdata. CHECK IT OUT.

STREAMBANK INSPECTION

ARC-ArcView Data has been moved for the streambank inspection work. The Conditions in 95 is the only field with significance. We will work to add Id-Numbers and Names as well as other data from previous years.

HEADWATERS

Need to be fixed then can be added to data list. Not too big a project.

Misc.

The Town of Eden will be receiving data and some ArcView training.

Power Point Presentation for 5-31 needs to be worked on.

Town of Collins was sent preliminary tax-parcel maps and asked for edits.

John Kick will be in next WENS-THUR-FRI

Bicycle route maps will be made this weekend.

Buff State - # - 15342

DEP has ARCTOOLS -may make things easier.

HeadWaters need to be looked at and updated.

-file

Minutes 5/30/96

Presiding: Joseph A. Ghosen

Minutes: Gayla

Present: ALL plus John Kick

Where We Are Going

- 5/30 Bicycle Federation of America mtg at Library, downtown branch
- 5/31 WNY Utilities meeting: AmeriCorps presentation w/ GIS Resource Group
- 6/1 Day in the Country for artists - Olmstead Camp. Opening Act - John Whitney Unplugged
- 6/10 ArcView Training for Town of Eden
- 6/11 GIS/SIG Conference, Rochester

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Edited waterways on Johnsonburg quad
Finished Labeling Clarence Center soil quad
Produced 6 more maps for the Olympic Torch Route for the United Way
Made one bike route map
Finished 1995 and 1996 stream inspection data in ArcView
Rubber-sheeted several maps for the Town of Amherst Floodplains
Completely LTPlus-ed 3 drainage quads, made check plots for all of them
Digitized 1.5 more Johnson/Jeddo Creeks quadrangles
One of our maps was on TV
Completed Power Point presentation for WNY Utilities meeting, includes two representative maps.
Digitized 6 parcel maps for Johnson/Jeddo Creeks project

Habitat for Humanity

The 11 x 17 map is done but still has to be printed.

SNI Gas well project

Lief returns from vacation 6/3. Gayla anticipates field work will resume shortly after.

SNI Eagle Nests

This project was *nearly* implemented today, but local questions regarding NYSDEC involvement have caused a delay. Mapping may still occur without the (NYSDEC) banding component -- stay tuned.

1:24000 Waterway project

Scott worked with Mark (new volunteer) on editing the Johnsonburg quadrangle. Parts of Bliss, Attica and Arcade need to be edited before the Buffalo Creek watershed is ready in the next few weeks. Sections of Buffalo Creek are different now than shown on the USGS quadrangles. The creek was updated on another coverage in GRASS. The updates should be shown on this coverage, too. Joe and Scott installed pcARC/INFO on the other three computers in the lab, with Dr. Waxmonski's blessing. There is a new server at Buffalo State that is faster and lets us access pcARC/INFO from the network. Our account is WHITNEJR, password is SOILMAN. Discussed whether attribute before or after patching the quads, then whether to patch the quads together at all.

NYSDEC wetland delineations

One quadrangle of delineations has been digitized. Gayla worked on identifying registration points for the professionally surveyed delineations. She was able to get a set of coordinates for several of them.

United Way

One of the E-size *maps we created* for the Olympic Torch route *was featured* on the *Channel 2 evening news*. Made 5 or 6 more torch route maps. Scott made a bike route map there.

Southern Tier Emergency Watershed Protection Sites

For now, this project is on hold. Gayla will call Joanne for new sites in Cattaraugus County.

Town of Amherst Floodplains

75% of one map remains to be manually rubber-sheeted. They would like us to continue to work there. FEMA has released digital floodplain data for eleven states. New York data will be released in August.

DEP

Legislative District maps have arrived. Martin (the DEP intern) has finished the sub-watersheds. Board of Elections contact wants an example map from us. We should move the waterway coverages to DEP for patching and attributing. UNIX is a better environment for this large coverage.

Johnson/Jeddo Creek

Lisa was at Inteligis on Tuesday and Wednesday with Mike Prinz. They are digitizing parcels outside the Inteligis coverage, annotating road names, and making a parcel map grid overlay. Still need to acquire tax maps from Orleans Co. in the area downstream of Lyndonville Dam. Don't have the RPS data for the

parcels. Justin nearly completed the waterway coverage and it needs to move to Inteligis. AmeriCorps digitized 1.5 more.
We need to find out how to order information from RPS.

Soils - NFWI - DATA PROJECT

Labeled (using ArcView) Niagara Co. soils in the Clarence Center quadrangle. There are 12-15 extra polygons that need to be removed/edited in ARC/INFO. May be able to label soils in LTPlus. Could also "CREATELABELS" in pcARC/INFO. Each file must be exportable as a *.dlg3 file. These file types need to have #s as labels, NOT alpha-numeric.
Still need to get check plot of the SE quarter of Clarence Center quad to CLEARS. Could possibly save layouts as a *.gra file, then check plot at Inteligis using ArcPlot.
The seven drainage layer maps have gone through LTPlus now, but individual lines need to be traced. The line_clean macro doesn't seem to catch missing pixels.

WATERFALLS PROJECT

Need TIGER data before this can be an ArcView project.

CENSUS DATA PROJECT

There has been a folder developed for the census data we have now for Erie county. We still will be adding new census data, so as we do this file will expand to reflect what info we have. This data is mappable.
data is in PC1 in C:\census - refer to the folder for field meanings.

FARM CENSUS DATA PROJECT

This project is done for now

STREAM BANK INSPECTION

1995 and 1996 inspection data as been completed in ArcView and maps were printed for the Erie/Wyoming County Watershed Joint Board meeting.

HEADWATERS

Joe couldn't find some of the paper maps and hasn't found all the vector files on GRASS. The source of information was the COE, last year's AmeriCorps team transferred the locations onto our working map set. Diane Radon was the contact at COE. A repeat visit may be necessary if we can't find the data here.

Misc.

Power Point Presentation for 5-31 needs to be worked on.
DEP has ARCTOOLS - may make things easier.
Let's try to move our Buff State website over to local net.

GRASS and LTPLus are being moved to a new computer "with Intel inside".
Should be better & faster.

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Minutes 6/13/96

Presiding: Joe
Minutes: Scott
Present: ALL except Lisa

Where We Are Going

6/25 WYNARC meeting

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *Well-recieved exhibit at the GIS/SIG
- *Installed ArcView 2.1 at the Eden Highway Dept.. Trained Janet in ArcView.
- *Digitized one topo for the waterway project and editing work continues.
Patched together 3 quads
- *Amherst floodplain project completed
- *Continued to train Donna In ArcView
- *GPS readings on 4 wells at the Cattaraugus Reservation
- *Obtained detailed soils data for all 3 reservations
- *Digitized two NYSDEC wetland quads
- *Made two bike route maps
- *Created a map of Galleria Mall
- *Completed digitizing of Cazenovia Creek sub-watersheds
- *Johnson/Jeddo waterway quads patched together
- *NFWI soils - Tonawanda East fixed with labels
- *Provided data to the West Seneca Development Corp.
- *Worked with several new EARTH TEAM members training them in a wide variety of tacks and environments.

AND MORE !!!!!

SNI Gas well project

Gayla went to Cattaraugus yesterday, measured 4 wells with the GPS and looked for a 5th. She retrieved the aerial photos and is scheduled to return on Monday. Joe brought over detailed soils data for all 3 reservations. We can ask if they would like a copy of ArcView 3.0 for \$250.

SNI Eagle Nests

Local questions regarding NYSDEC involvement have caused a delay. Mapping may still occur without the (NYSDEC) banding component -- stay tuned.

1:24000 Waterway project

Digitized and edited the Johnsonburg quad. Patched together three quads. Parts of Attica, Bliss, Arcade, and Lancaster still need to be digitized to finish the Buffalo Creek watershed.

Decided to add only one attribute for now to distinguish the polygon coverage from the line coverage. Once this is done and the quads are patched, we can add additional attributes.

ET volunteers Vassilis and Ly are providing much needed assistance.

NYSDEC wetland delineations

Digitized two more quads. They still need attributes and editing.

United Way

Produced a map of Galleria Mall for UW fundraising purposes.

Two more bicycle route maps completed.

Donna continues to receive training.

Still need to get census and other TIGER file data from UB

Southern Tier Emergency Watershed Protection Sites

Gayla talked with Brian Davis. He doesn't think there are any new sites from the recent flooding. We are waiting to hear more. We should call John Kick to see if our data was used statewide.

Town of Amherst Floodplains

Completed!

A new project has been started - see NORTHSTAR PROJECT This will involve digitizing wetlands and vegetative cover for a small area.

Possible ag district work is a possibility

DEP

Legislative District maps have arrived. We will digitize the districts using the TIGER line files, but we need to discover what year of TIGER data is most appropriate.

Finished digitizing the Cazenovia Creek sub-watersheds and exported them to ArcView on Spencer's PC.

We will eventually move the waterway coverages to DEP for patching and attributing. UNIX is a better environment for this large coverage.

Scott brought them Buffalo Creek Structures Coverages for ArcView.

We should use CPIO to take PC ARC/INFO coverages (Buff. Creek, structures) to their UNIX machine.

TAZ zone work if taken on could be done at DEP

Johnson/Jeddo Creek

They are digitizing parcels outside the Inteligis coverage, annotating road names, and making a parcel map grid overlay. Don't have the RPS data for the parcels.

We need to find out how to order information from RPS.

The waterway quads were patched together. Gayla is going today to Inteligis. We need to ask Sandra if Erie Canal should be included.

Soils - NFWI - DATA PROJECT

Tonawanda East is fixed with labels.

Rick P. says don't use little 'c' with CPIO.

The seven drainage layer maps have gone through LTPlus now, but individual lines need to be traced. The line_clean macro doesn't seem to catch missing pixels.

Still need to develop labeling strategy for overall project. There are several possibilities.

Interim SOPs are in progress.

STATSGO soils are now in ARC. Need to call Steve Indrich to find out if there is a database that can be attached to this data set.

John Kick sent us a manual with a process for creating SURGO maps.

WATERFALLS PROJECT

Need TIGER data before this can be an ArcView project.

CENSUS DATA PROJECT

There has been a folder developed for the census data we have now for Erie county. We still will be adding new census data, so as we do this file will expand to reflect what info we have. This data is mappable.

data is in PC1 in C:\census - refer to the folder for field meanings.

BOTH OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS NEED DATA FROM UB

**FARM CENSUS DATA PROJECT**

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Take CHECKPLOT of county to COE for closer examination and bring topos in case of changes.

Misc.

The City of Tonawanda Police Dept. will mail us disks for parcel data in .dxf
The contact list has been updated and is back in the file - needs to be in e: drive.
Dale Morris has some Central Referral Info we may want

We need to call these two fellows:

Dave Disalvo - Buffalo- would like to talk to us about info 851-4230

Mike Cain - Buffalo- would also like to talk to us about info 851-5087

NFTA- James Morrel - TAZ Zones 855-7603

West Seneca Development Corp picked up data in .dxf format yesterday

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Lorna - Landuse Town of Amherst

Marty - Landuse Town of Amherst

Ly- working Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Vassilis - working everyday, primarily at Buff. State

Team Strategies

1. Take personal responsibility to rotate work among all projects
2. Take personal responsibility to share techniques, knowledge, schedules, work plans
3. Speak out, speak up, ask questions
4. Use the log sheets faithfully and creatively
5. Involve community representatives more directly
6. Screen volunteer applicants more thoroughly
7. Plan for succession (and for success!)
8. Review the project log process
9. Develop a "Projects at a Glance" system
10. Talk more about project development, design, priority and closure
11. List projects by priority and due date
12. Improve how tasks and projects are assigned and allocated
13. Improve coordination and involvement of Earth Team volunteers
14. Finish up the little stuff before starting new stuff
15. Improve office organization
16. Increase program/project visibility
17. Focus on community service/direct and immediate benefits
18. Keep up the great work, enthusiasm, and momentum!

07/03/96

file: et96.wk1

Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District/USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Earth Team Volunteer	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total
Annis, Loma									11.5				11.5
Bacziewicz, Alan									3.5				3.5
Bethel, Melanie				7.5	7								14.5
Blaszak, Tracey		3											3
Choi, Mary	7.5	10	9.5										27
Francy, Becky									8				8
Gangemi, Michael	4		12.5										16.5
Grammatikos, Vassilis									95				95
Hall, Matt								19	46.5				65.5
Jurkowski, Mike								4.5	18				22.5
Kelly, Christine							8						8
Kennedy, Chris	10.75	42.5	24.5	55.25	28	56							217
Koch, Brian									7				7
Koller, Kathleen						14	14						28
Madsen, Jay H.	55	49.5	42.5	54	60	51	61.5	54	57.5				485
Majtyka, Wendy							8						8
Matt ?						6							6
Michalek, Kim	12												12
O'Hern, Daren	2		4										6
Paul, Bryan					8								8
Perritt, Kris	23	5.5			29	17	28	12					114.5
Sault, Maryellen			16	17	18	14							65
Skeen, Brent				20		17							37
Tirone, Mark									21.5				21.5
Tomczak, Philip													0
Ung, Ly									68.5				68.5
Vanderwater, Eric									27				27
Wargo, Martin									11.5				11.5
Weiser, Justin								45					45
Total	114.25	110.5	109	153.75	150	175	119.5	89.5	247	0	0	0	1269

AMERICORPS GIS PROJECTS
East Aurora, New York
Summer/Fall 1996



GIS Support for the Fish and Wildlife Division, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

AmeriCorps is converting *updated wetland surveys and boundary delineations* to an electronic format and compiling this information and related descriptive information on a GIS. The GIS, at the NYSDEC Region 9 office, will help staff members track the status of individual wetlands, and will be more convenient than the current paper filing system.

Seneca Nation of Indians (SNI)

AmeriCorps is using a global positioning system (GPS) unit to help SNI staff locate *gas and oil wells* on the Cattaraugus, Allegany, and Oil Spring Reservations. AmeriCorps created and maintains a well map and inventory that show search status and historical records. About 300 wells, developed between 1900 and the 1930s, must be found so they can be properly closed or redeveloped.

Erie County 1:24000 Waterways Project at Buffalo State College

AmeriCorps digitized the *waterways of Erie County* and is attributing the coverage with stream name, size (continuous or intermittent), and classification information. AmeriCorps uses this project to train Buffalo State College geography and geology students to use PCArcInfo GIS software.

United Way of Buffalo and Erie County

AmeriCorps trains United Way staff to use their ArcView GIS software. AmeriCorps and United Way use a GIS to analyze U.S. Census Bureau and other data, map the *accessibility and types of social services* in Buffalo and Erie County, and identify and address community social services needs. AmeriCorps has assisted with presentations to State and local government officials, citizen groups, and social services

agencies. Projects include mapping *fund-raising boundaries*, mapping *bicycle routes*, creating *databases of census data*, *area Scout groups* and *United Way affiliated agencies*, and mapping the *1996 Olympic Torch relay route* through Buffalo.

GIS Support for U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Niagara and Orleans County Soil & Water Conservation Districts

AmeriCorps is helping Fish & Wildlife Service biologists and Soil & Water Conservation District staff use ARC/INFO GIS software to support an Atlantic salmon reintroduction project in Johnson and Jeddo Creeks. AmeriCorps is digitizing the *waterways and tax parcels* that lie within the creeks' watershed. Eventually all information related to this project will be in a GIS for modeling and data management.

Map Buffalo Project

AmeriCorps is completing detailed *field surveys of homes, buildings, and land in the lower west side of Buffalo*. This project involves approximately 400 parcels and supports the Lower West Side Development Corporation's plans to improve the neighborhood.

GIS Support at the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning

AmeriCorps uses the ARC/INFO work station at Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP). Projects include digitizing *election wards* and *transportation analysis zones* in Buffalo, and Erie County *legislative, assembly, congressional, and senatorial districts*.

Soil Map Recompile and Digitizing Projects

AmeriCorps is using LineTrace Plus software to edit recompiled and scanned *detailed soil and drainage maps* within the Tonawanda Creek watershed. This project supports the Niagara Frontier Wetlands Initiative. AmeriCorps will be using GRASS GIS software to digitize detailed recompiled soils maps in the Town of Eden.

Many projects and data sharing activities have been completed and more are planned to support local community planning, resource protection, public education and conservation efforts throughout Erie County and adjacent areas.

Additional projects include:

- Western New York Waterfall Survey
- Surficial and Bedrock Geology (from New York State Museum)
- Town of West Seneca Survey Monument Densification
- Wetland Reserve Program Sites
- Conservation Reserve Program Sites
- Seneca Nation of Indians Agricultural Tracts & Fields
- Buffalo Habitat for Humanity Project Sites
- USGS Stream Gauging Stations & Flow Records
- Cazenovia Creek Drainage Basin Unregulated Discharges
- Aerial Photography Computerized Indexing System
- Tax Parcels and Special District Mapping for City of Tonawanda, Towns of Holland, Wales, Sardinia, Collins and North Collins
- Watershed Boundaries of Western New York
- Strawberry Island Temporal Analysis, 1934-1995
- Buffalo River Bathymetry, 1988-1994
- Southern Tier Emergency Watershed Projection Assistance
- Town of Amherst Floodplains
- Town of Amherst Land Use
- Agricultural Census Records

For more information contact:

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Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District
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File Code: AmeriCorps

To: Mr. Lou Trapani
Executive Director
New York Commission on National & Community Service
Executive Chamber - State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

File

From: John Whitney, District Conservationist

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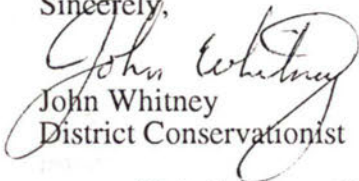
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State Program Director
6 World Trade Center, #758
New York, New York 10048-0206

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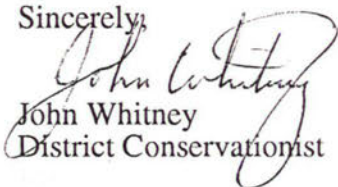
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To: Mr. Ronald Blackburn-Marano
Aspira Association, Inc.
1112 16th street, N. W. Suite 340
Washington, D. C. 20036

From: John Whitney, District Conservationist

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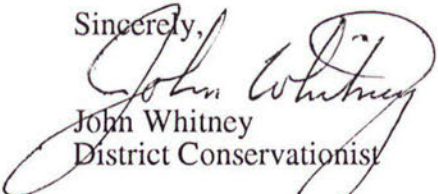
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Date: August 16, 1994 File Code: AmeriCorps
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Local Initiatives Support Corporation
733 3rd Avenue
New York, New York 10017
From: John Whitney, District Conservationist
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37 Temple Place
Boston, MA 02111

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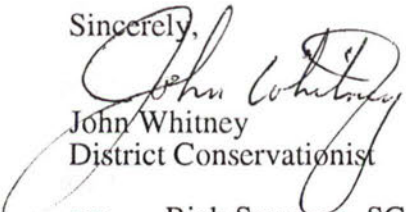
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To: Pedro Gonzalez
I Have a Dream Foundation
330 Seventh Avenue
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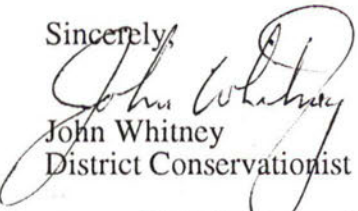
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1757 Park Road, NW
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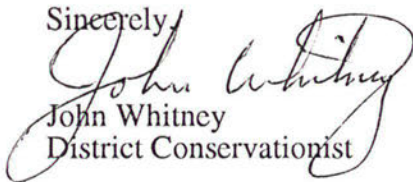
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If you have a minute please give me a call, perhaps to schedule a time to have a more extended conversation. The best times to reach me are early mornings (7:30-8:30) and late afternoons (4:30-5:00). You can also leave a voice mail message by calling 1-800-384-USDA box 655-1230. In the event that I don't hear from you, I will likely phone you sometime during the week of August 22.

For your information I have enclosed a brief project description. I look forward to our conversation and to an exciting experience with AmeriCorps.

Sincerely,



John Whitney
District Conservationist

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Bob Hartrick, SCS Area Conservationist
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Paula Jones, SCS National Headquarters

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