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RENEWAL FY 96 NRCS AMERICORPS APPLICATION
SITE INFORMATION

1. TITLE PAGE

A) Title of Project: Clinch-Powell Specialty
Recreation and Tourism
Initiative

B) Name or Organization: Clinch-Powell RC & D Council

C) Team Type: Rural Development Team

D) State of Duty Station: Tennessee

E) County of Duty Station: Grainger

F) Names of counties: Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock,
Hawkins, Union

G) Congressional District: #1 and #4

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L) Number of Members in PL&E: zero (0)

M) Number of Members in RDT: three (3)

2. SUMMARY PAGE

A. Specific accomplishments that were achieved in the first two quarters of the project in meeting community service objectives are as follows:

Established the first tourism advisory body in the Clinch-Powell Region for the purpose of directing strategic planning and tourist development in the area..Began an community based initiative in Hancock County to provide technical assistance and "hands-on" service in the establishment and renovation of a county museum.

Facilitated seven (7) town meetings in the five (5) county area to explain the role of the AmeriCorps National Service Program and provide community input into the tourism planning process.

Outlined the needs and strategies for the creation of a sustainable nature-based tourism and specialty recreation tourism initiative..

Published the first tourism newsletter for the Clinch-Powell Region..

Provided direct marketing and promotional assistance to the Grainger County Tomato Festival.

Conducted the first regional historical and genealogical meeting and seminar..

Completed a comprehensive tourism resource inventory for the Clinch-Powell Region.

Drafted a plan for the development of the Tennessee Wilderness Road and established Wilderness Road Steering Committee.

Other accomplishments too numerous to list (see second quarter evaluation).

Project members improved personal and professional skills through the following training sponsored by the NRCS: Total Quality Management Training, Grant Writing Workshop, Facilitator Training, Problem Resolution Training, Media Workshop and Civil Rights Training.

B. The FY 1996 Americorps Rural Development Team will move from an assessment and planning capacity to that of Phase II-implementation. The team will specifically address economic, environmental and cultural needs by completing the following community service projects:

Identify, through partnerships with the Tennessee Bicentennial, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, and the local county historical societies, the route and interpretive signage for the Tennessee Wilderness Road.

Identify, map and develop a regional arts and crafts heritage shopping driving tour.

Develop at least three low- or no- cost regional educational seminars on tourism-related topics targeting small businesses and local community groups.

To develop and implement three (3) self-guided driving tours in the Clinch-Powell region as the initial components of a

specialty recreation and ecotourism industry. The three tours will focus on a combination of natural, cultural and historical resources and will generate additional tourism revenues for the region.

Provide technical assistance to local governments, individuals, community organizations and private businesses for community related tourism projects. Technical assistance will include, but not be limited to, the following: grantwriting, easement acquisitions, project planning and coordination, resource identification and community tourism resource database management. Members will continue to provide technical assistance for the following projects that began in FY95: the Hancock County Jail restoration/Museum Project, maintenance and expansion of the Community Tourism Resource Database, and campsite/canoe access site development on the Clinch and Powell Rivers.

Americorps Project Renewal Application

Clinch-Powell Specialty Recreation and Tourism Initiative

Community Service Objectives for FY96

OBJECTIVE ONE

Grantee: Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation and Development Council

Site: Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins and Union Counties, Tennessee

Site Supervisor: Melinda Turner Phone number: (615) 828-5927

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Identify, through partnerships with the Tennessee Bicentennial, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, and the local county historical societies, the route and interpretive signage for the Tennessee Wilderness Road.

1. What work will be done?

What service activities will your participants engage in?

Members will work in collaboration with the above agencies to identify and map the geographic route for the Wilderness Road. Activities will include writing interpretive literature and signage for historically significant sites along the tour.

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

The desired result will be a map of the Tennessee Wilderness Road and an informational brochure published by the Tennessee Bicentennial with a regional and site specific interpretive literature.

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

The route and literature will meet state standards and approval by the State of Tennessee Department of Tourism Development.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

A 25 miles route will be developed.

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

All local businesses and tourism-related establishments along the route and the entire population of the region through the addition of new attractions and promotional literature. Related benefits will be an expanded tax base and a regional interpretive history of the area.

Community Service Objectives for FY96
OBJECTIVE TWO

Grantee: Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation and Development Council
Site: Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins and Union Counties, Tennessee
Site Supervisor: Melinda Turner Phone number: (615) 828-5927

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Identify, map and develop a regional arts and crafts heritage shopping driving tour. This regional self-guided tour will identify local artisans and craft persons and categorize them by product. Informational material will include descriptions of the artisan, original methods of manufacturing, and individual product explanations, for items such as quilts, honey/foodstuffs, and woodcrafts. Hours of operation, specific map location, and other pertinent information will be included in the material. This information will be published as a brochure or informational booklet and financed through partnerships with local artisans and the Tennessee Arts Council. The material will be distributed by the Tennessee Arts Council and the regional state tourism councils.

1. What work will be done?

What service activities will your participants engage in?

Members will work with residents involved in production of crafts and other products of local heritage to determine hours open to public, location, description of product and other related information. In addition, members will work with the Tennessee Arts Council to assist in the periodic production of an informational brochure spotlighting target artisans.

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

The desired result will be a guide and driving tour to regional crafts and other home products which will be an additional tourism attraction associated with the Tennessee Wilderness Road.

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

Quality will be measured by approval of the guide by the Tennessee Arts Council.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Success of this objective will be gauged by the number of guides distributed to the public by Middle East and Northeast Tennessee Tourism Councils and the number of visitors to local artisans.

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

Tourists to the area, and approximately twelve (12) spotlighted artisans.

OBJECTIVE FOUR

Grantee: Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation and Development Council

Site: Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins and Union Counties, Tennessee

Site Supervisor: Melinda Turner Phone number: (615) 828-5927

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: To develop and implement three (3) self-guided driving tours in the Clinch-Powell region as the initial components of a specialty recreation and ecotourism industry. The three tours will focus on a combination of natural, cultural and historical resources and will generate additional tourism revenues for the region.

1. What work will be done?

What service activities will your participants engage in?

Members will identify, map and develop the following tours:

- A. A self-guided ecotour focusing on a combination of themes including history, geology, caves, unique plant and animal life, rivers, lakes, and rural lifeways.
- B. A self-guided ecotour focusing on the fall foliage of the region.
- C. A self-guided photography tour concentrating on scenic overlooks, natural and cultural resources.

Members will also design interpretive guide maps to accompany each driving tour and prepare grant proposals to be funded. The resulting guides will be marketed and distributed by the Northeast Tennessee Tourism Council and the Middle East Tennessee Tourism Council.

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

People will use the guide maps and tours.

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

- A. The number of driving tours created as evidenced by the publication of interpretive guide maps approved by regional tourism agencies.
- B. Approval of prepared grants.
- C. Written evaluations from tourists and regional ecotourism professionals.

4. By what standard will you gauge your success?

Success will be gauged by the following:

- A. The development and finding of two (2) ecologically-themed driving tours with interpretive guide maps.
- B. At least three (3) of the five (5) counties are included in the driving tours.

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

Entrepreneurs located within the communities and along the driving routes established will directly benefit through increased sales/services to visitors to the region. As the tours have not yet been established it would be difficult to estimate the exact numbers of individuals receiving benefits. Last, tourists to the region will benefit from available listings of the region's nature-based resources.

EXAS

1. TITLE PAGE:

- a) Title of Project: Shoreline Erosion Control and Wetland Restoration.
- b) Name of Organization: USDA/NRCS
- c) Team Type (PL&E or RDT, or combined): PL&E
- d) State of Duty Station of AmeriCorps Members:
- e) County of duty Station of AmeriCorps Members: Harris
- f) Names of counties served by Members (up to 15 counties):
Harris, Chambers, Galveston
- g) Congressional District of duty station of the Members: 9, 22
- h) Name of site supervisor (at the local or county level):
Eddie Seidensticker
- .) Address, phone number, and fax number of site supervisor:
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- j) Name of state project manager: Mark R. Freeman
- k) Address, phone number, and fax number of state project manager: 101 South Main Street, Temple, Texas 76501,
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- l) Number of Members in Public Lands and Environment Teams: ~~208~~
- m) Number of members in Rural Development Teams: 0 2

TEXAS - COASTAL SHORELINE EROSION CONTROL PROJECT

SUMMARY PAGE:

A. *Exactly what specific accomplishments were achieved in the first half year of the project in meeting the community service objectives and boosting the personal development of the Members?*

During the first half a year fifty percent of the community service objectives were met. They are:

Harvested, threshed, germinated and planted over fifty pounds of smooth cordgrass seeds, resulting in over 100,000 individual plants.

Collected and germinated over 800 mangrove plants to be used in marsh creation.

Assisted the Red Cross in flood relief efforts in the Houston area.

Planted 4,000 trees on federal lands.

Recycled 2,500 Christmas trees and used them in marsh creation projects.

Cultivation of three species of seagrass.

Members also have received a holistic environmental education.

Members have also achieved many personal goals, such as opening bank accounts for the first time, working towards GED's, and applying to college.

B. *The key elements of the program design for next year. Specifically describe each new service project performed by the members. Describe any major changes in management structure or partner organizations.*

Ten AmeriCorps members will assist a resource conservationist and a biologist in the cultivation of wetland plants. There is no local source for these plants in Texas. Members will not only grow the plants, but will prepare site restoration plans, and compile a manual for marsh plant cultivation and planting for the Texas Gulf Coast. Members will instruct local marsh managers in planting and cultivation techniques. Members will create or restore approximately ten acres of salt marsh for bird and fisheries habitat, improved water quality, and erosion and storm protection.

Team will do habitat creation and shoreline protection at Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge in Chambers County, at Audubon's Bird Island in Calhoun County, at the Texas Parks & Wildlife's San Jacinto Battlefield Park in

er Park, at the Armand Bayou Nature Center in Pasadena and at the Trinity
avigation District's Trinity River Delta in Chambers County.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

SITE: Texas

SITE SUPERVISOR: Eddie Seidensticker

COUNTY: Harris

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT: Propagate plants for use in salt marshes

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

This project will develop large scale cultivation methodology of a variety of salt marsh plants and provide containerized salt marsh plants to be used for habitat restoration/creation by federal state and local agencies. This project will adapt techniques used successfully elsewhere, to the conditions found on the Texas Coast. The plants cultivated will be used in the Galveston Bay system and the Upper Texas Coast.

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

Adapt existing salt marsh plant cultivation methods to conditions found on the Gulf Coast. Protect threatened natural marshes from the pressure of providing plant ambrosial for current marsh restoration projects.

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

By the number of plantings produced.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Six different species will be cultivated and plants will be developed to cover 25,000 linear feet of coast line.

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

Thirty marsh managers, forty private home owners, five non-profit organizations and seven government agencies.

CORPORATION FOR REGIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 2

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Texas
Coastal Shoreline Erosion (10 Members - 8PL&E/2RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: EDDIE SEIDENSTICKER **PHONE NO.:** 713 383-4285 **COUNTY:** Harris

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Restore and protect the Texas coastline from erosion.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

The salt marsh plants cultivated will be utilized by marsh restoration/creation projects in the Galveston Bay system and the Upper Texas Coast.

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

Create or restore approximately ten acres of salt marsh for bird and fisheries habitat, improved water quality, and erosion and storm protection.

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

The amount of square feet of marsh restored with a goal of 2,500 linear feet.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

The amount of square feet of shoreline protected from erosion. A minimum of 10% of the area will be planted with erosion control methods.

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

Thirty marsh managers, forty private home owners, five non-profit organizations, seven federal/state/local regulating agencies.

VERMONT

TITLE PAGE:

- A. Title of Project:
- B. Name of Organization:
- C. Team Type:
- D. State of Duty Station:
- E. County of Duty station:
- F. Names of counties served:

- G. Congressional District:
- H) Name of site supervisor:
- I) Address, phone and fax number:

- J) Name of state project director:
- K) Address, phone and fax number:

- L) Number of Members in PL&E:
- M) Number of members in RDT:

VERMONT FIRE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TEAM
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VERMONT - DRY FIRE HYDRANT PROJECT

SUMMARY PAGE:

A. *Exactly what specific accomplishments were achieved in the first half year of the project in meeting the community service objectives and boosting the personal development of the Members?*

Vermont Fire Technical Support Team (VFTST) accomplishments through March 31, 1995.

Progress toward meeting our objectives are as follows:

Objective 1. To have 40 fire departments understand water supply needs and management principles. The Team is currently working with 70 towns.

Objective 2. To develop innovative fire protection water management plans with 15 communities. The team is currently surveying sites, collecting data and assembling plans for 20 communities.

Objective 3. To assist 40 communities develop marketing strategies and potential funding sources. The Team is assisting in development of a Community Development Block Grant for 40 communities in Vermont.

Objective 4. To improve communications among fire departments; regulatory agencies and others in emergency services. March 13, 1995 - VFTST held Vermont's First Fire Summit at the State House in Montpelier. It was sponsored by Congressman Bernard Sanders, Senators Patrick Leahy and James Jeffords. One hundred and fifty persons in Fire Service, the Fire Insurance Industry, USDA-Forest Service, Emergency Management and others were together to discuss and formulate ways to meet and solve Vermont's rural fire suppression needs.

The Team is in the process of putting together Vermont's first Fire Department/Mutual Aid System/Rescue/Hazardous Materials-Emergency Management Directory.

April 20, 1995 - VFTST will be meeting with Natural Resource Regulators (State & Federal) to make sure the Dry Hydrant Program is understood fully, so that any needed permits for installations can be made easily and quickly by Towns.

The Team is aiding the authors of the "Green Mountain Responder" (Vermont's Fire Service Newsletter), to increase its coverage and its interest throughout the state.

Primary Accomplishments of the Team include:

- * Contacting and beginning to work with 70 fire departments/communities
- * Completed "Procedure Manual" for future Teams
- * Organized job tasks; developed forms, brochures, business cards, information packets, map diagrams, engineering drawings, performed research and site surveys.
- * Actively marketing Vermont Fire Technical Support Team and dry hydrant program through the multi-media
- * Have participated in 40 individual initial meetings with fire departments/communities to start the program with those Towns
- * Had introductory meetings with three Mutual Aid Systems, involving approximately 65 Fire Departments
- * Provided Dry Hydrant Engineering/Surveying instruction to Fire Department Mutual Aid Systems
- * The Team is an active participant with the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, the Northern Vermont and the George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Councils

Personal development of the Team members has been mostly through individual and team activities and training. The Team established the following principles/values to guide their work.

Members have had training in:

- Working In Teams
- Wetland Delineation
- Auto-CAD
- Surveying
- Firefighting Techniques
- Fire Suppression Ratings
- Total Quality Management
- Problem Solving
- CPR

B. The key elements of the program design for next year. Specifically describe each new service project performed by the members. Describe any major changes in management structure or partner organizations.

No major changes are planned in the management structure in 1996. The Initiative will be strengthening partnerships with the Vermont State Firefighters Association, Coalition of Vermont Emergency Services and others. The policy guidance and oversight will continue to be provided by the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Councils and the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force.

The key elements of the 1996 program include:

- A. To have 60 rural fire departments in Vermont fully understand fire protection water supply needs and management principles.
- B. To develop innovative fire prevention water supply plans with 25 communities.
- C. To assist 40 fire departments/communities develop marketing and or funding strategies.
- D. To improve communication within Vermont fire service and publish 4 issues of a newsletter.
- E. To enhance the understanding of diverse interests so they will support improved fire service capabilities.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 2

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Vermont
 Dry Fire Hydrant (3 Members - RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Dennis Borchardt **PHONE:** (802) 728-9526 **COUNTY:** Orange

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Engage community leaders to understand fire protection water needs and install withdrawal facilities. Understanding fire protection water supply capacity needs, technical design and standards for withdrawal facilities and installation assistance for improvements.

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1. **What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?**
In-depth analysis of water capacity needed for proper fire suppression, site locations and assessments for plan, detailed designs and construction assistance.
 2. **What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?**
Installation of water withdrawal facilities that meet the long-term needs of the community.
 3. **How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?**
National Fire Prevention Association and Natural Resources Conservation Service Standards and specification for supplies and designs.
 4. **By what standard will you gauge success?**
To have 60 rural communities under water management needs and install improvements in 20 communities.
 5. **How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?**
Residents in 60 towns in Vermont. Estimated at 70,000.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 3

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Vermont
 Dry Fire Hydrant (3 Members - RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Dennis Borchardt **PHONE:** (802) 728-9526 **COUNTY:** Orange

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Explain to the community how to use their fire protection water management plan as a marketing tool. Develop skills and strategies of communities for fund raising. Improve emergency services recruitment strategies. Enhance communication skills and networks within and among communities.

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- 1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?**
Explain how to use their fire protection water management plan as a marketing tool. Meetings with individual community teams on marketing. Development of funding strategies with towns. Collaborating with others on a state-wide emergency services newsletter.
 - 2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?**
More volunteers for local fire departments. Additional funds for enhancing the capabilities. Increased sense of security and safety. Reduced losses of property and lives. Potential reduction in insurance rates for property owners.
 - 3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?**
Monitor the satisfaction of our clients/communities. Feedback from the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force.
 - 4. By what standard will you gauge success?**
Publish four (4) issues of a newsletter. Hold meetings with 40 communities. Increased media coverage of fire protection/prevention issues.
 - 5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?**
Residents of 40 communities in Vermont. Estimated at 50,000.

VERMONT

TITLE PAGE:

A. Title of Project: Winooski River Ecosystem Technology
B. Name of Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture, NRCS
C. Team Type: RDT
D. State of Duty Station: Williston, Vermont
E. County of Duty Station: Chittenden
F. Names of counties served: Chittenden, Washington, Caledonia,
Rutland, Orange, Windsor, Lamoille,
Franklin, Windham and Addison.

G. Congressional District: VT-AL
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J: Name of State Project Director: Judith Doerner, ASTC
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L. Number of Members in PL&E: 0
M. Number of Members in RDT: 2

VERMONT - WINOOSKI PROJECT

SUMMARY PAGE:

A. *Exactly what specific accomplishments were achieved in the first half year of the project in meeting the community service objectives and boosting the personal development of the Members?*

The two Members have investigated all the stream bank protection measure sites on the Winooski River installed in the demonstration project VT-1 of 1937 and seventy four of the ninety four 'upland' sites. The stream bank sites were located on state orthophotos, sediment deposition measured, digitized the sites into the state Geographic Information System and interviewed 20% of the living landowners living at the time of the project. The upland sites were investigated for wildlife habitat, organic layer build up, arboreal succession, and vegetative health. The members have worked with the US Forest Service, Winooski River Watch, Winooski Watershed Association, Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Vermont Department of Fisheries, Vermont Department of Forests and Parks and the University of Vermont, School of Natural Resources. Heather Short, our Stream Morphologist, has had training in the Unified Soil Classification System and the experience has changed her short term goals into getting her masters in geology. Jim Ryan, our Landscape Ecologist, has had the opportunity to hone his skills in Natural Resources with practical applications and helped him to decide to apply for graduate school. Together, they have had the opportunity to speak in front of various groups and individuals, including our US senators, about the project many times which allowed them to develop their public speaking skills and gain confidence within themselves. Technically their combined growth includes knowledge in surveying, Global Positioning System use, using Geographic Information System on computer, photo interpretation, typing, aging and contextual characterization of riparian and upland shrubs and trees, fishery habitat analysis, sediment deposition/transport behavior, wildlife habitat analysis and conservation treatments.

B. *The key elements of the program design for next year. Specifically describe each new service project performed by the members. Describe any major changes in management structure or partner organizations.*

1) Plan and implement the protection of the original Winooski River project measures whose integrity is currently threatened.

- 2) Continue the outreach and education of the successes on the Winooski Project by working with the University of Vermont and the Department of Forests and Parks to create an outdoor demonstration, curriculum and educational center on the river to further the knowledge of the use of low input measures.
- 3) Develop a guide for use by Federal, State, and local agencies in Vermont with possible application through out the northeast based on the successes of the installed measures.
- 4) Document, through field investigation, the techniques in bioengineering utilized on other streams and rivers in the State completed by the SCS/NRCS and other Federal and State agencies.

**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 4**

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Vermont
 Winooski Project (2 Members - RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Norman S. Smith **PHONE:** (802) 878-7402 **COUNTY:** Chittenden

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Enhance the water quality of the river systems in Vermont by providing low input methods of stream bank stabilization for preventing erosion.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Develop revisions to the NRCS's Design Standards to promote greater use and flexibility in the use of low input measures to prevent soil erosion.

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

Improvement in the water quality in the rivers in Vermont by reducing excess sediment transport.

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

We will work with our partners: US Forest Service, University of Vermont, the Vermont Department of natural Resources and the Vermont Agency of Transportation, to measure and maintain the quality of work proposed.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

The installation of three low input stream bank protection measures throughout the state.

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

The population of the State of Vermont by being able to use and enjoy enhanced water quality.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 5

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Vermont
 Winooski Project (2 Members - RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Norman S. Smith **PHONE:** (802) 878-7402 **COUNTY:** Chittenden

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Work with our partners to extend the research throughout the State in the installation of low input measures.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Document installation of other low input measures in the State of Vermont.

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

1) Further the knowledge of low input measures protecting the land base and; 2) judge the impacts on the ecosystem of these previously installed measures.

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

We will work with our partners: US Forest Service, University of Vermont, the Vermont Department of natural Resources and the Vermont Agency of Transportation, to measure and maintain the quality of work proposed.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

The development of a guide, based on the success of the measures installed by the NRCS on the Middlebury River, White River, etc. and by the installations by others.

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

The development of the guide is to be used by Federal, State, and local agencies throughout Vermont and possible application throughout the northeast. The population is therefore hard to estimate.

VIRGINIA - Keysville Team

TITLE PAGE:

A. Title of Project: Keysville Team
B: Name of Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture, NRCS
C. Team Type: RDT
D. State of Duty Station: Virginia
Forestry
Piankatank Watershed
E. County of Duty Station: Essex
F. Names of counties served: Essex, Gloucester, King&Queen, King
William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex,
Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland
G. Congressional District: 1, 2, 3
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Sugarland Run Watershed
E. County of Duty Station: Fairfax
F. Names of counties served: Fairfax and Loudoun
G. Congressional District: 8, 10, 11
H. Name of Site Supervisor: Barry D. Harris
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Tourism Marketing
Landscape
E. County of Duty Station: Prince Edward
F. Names of counties served: Brunswick, Nottoway, Amelia,
Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, Prince Edward,
Charlotte, Halifax, Buckingham, and C
Cumberland

G. Congressional District: 5
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L. Number of Members in PL&E: 0
M. Number of Members in RDT: 15

VIRGINIA - KEYSVILLE TEAM

SUMMARY PAGE:

A. Exactly what specific accomplishments were achieved in the first half year of the project in meeting the community service objectives and boosting the personal development of the Members?

Established GIS system to provide tabular and spatial data to decision makers and resource managers; prepared resource maps for four projects--dry fire hydrant installation, farmers market, shellfish condemnation, and RC&D resource assessment. General Assembly approved funding for dry hydrants based on GIS information.

Developed forestry marketing plan to improve use of forest resources; conducted two forest management workshops for woodland owners; assisted schools with establishing outdoor classroom and presentations to students.

Prepared landscape design for six miles of abandoned railroad converted to trail for hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding; prepared landscape designs for four South Boston recreational parks.

Collected data on historical, cultural, and natural resources; developed display and educational programs for visitors' center; catalogued historical photos.

Personal Development: Approximately 500 hours of member development completed - training in safety, CPR, marketing, computers, and watersheds.

B. The key elements of the program design for next year. Specifically describe each new service project performed by the members. Describe any major changes in management structure or partner organizations.

GIS efforts expanded to provide water quality data to Alliance for Chesapeake Bay and others to track progress and identify resource needs; organize and plan workshops on watershed management for residents of Piankatank watershed; develop education program to reduce pollution from boaters; conduct survey and other outreach activities to measure increase in public awareness of nonpoint source pollution.

Reduce erosion and improve habitat along streams that drain to the Potomac River; work with ten forest industries to implement thinnings; coordinate technical help for two Chesapeake Bay watersheds.

Collect resource information from agencies, water quality monitoring, and streamwalks to identify watershed needs on more than ten stream reaches; implement stream clean-ups, vegetative plantings, and streambank restoration along streams and tributaries; coordinate public meetings, presentations, and technical assistance projects for watershed coalition; develop news releases, newsletter articles and educational workshops on nonpoint source pollution, and watershed management activities.

Complete recreation plan for Southern Virginia Rails to Trails project: open visitors' center at Historic Staunton River Battlefield Park; prepare three site plans for municipal industrial parks; implement landscape design for four recreational parks.

Develop forest stewardship course and curriculum for community college; create network of local businesses to promote use of parks and trails.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 2

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Keysville, Virginia
Keysville Team - Tourism Marketing Specialist (1 Member - RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Ray Dorsett **PHONE:** (804) 736-8403 **COUNTY:** Prince Edward

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Increase tourism and business opportunities through improved marketing of region's resources.

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- 1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?**
Develop marketing plan for Virginia Retreat; present economic data to small businesses; provide host training; and form local communities and information network.
 - 2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?**
Increase tourism 10%; recruit 5 businesses to join marketing effort; and increase awareness of natural and historic resources.
 - 3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?**
Committee review of marketing plan; participant's training evaluations; and amount of support from local businesses.
 - 4. By what standard will you gauge success?**
Number of business contacts; sign-ups for host training and requests for Virginia Retreat materials; 10% increase in visitors who sign "visitors logs" and who pass through the parking gate.
 - 5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?**
5 small businesses and 90,000 residents in 7 county area.

**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 3**

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Tappahannock, Virginia
Keysville Team - Forestry Specialist (1 Member - RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Patricia Tyrrell **PHONE:** (804) 443-1118 **COUNTY:** Essex

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Increase stewardship of forest resources for sustained use
in RC&D area.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Contact 10 local forest industries to promote use of thinnings to improve resource base;
develop forest stewardship course and prepare curriculum guide for use at community college;
conduct workshops on forest management; provide educational materials to schools.

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

Increase of 20% of local forest industries will use thinnings to improve resource base; provide
collage level training; increase public awareness of forest management.

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

NRCS/FS practice standards; teacher review of forest curriculum and participant evaluations of
workshops.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Number of industry contacts; requests for education materials and workshop evaluations.

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

Woodland owners in 10 county area; students enrolled in local community college and schools and
educators in RC&D area.

**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 4**

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Keysville, Virginia
Keysville Team - Watershed Coordinator (1 Member - RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Barry D. Harris **PHONE:** (703) 324-1460 **COUNTY:** Fairfax

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: To protect, restore and enhance the natural, historical educational, economic and recreational resources of Sugarland Run watershed.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Implement stream clean-ups, vegetative plantings, & streambank restoration; coordinate public meetings, presentation & technical assistance projects; develop news releases, newsletter articles and educational workshops; collect resource information from agencies, water quality monitoring, and streamwakes to identify watershed needs on more than 10 stream reaches.

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

Reduce erosion rates along streambanks; improve wildlife habitat along greenway; increase citizen participation in watershed management and improve public awareness of natural resource needs. 3,000 feet of streambank stabilized.

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

NRCS standards and soil loss projections; biological indicators; judgment of biologist/environmental planner for Northern Virginia Urban Assistance Project and participant evaluation of workshops.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Number of restoration projects completed; number of articles, newsletters, requests for resource data/presentations and quality and number of workshops.

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

25,000-30,000 residents of watershed and 5,000 non-resident park visitors.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

SITE: Tappahannock, Virginia

SITE SUPERVISOR: Patricia Tyrrell

COUNTY: Essex

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Improve water quality in Piankatank watershed and reduce nonpoint sources of pollution to the Chesapeake Bay.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Help organize and plan workshops on watershed management; develop an education program to reduce pollution from boaters; provide water quality data to Alliance for Chesapeake Bay and others to track progress and identify resource needs.

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

Increased citizen participation on watershed committees and improved data for local watershed management decision making and to plan outreach activities with the ultimate goal of improved water quality.

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

Conduct a citizen survey; pre and post test to measure an increase in awareness resulting from workshops.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

300 boaters contacted and surveyed; 20 workshops presented.

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

8,420 watershed residents; non-resident boaters and recreationists and watershed committee.

VIRGINIA - New River Highland Team

TITLE PAGE:

A. Title of Project: New River Highland Team
B. Name of Organization: U.S. Department of Agriculture, NRCS
C. Team Type: RDT
D. State of Duty Station: Virginia

E. County of Duty Station: Watershed Restoration
F. Names of counties served: Parks & Recreation Specialist
Smyth & Wythe
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M. Number of Members in RDT: 3

VIRGINIA - NEW RIVERS HIGHLAND TEAM

SUMMARY PAGE:

A. Exactly what specific accomplishments were achieved in the first half year of the project in meeting the community service objectives and boosting the personal development of the Members?

Students and volunteers recruited to clean up trail; trees identified and information researched for learning guide; map of entire trail completed showing trail sections and connecting passages along town streets; kiosk designs prepared.

Worked with numerous citizens' committees to provide information on conservation measures, including Middle Fork Holston, Chestnut Creek, and Little Reed Creek. Worked with teachers and students to teach about conservation. News articles written and published on water quality activities in high priority watersheds.

Personal Development: Approximately 500 hours of member development completed - training in safety, CPR, marketing, computers, watersheds, and timber cruising.

B. The key elements of the program design for next year. Specifically describe each new service project performed by the members. Describe any major changes in management structure or partner organizations.

Construction and installation of kiosks; compilation, technical review, and printing of learning guide and interpretive trail brochure; complete markers and plaques for three miles of trail.

More citizens involved in cleanups; increased resource protection on demo sites; more networking. Complete database for watershed groups and RC&D committees; publish newsletters and updates for residents; presentations to local officials, watershed groups, etc. on water quality needs.

Work with watershed groups to plan and implement BMP's to protect water quality. Improved watershed protection and increased public awareness.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 6

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Wytheville, Virginia
New River Highlands Team - Parks & Recreation Specialist (1 Member - RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Gary Boring **PHONE:** (703) 228-2879 **COUNTY:** Smyth

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Complete establishment of outdoor lab & learning trail for Smyth County School System using Marion Greenway as the site.

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- 1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?**
Recruit volunteers to clear brush & vegetate critical areas along 1 mile of trail. Identify & mark 40 trees along 3 1/2 miles of trails. Prepare self-guided tour brochure for trail; complete teachers' guide for outdoor classroom; implement Adopt-A-Watershed Program with Marion High School & Middle Fork Holston Committee.
 - 2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?**
Increase use of Marion Greenway & Riverwalk; provide educational lab for students; improve understanding of need for watershed management.
 - 3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?**
Teachers review of guides and lab; NRCS standards & specifications for trail, FS review of tree guide and markings.
 - 4. By what standard will you gauge success?**
Number of teachers & students using lab, number of requests for guides and number of individuals using trail.
 - 5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?**
Approximately 6,500 residents of town of Marion, 20 elementary & secondary schools and approximately 200 trail users per day.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 7

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Wytheville, Virginia
New River Highlands Team - Watershed Coordinator (1 Member - RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Gary Boring **PHONE:** (703) 228-2879 **COUNTY:** With

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Increase public awareness of water quality needs and watershed management activities.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Work with citizen groups on water quality activities in 6 high priority watersheds; make presentations explaining need for watershed management to schools & civic groups; develop network of local citizens to address water quality issues and implement water quality demonstration project or awareness event in each high priority watershed.

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

More citizens involved in clean-ups and demos; increase resource protection on demo sites and increased networking.

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

Citizen evaluation of events and NRCS review.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Number of participants in demos & events; number of groups contacted and requests for presentations.

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

10,000 residents or 10% of media circulation; 120 individuals directly involved in events and 250 reached through presentations.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 8

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** Wytheville, Virginia
New River Highlands Team - Water Quality Specialist (1 Member - RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Gary Boring **PHONE:** (703) 228-2879 **COUNTY:** Russell

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Improve water quality in high priority watersheds through watershed management activities.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Work with landusers to implement water quality BMP's by providing resource data and maps prepared by the members for the Copper & Cedar Creek watersheds; identify location of existing BMP's & tabulate miles of unfenced pasture along creeks & tributaries; provide steering committee with estimate of financial resources needed for 100% of landowners to implement needed BMP's and

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

Reduce erosion rates by 20% in critical areas; increase resource information for better land use decision making and increased installation of BMP's.

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

NRCS erosion reduction standards; steering committee to evaluate data and NRCS standards for BMP's.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Quality of data compiled; number & quality of maps prepared and number of contacts with landusers with 10% installing BMP's.

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

100,000 residents who depend on local streams for their water supply; 6 watershed steering committees and 40 landusers in high priority watersheds.

1. TITLE PAGE:

Title of Project: Mid-Columbia Salmon Habitat Restoration
B) Name of Organization: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
C) Team Type : Combined
D) State of Duty Station: Washington State
E) County of Duty station: Klickitat County, Yakima, and Kittitas
F) Names of counties served: Klickitat County
G) Congressional District: 4th US Congressional District
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M) Number of members in RDT: 2

2. SUMMARY PAGE - on one page provide an overview of:

- A) Exactly what specific accomplishments were achieved in the first half a year of the project in meeting the community service objectives and boosting the personal development of the Members.

Community Service

- Two and three quarter (2 3/4) miles of fence have been built through the fall and winter months. These fences have facilitated improved management on 522 acres of land immediately adjacent to streams supporting or contributing to salmon spawning habitat. Three miles of stream were benefited directly.

- 300 acres of burned-over forestland were treated to reduce soil erosion over the winter. One mile of stream was directly benefited by this action and over two miles of stream received additional benefit downstream.

- Four sediment retention dams were constructed to reduce accelerated stream bank erosion. This effected 1/2 mile of stream directly and an additional one mile of stream benefited downstream as a result.

One quarter mile of river was benefited by the planting of 400 cottonwood saplings and 200 pine tree seedlings in conjunction with the Yakima Indian Nation's off-reservation fisheries program. The project was completed in a joint effort with the tribe's "Salmon Corps", another AmeriCorps program administered by the US Department of Energy.

- Ten different landowners were direct recipients of AmeriCorps assistance with an estimated 5,000 people benefiting from the cleaner water that resulted.

- Fourteen community building projects were completed in cooperation with the Kllickitat County Senior Services Program, Washington State Department of Parks and the city of Goldendale. Seventy-five individuals directly benefited from AmeriCorps activities in the City of Goldendale and Kllickitat County. An estimated 10,000 people will benefit from the maintenance work done for the Washington State Parks Department (estimated visitor day to 2 state parks).

AmeriCorps Participant Development

All AmeriCorps members received the following training

- Vehicle and equipment operation and safety by NRCS
- Fisheries habitat ecology and enhancement by Washington Department of Fisheries
- Inter-agency cooperation with local, state, federal and tribal agencies
- Environmental education for schools through Project Wild
- First aid/CPR
- Natural resource career opportunities by NRCS, Mt. Hood Community College and the Washington Department of Ecology.

AmeriCorps members are responsible for planning, designing and implementing AmeriCorps team projects. ✓

AmeriCorps participants provide in-class environmental education presentations to local schools for primary through secondary grade levels. Five in-class presentations and one field trip have been put on by the AmeriCorps members. One hundred sixty teachers and students benefited from this activity.

- B) The key elements of the program design for next year. Specifically describe each new service project to be performed by the Members.
Describe any major changes in management structure or partner organizations.

The program objectives for year two will remain essentially the same as year one. They are as follows: ✓

Plan, design and install critical conservation practices that enhance salmon habitat components such as water quality, cover, food sources and adequate in-stream flows. Eight miles of stream will be improved or maintained for salmon habitat. Fifteen private landowners and 5 governmental land managing agencies will cooperate in this effort.

Involve all AmeriCorps members in all aspects of planning, design and installation of community service and community building projects. Participants will gain skills and experience in dealing actively with individuals and groups to accomplish a clear objective. All AmeriCorps members will be given an opportunity to experience leadership activities.

AmeriCorps members will accomplish community recognized and sponsored projects that normally would not be done without volunteer assistance. Projects completed will be of sufficient quality to receive letters of commendation from sponsoring organization and/or media coverage that enhances AmeriCorps visibility in the community.

Due to the problems encountered by team members in leadership roles the leadership roles will be shared. Day to day duties will be shared with the environmental team members on a rotating basis.

City of Seattle, Departments of Parks and engineering

Community centered projects planned by both of these departments focus on urban restoration activities. Following on successful past projects between Cascadia Quest crews and the city staff, the AmeriCorps ^w crews will participate in revegetation of open spaces, street tree planting and maintenance, and restoration of stream corridors and wetlands. ✓

(Process:)

The needs for this project were identified through a cooperative process involving King County Council, Metro King Count Water Quality, NRCS, King County Conservation District, and various community groups. The initial idea for a World Conservation Corps (WCC) grew out of mutual interests of Cascadia Quest, King County Council, and Metro King County Regional Water Quality Commission. The extension of the World Corps with the NRCS AmeriCorps program was initiated through conversations between NRCS, King Conservation District, and Cascadia Quest. Formal evaluations of past Cascadia Quest conservation work camps by participants, co-sponsoring agencies, and community organizations provided the foundation for the project's design. ✓

DESIGN.

Concept:

Fifteen King County youth, ages 18 to 24, will be recruited and selected to work for a total of 48 weeks over 12 months. These 15 will be joined by 5 volunteers from other countries to make up the 20 member corps. Organized in 2 crews, each with a crew leader and assistant crew leader (one of the corps members), the corps members will work in the field four nine hours a day, and participate in training four hours on the fifth day. The schedule will generally be Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., although community events and specific work projects may require flexible scheduling. The work projects will be prepared and coordinated by a work project coordinator, the training program facilitated by a Corps Member Development Coordinator, and the overall project coordination and management will be supervised, the Corps Director. ✓

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COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE
Community Service Objective 1

Grantee: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services Site: Washington
Goldendale (10 Members - 8 PL&E/2 RDT)

SITE SUPERVISOR: David Kreft PHONE: (509) 773-5823 COUNTY: Klickitat

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENT: Improve water quality for salmon habitat through assistance given to private landowners and governmental land managing agencies.

1. What work will be done?

Plan and design all project practices for the Goldendale environmental Team related to salmon habitat improvement.

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

A total of 20 landowners/managers will be assisted effecting 8 miles of stream.

3. How will you measure the quality of your work?

Natural Resources Conservation Service standards and specifications and by the judgment of other professionals we work with.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Completed projects generate a 20% increase in requests for AmeriCorps assistance over 1994/95 program year levels.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work of your Members?

Estimated 4,000 residents in and around the main streams and rivers of the project area. In addition, there is approximately 25,000 of the mid-Columbia region that will indirectly benefit from this work. ✓

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COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE
Community Service Objective 3

Grantee: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services **Site:** Washington
Goldendale (10 Members - 8 PL&E/2 RDT)

SITE SUPERVISOR: David Kreft **PHONE:** (509) 773-5823 **COUNTY:** Klickitat

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENT: Coordinate AmeriCorps Community Building activities at the Goldendale site.

1. What work will be done?

Accomplish community recognized and sponsored projects that normally would not be done without volunteer assistance.

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

Four projects will assist Klickitat County Senior Services in providing needed services to elderly residents on a referral basis. Eight projects will assist the City of Goldendale, Klickitat County, Washington Stat Parks Department and other public activities in promoting the general welfare of the community.

3. How will you measure the quality of your work?

Projects completed will meet the job specifications set forth by the sponsoring agencies.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

100% of projects completed meet job specifications. 50% of projects completed receive letters of commendatioan or enhanced media coverage.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work of your Members?

75 people will benefit from this activity. Upwards of 10,000 people will indirectly benefit through enhanced activities within the community.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE
Community Service Objective 5

Grantee: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services
Goldendale (10 Members - 8 PL&E/2 RDT)

Site: Washington

SITE SUPERVISOR: David Kreft

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COUNTY: Klickitat

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENT: Assist public land managing agencies to improve water quality for salmon habitat on public lands.

1. What work will be done?

Assistance will be given in the installation of planned and designed practices to improve salmon habitat.

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

Complete projects during the term of service that assists 4 different state and federal agencies to complete their long-term objectives, with 5 miles of stream benefited.

3. How will you measure the quality of your work?

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) standards and specifications and job specifications will be followed to complete projects. ✓

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Habitat conditions raised to levels compatible of supporting the life cycle of salmon and other associated aquatic life; standard for water quality set by NRCS and associated agencies.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work of your Members?

Based on average visitor day use of public lands, upward of 10,000 people will benefit from this activity. ✓

WEST VIRGINIA

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WEST VIRGINIA - Cultural Resource Restoration

SUMMARY PAGE:

A. *Exactly what specific accomplishments were achieved in the first half year of the project in meeting the community service objectives and boosting the personal development of the Members?*

The objective of the Cultural Resource Restoration AmeriCorps Project is to provide cultural resources protection through inventory, investigation, and documentation of archaeological and historical sites in economically depressed areas of rural West Virginia. during the first half year of the project the member has been able to inventory ten sites in ten different communities and has identified and documented six historic and four prehistoric sites. The member has provided important cultural resources protection and restoration training to 150 NRCS personnel and has developed a memorandum of understanding with the state historical preservation officer for NRCS activities. The member has provided assistance on public lands for the US Forest Service, as well as the communities of Milton and Point Pleasant, West Virginia. The member received orientation training, training on teamwork, on helping small communities to survive and on assisting small communities to develop small cities block grants and grants applications in general. In total the member has received over six weeks of formal and informal professional training during the first half year of the program.

B. *The key elements of the program design for next year. Specifically describe each new service project performed by the members. Describe any major changes in management structure or partner organizations.*

Assist the Hampshire County Historical Development Group develop and preserve an important civil war site known as the Romney Trenches. The site was an important cross roads during the retreat of the confederate forces at the end of the Civil War.

Develop the Fort Randolph historical site in Mason County into a working fort with prehistoric as well as historic exhibits as part of the site.

Assist six rural communities to develop plans to restore or conserve cultural resource sites important to their community. Work with other volunteers to maximize community involvement with the conservation efforts.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 1

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** West Virginia
 Archaeologist (1 Member - RDT)

SITE SUPERVISOR: Lynn Shutts **PHONE:** (304) 291-4152 **COUNTY:** Statewide

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Through a Rural Development Corps Member Archaeologist, provide (1) cultural resources protection by inventory, investigation and documentation of significant archaeological sites in economically depressed areas of WV. Provide (2) cultural awareness training to USDA staff and (3) archaeological investigations on service community sites

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- 1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?**
Inventory, investigation, and documentation of archaeological and historical resources and sites in rural West Virginia. Work will be state wide and will provide service to local communities during community project planning as well as to Forest Service and Park Service sites. Work will not be work otherwise performed by others and will focus on unmet historical and cultural resource needs.
 - 2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?**
Awareness and action by local residents and USDA staff of identification and protection of archaeological or historical sites during community project planning and implementation.
 - 3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?**
Number of sites identified, recorded and preserved, as appropriate. Greater awareness among USDA of significance of cultural and historical resources.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

100% of significant sites conserved and recorded. Six sites conserved/recorded.

Excellent relationships with state historic preservation officer. All NRCS staff trained in cultural/historical resource awareness. The development of a programmatic agreement with the state historic preservation officer concerning archaeological and historical preservation for local communities.

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

Six communities and over 1800 low income local rural residents will directly benefit from preservation of the sites and their local heritage. One hundred and fifty USDA staff trained and able to protect cultural and historical resources.

WEST VIRGINIA - Sustainable Agriculture

SUMMARY PAGE:

A. *Exactly what specific accomplishments were achieved in the first half year of the project in meeting the community service objectives and boosting the personal development of the Members?*

The objective of this project is to provide for an enhanced rural environment and economy through nutrient and pesticide management and wetland identification and protection that leads to a 20% reduction of nutrient and pesticide inputs and conservation of wetlands in selected rural watersheds. The project is directed toward promoting economically viable sustainability in agricultural communities and communities that are dependent upon natural resources for their livelihoods. The five members have worked to provide special assistance to landusers with in field soil nutrient testing, manure analysis, wetland and other unique natural resource identification and protection, and pesticide management to reduce excess inputs to the natural system. Over 3,000 acres have been tested and plans developed to lower or limit nutrients and pesticides applied in excess of crop production needs. The net result had been the improvement of the economic state of the individual producers assisted at an estimated net economic benefit of over \$60,000. One hundred and fifty individual producers have received direct assistance with their nutrient and pesticide management plans. Five communities have been assisted through this effort as well as an estimated 25 miles of stream water quality has been improved or impacted to some degree. The members have each received over six weeks of direct formal professional training in teamwork, community development, as well as joint training with the State Commission sub-grantees.

B. *The key elements of the program design for next year. Specifically describe each new service project performed by the members. Describe any major changes in management structure or partner organizations.*

Continued direct assistance with nutrient and pesticide management in selected watersheds of the State. Assistance to over 250 landusers and 10 communities with water quality related natural resource conservation needs. 5,000 acres of land tested and put under improved management for nutrient and pesticide use. Direct assistance to individuals and communities in economically depressed areas of the state. Continued participation in projects jointly sponsored by the State Commission and the other USDA AmeriCorps projects.

Sustainable agriculture projects and plans developed and carried out and acres of soil tested or plans for reduction of nutrients or pesticides used on farms. Conservation of wildlife habitats identified and the restoration of wetland areas.

4. By What standard will you gauge success?

7500 acres of soil tested for nutrients, and 2500 acres of nutrient management plans developed with limited resource farmers. One major sustainable agriculture project per site.

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

750 limited resource farmers in rural communities will directly benefit by lowered costs and 15 communities will benefit due to improved surface water and groundwater quality and improved economic sustainability.