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COMMENTS:

End of Year Report.
Hard Copy to follow. Let me
know if other info needed.
Leroy

**AMERICORPS
QUARTER REPORT**

(END OF YEAR REPORT)

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name: USDA - PUBLIC LANDS ENVIRONMENT

State: OKLAHOMA

Site ID # 95ADDFDC047 (K09C, K09D, K09E)

Your Name: LeRoy Tull

Your Position: Project Director

Telephone number: (405) 742-1207

Fax number: (405) 742-1201

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Date report completed October 6, 1995

Reporting Period: Year End (September 30, 1995)

Program Start-up date: September 12, 1994

**MEMBER INFORMATION**

USDA-NRCS/PL&E-OK

FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site:	
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>17</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>3</u>
	(3rd)
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>16</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>13</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>3</u>
	(4th)
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>16</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>13</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>3</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>8,800</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>7,240</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>1,560</u>
	(4th)
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>2,111</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>1,716</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>395</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	<u>33,461</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>28,025</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>5,436</u>



USDA-NRCS/PL&E-OK

PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION(NONE)

Number of Members authorized:

Environmental Corps Members: _____
Rural Development Corps Members: _____

Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members: _____
Rural Development Corps Members: _____

Number of Members at beginning of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members: _____
Rural Development Corps Members: _____

Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter: _____

Environmental Corps Members: _____
Rural Development Corps Members: _____

Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:

Environmental Corps Members: _____
Rural Development Corps Members: _____

Total Hours of Direct Service to date:

Environmental Corps Members: _____
Rural Development Corps Members: _____

**VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT**

USDA-NRCS/PL&E-OK

Non-AmeriCorps Member Volunteers

Total Number of non-AmeriCorps Volunteers:
involved in AmeriCorps service activities in
this ~~quarter~~ ^{XXXXXX} YEAR.

22

Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities:
completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers
in this ~~quarter~~ ^{XXXXXX} YEAR.

260

2-Earth Team(60 hrs)

20-Other(200 hrs)



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

USDA-NRCS/PL&E-OK

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

NONE

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

NONE

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter. (4th)

0

Total-to-date

4

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

0



MEMBER ASSESSMENT
as of end of this quarter

USDA-NRCS/PL&E-OK

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

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 17
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 3

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS**Box 1 - GENDER**

Number of Males (minus 2 in 3rd Qtr)	<u>13</u>
Number of Females (minus 2 in 3rd Qtr)	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	<u>16</u>

Box 2 - RACE

Number of Caucasians (minus 3 in 3rd Qtr)	<u>13</u>
Number of African Americans	<u>0</u>
Number of Native Americans (minus 1 in 3rd Qtr)	<u>3</u>
Number of Hispanics	<u>0</u>
Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander	<u>0</u>
Other	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>16</u>

Box 3 - EDUCATION

Number w/out High School Diploma or GED	<u>0</u>
Number with High School or GED (minus 4 in 3rd Qtr)	<u>3</u>
Number with some college	<u>10</u>
Number with college degree	<u>2</u>
Number with Graduate degree	<u>1</u>
Number w/Professional or Trade School	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>16</u>

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

BOX 4 - OTHER

Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS	<u>13</u>
Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps	<u>0</u>
Number of children	<u>0</u>
Number w/Disabilities	<u>1</u>

**BUDGET INFORMATION**

USDA-NRCS/PL&E-OK

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

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	15%
Approximate dollar amount	\$18,000
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	0
Travel costs for Members & Managers	0
Training costs	0
Supplies	0
Uniform costs	0
Program Costs (Please explain what these costs were.)	0

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies	\$ 100
Travel	0
Training	0
Program Costs	0
Other	\$ 300



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

USDA-NRCS/PL&E-OK

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	<u>50%</u>
Approximate dollar amount	<u>\$30,000</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u>\$6,000</u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>\$1,500</u>
Training costs	<u>\$1,000</u>
Supplies	<u>\$5,000</u>
Uniform costs (Protective)	<u>\$5,000</u>
Program Costs (Please explain what these costs were.) (Equipment, Equipment Replacement and Repairs)	<u>\$20,000</u>

Non-Federal Funds Spent
(Explain)

**AMERICORPS
4TH QUARTER REPORT**

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site Name:	Southwest Oregon RC&D
State:	Oregon
Site ID #:	94ADFPDC010
Your Name:	Amy Wilson
Your Position:	Program Manager, RC&D Coordinator
Telephone Number:	503-476-5906
Fax Number:	503-955-9574
E-mail Address:	N/A
Date Report Completed:	September 22, 1995
Reporting Period:	June 30, 1995 - September 30, 1995
Program Start-Up Date:	9/26/94

MEMBER INFORMATION

FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site:	5
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	5
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	0
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	0
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	5
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	5
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous quarter:	2,599
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	2,599
Total Hours of Direct Service for this quarter:	857
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	857
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	9,060
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	9,060

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:	NONE
2. Program structural changes made this quarter:	NONE
Number of Members who have left National Service this quarter.	0
Total-to-date	0
Number of Members who have gained employment through their AmeriCorps Service.	1

**MEMBER ASSESSMENT
as of the end of 4th Quarter**

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 5 **TOTAL ENROLLED: 5**

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 0
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 5

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

Box 1 - GENDER

Number of Males	3
Number of Females	2
TOTAL	5

Box 2 - RACE

Number of Caucasians	4
Number of African Americans	0
Number of Native Americans	1
Number of Hispanics	0
Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders	0
Other	0
TOTAL	5

Box 3 - EDUCATION

Number without high school diploma or GED	0
Number with high school or GED	0
Number with some college	1
Number with college degree	3
Number with graduate degree	1
Number with professional or trade school	0
TOTAL	5

Box 4 - OTHER

Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS	4
Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps	0
Number of children	0
Number with disabilities	0

BUDGET INFORMATION

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps (Local Level Only)

Project Manager completes this section

Percent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	24%
Approximate dollar amount (326 hrs)	\$8,700
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps--1 employee at 20%	\$4,175
Travel costs for Members & Managers	\$92
Training costs	\$303
Supplies	\$164
Uniform costs	0
Program costs (Appreciation Banquet room fee)	\$55

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies (office space, phone, computer)	\$1,470
Travel (local mileage)	\$600
Training	\$300
Program Costs (supervision)	\$2,400
Other	0

OBJECTIVES SECTION

Introduction

A major barrier to progress in rural Oregon communities is the technical assistance necessary to identify projects, research funding and apply for grants and assistance according to studies by the University of Oregon Planning Department and the Oregon Rural Development Council. This project is designed to provide critical assistance at a community level to help rural communities and organizations realize their objectives and develop skills in rural development. Without this assistance, many small communities would fall farther and farther behind by missing opportunities and failing to develop local capacities.

1. Community Service Objective No. 1: In each community (watershed council) projects will be developed that respond to locally identified needs, priorities and resources through meetings, interviews and collaboration with community leaders, residents, agencies and organizations.

Progress toward meeting this community service objective:

Over 19 community service projects were developed with a high degree of citizen input and interagency cooperation. These projects responded to local needs and addressed issues such as: improving fish habitat through improved livestock management, tree planting in riparian zones, construction of in-stream structures, conservation education in schools, coordination and development of common outdoor laboratory sites, fish population and habitat assessments, inventorying road culverts for fish passage problems, enhancing riparian vegetation, assessing downtown areas for community improvement, delivering training on access to credit for small business and marketing. Unemployed fishermen were also employed and trained in stream restoration work.

2. Community Service Objective No. 2: For each project requiring funding, potential sources will be identified and grants will be written and submitted for consideration by donors; projects not requiring funding should have action plans developed, and commitment of resources should be secured. [Note: Funding cycles and variable deadlines make securing of funding an unreasonable standard to measure against in a one-year period.]

Progress toward meeting this community service objective:

As mentioned under Objective #1, over 19 projects and activities were identified. In numerous cases, members assisted community members in grant writing or identifying grant funds and resources in which the results are known:

1. Rural town of Elkton, Oregon, was awarded \$70,000 to help purchase and renovate a building to be used as community center/city hall.
2. Rural town of Drain identifies a way to use its own resources to build public restrooms.
3. Senior exercise class was initiated in Drain with existing resources and seniors trained to continue unaided.
4. Downtown assessments were conducted in two communities.
5. Two seminars were delivered to small business owners/managers in marketing and credit.
6. \$10,000 was awarded in Coos County to enhance riparian vegetation.
7. Stream clean-up was organized and conducted on six miles of stream involving 75 people.
8. Storm drain painting was organized and conducted, 25 painted.
9. A macroinvertebrate study was planned and funded at \$3,750 for 6 students.
10. Funding for an outdoor education program was augmented in 6 rural communities.
11. \$15,000 of funding for coordination of conservation education was secured to integrate 4 school districts, a college and an educational services district.
12. \$5,000 was secured for schools to develop self-guided tours in an urbanized stream and riparian area.
13. \$5,000 was awarded for the development of a stormwater management model and a workshop designed to share this model with local communities.
14. State funds equaling \$26,750 were awarded to do stream restoration in Curry County.
15. Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative awarded \$10,000 for a watershed enhancement project in Floras Creek.
16. A \$30,000 grant was awarded to hire unemployed fishermen to inventory and evaluate culverts for fish passage.
17. A \$300,000 grant was awarded to hire unemployed fishermen to plant and maintain riparian areas and build fence in Curry County.
18. North Douglas County updated its strategic plan, involving participation and training of many new civic leaders.

PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Member Development:

Progress made in boosting the personal development of members:

Work with members focused on an individual approach throughout this period as four out of five had less than a month to complete. Job search and career coaching was provided as needed. One member located a professional position with a chamber of commerce in a rural community. Three members have committed to continuing the program in order to provide community service and gain additional experience.

A banquet was held honoring AmeriCorps members and their contributions. Appreciation was shown by all in attendance, including a State Senator, RC&D Council members, host communities, NRCS State and regional representatives.

Training opportunities for members included:

	<u>#/Duration</u>	<u>Members Affected</u>
Team meetings	7	5
Wilderness outing	3-day	3
Member all-day orientation	3-day	5
Grant writing training	2-day	4
Business writing	1	1
Family & community leadership	3-day	1
Personal effectiveness seminar	6-day	1
Watershed workshops	2/2-day	2
Fencing workshop	2-day	1
Rural tourism & marketing	1-day	1
Rural drinking water needs	1-day	1
Grantmakers/grantseekers symposium	2-day	1
Fish habitat enhancement	2-day	1
Rural development leadership	5-day	1
Community education leadership	2-day	1

On-the-job skills gained:

Facilitation, planning, marketing, working with community groups, meeting management, talking to the media, project development, grant writing, self-organization, working with boards and councils, community assessment, community outreach, local government, working with volunteers, fish habitat surveying, stream monitoring, riparian enhancement techniques.

2. Community Building:

Progress made in meeting your community service objective:

The end-of-service banquet offered an opportunity for host communities to speak about their progress and accomplishments. It was remarked that all five communities

had strong ownership of their projects and felt more capable as a result of the AmeriCorps assistance.

Members were able to assist in developing systems, organizations and structures within which communities can work to more effectively define and pursue objectives. Specifically, groups developed bylaws (3 groups), applied for non-profit status (3 groups), developed and improved partnerships (at least 11 groups), increased attendance and participation (at least 11 groups), increased infrastructure and professional capacity through creating permanent offices or improving equipment (4 host organizations), developed framework for future activities through strategic plans or action plans (7 plans completed or updated), all experienced improvement in leadership skills and group problem-solving through training and practice.

3. Other Accomplishments:

The incorporation of AmeriCorps members working as generalists in conservation efforts has helped prove that without adding more technical expertise to the team, we can improve the output through enhanced use of existing members. Local Soil & Water Conservation Districts are beginning to look into ways of expanding their teams to include other non-expert volunteers such as Retired Seniors.

4. Unique Successes or "Great Stories":

PRIMARY CHALLENGES

NATURE OF PROBLEM

None.

SOLUTION OR RESOURCES NEEDED TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM

TRAINING ASSESSMENT

PRIMARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS

N/A

MEDIA ASSESSMENT

1. NATIONAL IDENTITY ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

Sent delegate to Portland State University AmeriCorps rally for President Clinton's visit in August. AmeriCorps member showing was high and well received.

2. MEDIA COVERAGE

Local media covered another USDA program extensively and were therefore unwilling to dedicate more coverage to AmeriCorps.

3. OTHER CREATIVE DOCUMENTATION

w Highlights handout developed for banquet (attached).

SOUTHWEST OREGON RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

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Grants Pass, OR 97526
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FAX 503-955-9574

1995 AMERICORPS HIGHLIGHTS

The purpose of the AmeriCorps Program is to "get things done" using the concept of national service as a vehicle. It offers opportunities to all Americans to serve their country and earn education awards in return. It is a grassroots effort to solve the problems facing communities across the Nation. The AmeriCorps ethic is getting things done, strengthening communities, encouraging responsibility and expanding opportunity.

In Southwest Oregon, the USDA Rural Development Team provides assistance to rural communities to promote active involvement in planning and implementing activities related to natural resource enhancement and community development.

Community Service Accomplishments

- w AmeriCorps members assisted with the development of over 19 community development projects which were characterized by excellent public involvement and a high degree of interagency cooperation.
- w The rural city of Elkton gained access to grant funds to help purchase a building for a community center/city hall [\$70,000].
- w A senior exercise class was initiated in Drain and a life-saving course was offered for North County residents.
- w 52 landowners were contacted along 25 miles of stream in Coos County, and 38 signed up to become involved in stream restoration.
- w 252 culverts were surveyed in Coos County to identify the priority repairs to enhance fish passage.
- w Two seminars were delivered to small business owners on marketing and credit. Two participants have taken advantage of low-income loans to increase their businesses as a result of trainings.
- w Downtown assessments have been facilitated in two rural towns to develop plans for community improvements.
- w \$433,000 in grants were awarded in Curry County to conduct stream restoration work and provide training and employment for unemployed fishermen. 15 fishers have been hired and plans include planting 60 miles of bank, building 15 miles of fence and surveying all the culverts in the county for priority fish passage improvement.
- w 1,500 trees planted in Curry County.
- w 7,500 trees distributed for planting to volunteer groups in Curry County.
- w Fish populations were assessed along 4 miles of stream in Coos County.
- w A grant of \$10,000 was developed and awarded to enhance riparian vegetation.
- w Habitat surveys were completed on 7 miles of Coquille River tributaries.

Community Capacity Building

- w Sponsorship at the local level averaged \$15,000/member. Local hosts/sponsors provided virtually all the resources and supplies for the work done at the local level: work-related travel, office supplies, equipment, computer, office space, etc. (In many cases this meant creating offices and figuring out how to pay the phone bill.)
- w Three of the organizations served created offices [Coquille Watershed Association, South Umpqua Valley Economic Development (SUVED), North County Economic Development

- (NCED)] in conjunction with or as a result of the member's presence. In terms of capacity, the development of an office is a big step in creating permanence and a professional presence.
- w Local groups applied for non-profit status, formulated bylaws and organizational procedures and made short- and long-range plans.
 - w Involvement of local people was consistently improved in the identification of issues and project development.
 - w At least 240 volunteers contributed over 8,000 hours to community service projects in addition to AmeriCorps member hours.
 - w In North Douglas County, regular meeting attendance nearly doubled. Pat increased involvement in strategic planning to 65 people on opening day of fishing season!
 - w Curry Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) evolved from minimal secretarial staffing, to being a well-equipped office with a project manager; more office space was rented to accommodate the growth.
 - w In the Rogue Valley a group of teachers from throughout the basin developed a program to create outdoor classroom sites and environmental education programs that are coordinated and cooperative.
 - w A biweekly news column was started to relay information about economic development progress.

Reinventing Government and the Team USDA Concept

- w The Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) program embraced this concept from the beginning of the program. We shared virtually all recruitment and selection materials developed with the Rural Economic & Community Development (RECD) program and went on to recommend two candidates for other programs (University of Oregon's RARE program and RECD).
- w One RECD member completed orientation with us and went on to become a regular member of our team.
- w Team meetings were generally open to include AmeriCorps members participating in any other program, especially those located within the five-county area.
- w One meeting included VISTA and returned Peace Corps volunteers; the West Cascades Peace Corps Association later provided housing to AmeriCorps members during a training session held in Eugene.
- w Project and programmatic assistance was provided to members from other programs functioning within the RC&D area when called for.
- w The RC&D took the lead for coordinating the visit by the USDA program director in December.
- w RC&D prepared a briefing paper for the Governor on all AmeriCorps programs in the area.

RC&D Accomplishments Through Program Implementation

- w Offering the resource of people power at the local level was welcomed by rural communities.
- w This activity gave a jump start to the RC&D program, helping provide substantial service during the development of the Area Plan.
- w Networking, partnerships and outreach to groups benefited the development of the RC&D. In some instances the first contact made to agencies was to offer assistance in the form of AmeriCorps.
- w Through AmeriCorps, excellent relationships were developed with: County Extension in Coos and Curry, Umpqua Regional and Rogue Valley Council of Governments, Curry SWCD, Douglas SWCD, North County Economic Development, South Umpqua Valley Economic Development, Rural Development Initiatives, Inc., RECD, Community Development Corporation (Umpqua), and Coquille Watershed Association.
- w Council members are very satisfied with the results of AmeriCorps members' efforts. Most board members are familiar with the projects in their area and express ownership and pride in sponsoring this community service program.
- w The type of service offered enhances the capabilities of local communities rather than making them dependent on outside agencies; RC&D Council members place a premium on the need to preserve the integrity of communities for whom service is being provided.



4th AMERICORPS
QUARTER REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name: EnviroCorps, Portland Urban Project

State: Oregon

Site ID #: 94NADEDC010

Your Name: Steve Fedje

Your Position: Resource Conservationist

Telephone number: (503) 231-2270

Fax number: (503) 231-2211

e-mail address
(if available) N/A

Date report completed October 3, 1995

Reporting Period: July 1 - September 30, 1995

Program Start-up date: October 1995



PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized:	<u>10</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>10</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>

Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>0</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>

Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>10</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>10</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>

Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>1500</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>1500</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>

Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>3494</u>
(from 6/25-9/30/95) Environmental Corps Members:	<u>3494</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>

Total Hours of Direct Service to date:	<u>7755</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>7755</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

Funding for program staff for Year 1 was expended by early September, and EnviroCorps did not receive program support funding for Year 2 to continue those staff positions. Therefore, we no longer have an Administrative Assistant, an Education Assistant, or a Program Assistant. We are currently seeking other funding sources, but if received, our first priority for funds will go towards van costs, materials and supplies, and training for members.

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

Part time members worked full time starting the week of June 12th through completion of service, ending approximately September 16, 1995. Members and 16 youth hired for 6 week summer program worked in 4 teams of 8 from July through mid-August.

Number of Members who have left National Service this quarter:

20

Total-to-date:

23

Number of members who have gained employment through their AmeriCorps Service:

5 have already gained employment in part due to their AmeriCorps service. Many other members who recently graduated are seeking jobs, and are using knowledge and experience gained during their year of service to make themselves more marketable. Their service helped to give them direction, contacts, and exposure to potential employers and career options.

Eight of our 20 members applied for a second year of EnviroCorps. At this point, 6 have been selected - 2 to continue as Team Leaders, 3 to work on the part time team, and 1 to continue as a full time member.



MEMBER ASSESSMENT
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 20 TOTAL EMPLOYED: 0

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED

TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED

18 (through)
2 (quarter)

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS (until end of service)

Box 1 - GENDER

Number of Males

11

Number of Females

9

TOTAL

20

Box 2 - RACE

Number of Caucasians

15

Number of African Americans

3

Number of Native Americans

Number of Hispanics

Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander

2

Other

TOTAL

20

Box 3 - EDUCATION

Number w/out High School Diploma or GED

0

Number with High School or GED

1

Number with some college

7

Number with college degree

9

Number with Graduate degree

3

Number w/Professional or Trade School

0

TOTAL

20

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

BOX 4 - OTHER

Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS

14

Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps

0

Number of children

0

Number w/Disabilities

1

*1 member with limitations due to age.
1 member with temporary disability due to
serious non-service injury.*



BUDGET INFORMATION

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

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps
Approximate dollar amount

15%
2,000

Cost for any other Federal employee spending
time on AmeriCorps \$9.

1,300

Travel costs for Members & Managers

554.70

Training costs

617.29

Supplies

250.00

Uniform costs

-

Program Costs

-

(Please explain what these costs were.)

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies

-

Travel (^{2 add'l} Van costs during summer)

2,000

Training

1,000 est.

Program Costs

15,500

Other Office space, supplies & equipment

1,200

OBJECTIVES - Progress towards meeting community service objectives:

Project Area I: Whitaker Pond Restoration

Objective 1: Natural Resource Restoration - To restore and enhance the aquatic habitat, riparian zone, and neighboring uplands to former natural conditions. Participants will remove pest plants and solid waste, plant over 6 acres with native vegetation, and enhance two urban ponds totaling over 16 acres for warm water fishery establishment. Wildlife habitat will be 100% restored and water quality significantly improved in 16 acres of ponds and wetlands, and along 1 mile of the Columbia Slough.

Members have continued to work on the restoration of the Kline property, a 5 acre parcel formerly used as a junkyard. Clean up activities have occurred to remove all materials that could be removed by hand. All items which could be recycled were separated, and the Multnomah County Drainage District provided a front end loader and 3 dump trucks along with 3 of their personnel to operate equipment and assist with removing loads of material from the site. Members worked with them to remove 5 loads of metal, 9 loads of wood, and 214 truck and passenger tires. In addition, throughout this quarter over four 40 cubic yard drop boxes were filled with junkyard trash and debris and hauled away.

The site has greatly improved. Much of what could be done by hand has been completed, and heavy equipment is now necessary to finish removing all of the remaining junk. Metro is currently working on contracting out for site demolition. Once demolition is complete, the next phase of the project will continue with next year's EnviroCorps team.

Previously planted revegetation projects on adjacent properties within the management area have been maintained through manual removal of invasive species and watering.

Objective 2: Enhanced Public Usage - The 2 ponds, totaling 16 acres and 1 mile of the adjacent Columbia Slough will be enhanced to provide habitat for warm water fishery development and outdoor laboratory for environmental education. Two barrier-free fishing docks, 2 miles of shoreline access, a flow control structure, and an interpretive kiosk will be built. Over 8 elementary, middle, and high schools will have direct access to a natural area for environmental education while providing 100% wildlife habitat restoration for 15 adjacent landowners.

As mentioned in the previous quarterly report, detailed site plans for the Kline property and adjacent Portland Public School property have been completed. Plans include opportunities for public recreation. Installation of the designs will occur in phases over the next several years. The first step involves the removal of the enormous amount of junk from the Kline property as described in objective one. Once this is completed, the site can be revegetated, trails and parking areas can be installed, and interpretive signs and access to fishing sites can be created.

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Creation of recreational improvements on the school property will not occur before next year due to the current use of the property by the Little League. Four ball fields currently exist on the property, one of which is recommended for relocation in the management plan. Due to public concerns expressed during the management planning process, no ball fields will be removed until an alternative location is found and a replacement ball field is created. This will prevent a net loss of existing recreational activities in the area. Restoration activities of this property will occur following mitigation of the ball field to be removed.

Objective 3: Educational Placement - To advance the educational and career positions of 20 high school drop-outs or non-college enrolled youth between the ages of 17-24. Service recipients will be recruited from 4 area high school and 3 community centers to participate in the program. 75% of service recipients will be enrolled in an accredited program of higher education at completion of the program.

Portland State University received a grant from the Private Industry Council to hire 16 high school aged youth to work with EnviroCorps members during a 6 week summer program from July through mid-August. Members received training on Leadership and Mentoring to prepare them for their new responsibilities of working with the youth, and were then paired with youth at a one-to-one ratio. Members worked in 4 teams, each composed of four members and four youth. The program was extremely successful, as all 16 youth were retained in the program through completion at a 97% attendance level.

The Summer Youth Program exposed the youth to much of what the members had experienced throughout the year. Throughout the summer, teams continued to work on restoration projects, with members passing on to the youth much of the experience and knowledge they had gained during the year. Members created an environmentally oriented curriculum and lined up relevant field trips and activities to teach the youth about large scale issues relevant to projects on which they were working. The education program comprised approximately 15% of the youth program.

Project Area II: Metro Watershed Protection

Objective 1: Natural resource and habitat restoration - Three riparian sites will be restored, working with local jurisdictions and citizen groups. Restoration will include channel modifications, removing pest plants and planting native vegetation along 3 miles of the Columbia Slough. 100% of the habitat in the sites will be restored and water quality will be improved throughout the 18-mile corridor of the Columbia Slough benefiting adjacent land owners and the general public.

Combined Sewer Overflow, Downspout Disconnection Program - This project was the focus of the 4th quarter. Last quarter, members received extensive training on the program and then surveyed the downspouts of over 1,000 homes and canvassed to inform homeowners about the

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program and solicit their involvement. This quarter, members lead training sessions for neighborhood groups and lead teams of volunteers on 5 Saturday disconnection days. In addition, members worked with the City to disconnect downspouts where permission forms were returned allowing EnviroCorps to disconnect their downspouts. During this quarter, over 150 houses were disconnected, resulting in the removal of over 1.5 million gallons of stormwater from the sewer system. Prior to disconnection, this water would have entered the sewer system and, combined with rainfall, would have resulted in proportionate overflows of raw sewage directly into the Columbia Slough and Willamette river.

The Halton Company - Members and youth installed much of the landscape design for the Halton Company they designed along 850 feet of Columbia Slough shoreline. The project involves reestablishing a healthy riparian zone by removing invasive species and planting with natives, creating a wildlife corridor and trail for Halton employees, and improving water quality of runoff entering the slough. The landscape plan was installed with the exception of native revegetation with potted plants scheduled for installation this fall with our second year members. The site was visited in mid-August by Mayor Vera Katz, Representative Ron Wyden, EPA Assistant Director Fred Hansen, and Metro Counselor Ed Washington, all of whom seemed quite impressed with what can be accomplished through partnerships created between the private sector and all levels of government from local to federal agencies. This site will be used as a demonstration project to show other businesses along the Columbia Slough what they can do to improve wildlife habitat, water quality, and aesthetics.

Fairview headwaters - Work has continued at the 17 acre wetland which constitutes the headwaters of Fairview Creek. Slough sedge was planted densely in several areas to create vegetative diversity, mulching squares and beaver guards were installed to protect trees and shrubs, and side channels and pools were manually created to encourage micro-habitats formed from slight elevation differences which will create inundation variability.

Smith and Bybee Lakes - Large patches of two aggressive non-native species, purple loosestrife and teasel, were removed throughout the Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Area. Both species spread extremely quickly, and can only be eradicated effectively during their short blooming season prior to seed dispersal. Members and youth used canoes to access remote shoreline areas where purple loosestrife was prolific. Approximately 7.4 acres were eradicated of these species.

Alberta Park - Members maintained the 1/4 acre site on Portland Park property which was "Naturescaped" last quarter. Members started construction of an educational garden site to be used by Vernon elementary school students located across the street. The site has been graded and a wall, which was made of recycled concrete donated for the project, has been built around the perimeter of the garden area. Every Friday for four weeks, members worked with kids enrolled in a summer environmental program to teach them about "Naturescaping" and native plants at their project site in Alberta Park.

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Portland Parks and Recreation - Members worked with the Horticulture Division of Portland Parks and Recreation to propagate native plants for restoration activities. In addition, members assisted with maintenance and plant protection by installing beaver guards around plants at several water quality ponds adjacent to the Columbia Slough which were revegetated last winter and spring.

Wetlands Conservancy - Members worked to remove teasel and purple loosestrife on 2 Wetland Conservancy managed properties. Approximately 2 acres were enhanced through this effort.

Arnold Creek - Members installed a bank stabilization project for a private property owner on Arnold Creek. Members revegetated the site using native willow cuttings, constructed a vegetation mat and reseeded the area. The bank had slumped into the creek last winter after an ice storm and heavy rains. The landowner was extremely grateful and impressed by the assistance she received by AmeriCorps and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. A thank-you letter from the landowner, Alyson Breathed Collins, is attached.

Objective 2: Trail Access and Interpretive Exhibits - Public trail access of three riparian sites will be developed by connecting the sites to existing and soon to be developed public trails. Interpretive signs and exhibits will be developed along the trails to inform users of the area of the important attributes of the area and proper human usage practices.

Beggars Tick Park - Members worked with Metro parks staff to develop handicapped accessible trails throughout 20 acre park. Weeds were cleared away from trails and gravel was spread to improve approximately 1,500 feet of the trail system.

Glendever - Brush and vegetation were cleared from overgrown trails to improve access for recreational purposes. Sections of the trail which were improved totalled approximately 1/4 mile.

Old McDonald's Farm - This farm is scheduled to open in the Spring of 1996 to teach at risk urban youth about agriculture and farm animals. Members and youth spent several days building raised gardens, constructing out-buildings for the animals, and seeding pastures.

Historical Society - Members and youth helped a community organization with restoration efforts on a property containing a 100 year old historical house and shed. Members removed trash and debris from the property and improved the landscaping to beautify the site and encourage public visitation.

Objective 3: Retaining Students in School - To provide educational and work experience support for 48 at risk high school students between the ages of 14-17. Teachers and counselors from area high schools will refer students who have academic potential but are

at-risk of not completing high school. 90% of students participating in the program will remain in school and/or complete high school degrees at the completion of the program.

A grant was obtained to hire 16 high school aged youth for a 6 week summer program. Please refer to Objective 3 under Project Area I for progress made towards this goal.

PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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

Members put together an educational program for the youth program with a theme for each of the 6 weeks. Members learned along with the youth through their weekly field trips and tours that they had arranged.

Members received a day of advanced technical training entitled, "Oregon Freshwater Wetland Assessment Methodology. Members received classroom and field training in assessing wetland functions and conditions. This training was requested by members due to their interest in the subject, and will especially help continuing members and members choosing to pursue the environmental restoration field.

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

The main progress made towards community building this quarter was through the Summer Youth Program. Members touched the lives of 16 "at risk" youth by working with them at a one-to-one ratio. Working with EnviroCorps was the first job experience for many of the youth. They were taught about responsibility, work ethics, environmental issues, and they also learned about some of the opportunities available to them through the program. We are very proud that all youth hired graduated from the program.

By the end of September, EnviroCorps has worked with approximately 1,200 community members for approximately 5,924 volunteer hours on the numerous projects mentioned previously. Members also provided community education for approximately 1,600 participants in over 2,633 hours of educational programs. In addition, we have continued to develop the 40+ partnerships initiated this year.

The Combined Sewer Overflow Program requires the participation from citizens in order to be successful. Public reaction to this project has been primarily positive overall, and 150 homes were disconnected this quarter. Approximately 30 volunteers were trained by members on how to disconnect. Permission forms continue to trickle in due to the momentum created. Year 2 members will do any disconnection work the City has not finished where permission was

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obtained after Year 1 members graduated.

3. Other Accomplishments:

Letters of Appreciation: (Letters are attached to this report)

- Wetlands Conservancy - Card received for participation with project at Pascuzzi Pond last quarter.
- Smith and Bybee Lakes Day thank you letter was received last quarter but not attached to previous report.
- Letter from Oregon Youth Conservation Corps for service provided at "Jamboree" event.
- Letter from the Sander's family for project at Blue Dawn Farm.
- Letters from students and teacher at Mt. Tabor Middle School for leadership provided by members on Blue Lake restoration project.
- Letter from Alyson Breathed Collins for stabilizing stream bank on her property.

Awards:

Members each received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the Director of Environmental Services and CSO Program Director. A copy of one of the certificates is attached.

Donations:

Recycled concrete, valued at approximately \$500, was donated to build the perimeter wall around the future educational gardens at Alberta park.

Norm Thompson donated approximately \$2,000 worth of shoes and clothing for volunteers and members who need these items to work in Portland's weather conditions.

Winks Hardware donated \$235.82 worth of nails and tools.

Metro's Solid Waste Department gave EnviroCorps 5 vouchers to waive disposal fees for the Kline property clean-up project at Whitaker Ponds. In addition, Waste Management of Oregon provided us with the use of dropboxes at a discounted rate of \$120 each, including pick up and delivery costs. They normally charge \$180 for this service.

4. Unique Successes or "Great Stories":

EnviroCorps members were asked to provide security and leadership during a weekend "Jamboree", a gathering of approximately 90 county youth corps participants from around the state. Members organized activities during the jamboree, directed youth, prepared food, assisted with problem prevention, and lead all participants on a service project to build a trail at a state park.

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CSO party - The Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services and Combined Sewer Overflow Project Manager invited all members to attend a "Thank-you" party for EnviroCorp's participation in the Downspout Disconnection program. In addition to formal recognition of the entire program, each individual member was formally acknowledged and given a Certificate of Appreciation.

Halton Tractor Company - This project that members had put hours of time and effort to develop was visited in mid-August by Mayor Katz, Representative Ron Wyden, EPA Assistant Director Fred Hansen, and Metro Counselor Ed Washington. All who attended took time to formally acknowledge EnviroCorp's work, and they each seemed quite impressed with what had been accomplished through the partnership between the Halton Company, the Bureau of Environmental Services, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the AmeriCorps program.

PRIMARY CHALLENGES

1. Nature of Problem: Stipend Issue

All quarterly reports this year have addressed the problem our members have had with the way pay is administered because their bi-weekly pay is based on the number of hours worked during each 2 week pay period rather than as set amount, or stipend. Discussion during the AmeriCorps conference in Houston this past July indicated that other programs have not had problems with this issue, and it is unlikely that pay administration will change.

Has the problem been resolved? If no, what steps have been taken to resolve the problem?

No. It seems highly unlikely that we would be able to pay members a set stipend.

2. Nature of Problem: Lack of Program Support Funding for Year 2

EnviroCorps received all funding used for program support costs from the Corporation and State Natural Resources Conservation Service to cover items such as leasing vans, purchasing materials and supplies, training, and to support additional part time staff during our first year. We will not be receiving funding from either source for the second year of the program.

Has the problem been resolved? If no, what steps have been taken to resolve the problem?

We are currently looking into other funding options. We can initiate the second year with a small amount of funding which can be rolled into our second year, and with funds obtained from project partners. We are seeking donations of materials and supplies, and during year 2 we will focus more on projects where partners will contribute funding to our program to cover program support costs in exchange for our participation.

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What do you see as the solution or resources needed to resolve this problem?

Any information other programs or the Corporation have about potential sources of funding or donations which would fit our needs would be helpful. Due to the loss in funding we are even shorter on staff, and have less time to pursue options. We are, however, making progress and we are optimistic that we will get over this hurdle.

TRAINING ASSESSMENT: Primary training and technical assistance needs.

Upcoming training opportunities which are being coordinated through the AmeriCorps Network Northwest by the Northwest Regional Lab look very beneficial for staff, team leaders and other members in our region.

A nationwide AmeriCorps orientation covering topics such as AmeriCorps organization, key contacts, member benefits, and additional training scheduled during the year would be helpful.

Teleconference training sessions on topics like project planning, communication, leadership, diversity, time management, and supervision issues would also be helpful for all new members.

MEDIA ASSESSMENT:

1. National Identity Activities this Quarter

AmeriCorps T-shirts and hats are worn by all members when interacting with or visible by the public, which is the majority of the time. Members also have overalls with the AmeriCorps logo sewn onto them, also worn as part of the uniform.

2. Media Coverage

We are sending these as part of this quarterly report:

"Conservancy Teams up with AmeriCorps," from the Summer 1995 issue of The Nature Conservancy newsletter.

"Re-Creating nature, Metro moves closer to turning 2 murky pools into a park at Whitaker Ponds," *the Oregonian*; September 27, 1995.

"Cultivating the City; For EnviroCorps participants, the urban landscape takes on new meaning," *PSU Magazine* for Alumni and Friends of Portland State University, Fall 1995 issue.

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3. Other Creative Documentation:

Video documentation: Members finalized the video of AmeriCorps programs throughout the state of Oregon. In addition, a 6 minute video entitled, "EnviroCorps Summer Youth Partners: Getting Things Done in Portland," was made of the Summer Youth Program. During the end of the year retreat, members each gave a 3 minute testimonial about their year of service. These testimonials will be used to create a promotional/informational video about EnviroCorps. A copy of the Summer Youth Program video is enclosed.

Photo documentation: Members continued to provide photo documentation of projects from start to finish. Members labeled and organized slides in a binder by project.

Member journals: Members kept journals of their experiences throughout the year. Each member retained their journal as a remembrance from the year.

Youth were asked to write about their most memorable experience during the Summer Youth Program. Experiences written by two of the youth are attached.

June 19th, 2061.

EnviroCorps: Summer Youth Program.

Experience written
by youth partner
August, 1995

"It's summer time again, school's out what will you children be doing?"

"I don't know, great grandma Nysha, probably just sit around the house and watch a lot of T.V. What did you use to do during the summer?"

"Well, you know I'm old so I don't remember much but I do recall this one summer. I think I was 14 . . . 14 or 15 . . . one of the two . . . and I got my first job."

"Work, you guy's used to work?"

Oh no child we got to work there's a big difference. Any way back to my story. I was working with a group called the EnviroCorps.

"What did you have to do, grandma?"

"We used to go around and clean up the environment. I can't remember exactly what we did but I do remember us doing something for the sewer and the Columbia River. Oh yeah, C.S.O."

"C. S. who?"

"C.S.O. Combined Sewage Overflow. See long, long ago when everything wasn't computerized or mechanical like it is now we used to have these pipes coming down from the roof tops and when it rained the gutters would fill up and all the water would go down these pipes and the pipes went into the ground and connected to more pipes all the water would end up at the sewage place."

"I still don't know what you used to do great grandma."

"I'm getting there child. Just hold your horses. Well pretty soon the treatment plant was getting filled up with rain water instead of sewage so it had no place to go other than into the Columbia Slough which eventually went into the river."

"Nasty! So the river we swim in is a sewage, grandma?"

"Not, but it would have been if it wasn't for those people. What I say their name was?"

"EnviroCorps, grandma."

"Yeah, EnviroCorps. We used to go around asking people if they would please disconnect there pipes so that the rain water from the roof would just run out onto their lawn. At first some people didn't think we were for real, but through out the years more and more people starting understanding the program more and more so eventually they got around 98% of the city disconnected." (Note: see if you keep this program on the budget the work this EnviroCorps program has done will multiply.

The thing this program has taught me other than a lot of the environmental knowledge is social knowledge. I used to be a very quiet person an introvert (if you will). And these people have helped me a whole lot. They've helped me set goals for high school and they've taught me how to present my self and prepare for high school. They probably don't understand but you guys ave helped me a lot to get to know myself better. And I just like to say
THANK YOU.

Tenysha

*Summer Youth Program - EnviroCorps
Experience written by youth
partner in August, 1995*

This year doing the EnviroCorps job, I had a couple of very exciting moments, and learned a couple of very interesting facts. My most memorable moment was when we went canoeing. We saw lots of turtles, we even saw beaver and blue heron. The shocking thing about it was that we were getting the job done and learning at the same time. I bet that you can't get those two things anywhere else but at school. We have to be learning something somewhere. It is better to learn and make money than rather stay on the street and learn bad things. This is why I feel that you should keep the program and stop taking away programs like it. Since I'm going into detail I am going to tell you what happened.

We waited for Metro to bring the canoes. When they arrived we set off right away. The water was full of turtles and algae, you couldn't even see half way to the bottom of the water. I was a beginner so I was scared, but Mike kept looking at the water and trying to catch turtles and at the same time he was tipping the canoe. We pulled over and got out and went to the other lake. It was full of sticks and we kept running into these, but they were breaking. We finally got through the sticks and got on land.

When we got on land the beaver started scattering and blue herons started flying away. Finally, we got to work, we started picking a plant called purple loosestrife. There was a lot of them and we just kept picking out what we were supposed to leave. The trip back was easy, so I wasn't that scared. Finally land was felt beneath my feet and joy felt in my heart. In the sand there were people staring at the stomach of a big turtle. I didn't see what came next because I had to go eat lunch. After lunch we did a lot of planting and weed pulling till it was time to go. In the van on the way home everyone was asleep -- it was a hard and exciting day. On arrival it was time to go home so that's what we did.

Overall it a very good experience going canoeing and doing and seeing the things besides people and cars. I think EnviroCorps is one of the best jobs anyone can have. After being in the program I have considered canoeing back to those lakes and being a mentor it still have it.

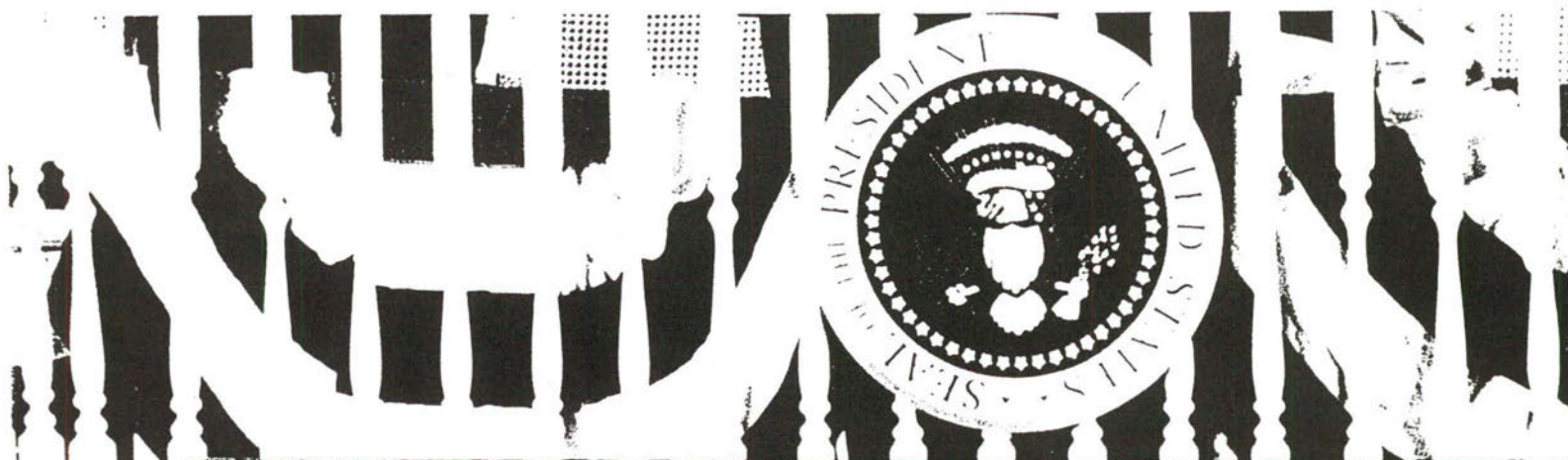
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Certificate of Appreciation

*Combined Sewer Overflow Program
Bureau of Environmental Services
City of Portland*



*In recognition of valuable services provided to the
Downspout Disconnection Program
this certificate is awarded on this 31st day of August 1995 to:*

Michael Grosso

Dean Marriott

Dean Marriott, Director of Environmental Services

John Lang

John Lang, CSO Program Director

Cards made by
Mt. Taber Middle School
Students 7/95
for Blue Lake Restoration
Project



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Signatures



For helping us out!

The Victorious
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Michael Kert

David

Danielle

Jim
Kraer

We enjoyed having you
help mapping!

Greg

Monica

The W.
ORLANDO
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Adrienne
Armstrong

and we want to thank
you again.

FOR YOUR
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You

Very much

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JUN 27 1995

Dear Fairwinds,

I JUST WANT TO THANK THE ENTIRE
GROUP FOR THE INTEREST YOU HAVE
TAKEN IN OUR FARM. WE SINCERELY
HOPE TO CREATE A SPACE THAT
CAN BE A GOOD EXAMPLE, BE
SENSITIVE TO THE SURROUNDINGS AND USE
FULL TO OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR FAMILY.
I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW FAR WE WILL
GET OR EXACTLY WHERE IT WILL GO,
BUT WITH YOUR HELP IT IS GOING
A GREAT START IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION. THANKS SO MUCH, AND PLEASE
VISIT
Sincerely, THE SANDERS FAMILY
Rick, Lin, Caitlin & DAVIS

We are most grateful for your support. Our efforts to protect and maintain precious wetlands in Oregon could not succeed without the help of dedicated members, volunteers, contributors, and friends.

Dear Brian, Josh, Tessie, Robert,
Will, Michael and Josh.

Thank you all for your work at
Foscozzie Pond on Earth Day. With
your help we got a great deal
done. I think just about
everything that was on Brian's
list.

I was great to accomplish so
much in just one day. Josh Brune

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AMERICORPS
4th QUARTER REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name: Greenwood & Newberry

State: South Carolina

Site ID # _____

Your Name: Walley A. Turner

Your Position: AmeriCorps Program Manager

Telephone number: 803-253-3314

Fax number: 803-253-3670

e-mail address
(if available) _____

Date report completed October 6, 1995

Reporting Period: July 1 - Spet 30, 1995

Program Start-up date: September 12, 1995

PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized: N/A

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Number of Members at beginning of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service to date:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter.

1

Total-to-date

2

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

1

BUDGET INFORMATION

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

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	
Approximate dollar amount	
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	
Travel costs for Members & Managers	
Training costs	
Supplies	
Uniform costs	
Program Costs (Please explain what these costs were.)	

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies	500.00
Travel	400.00
Training	200.00
Program Costs	17,000.00
Other	1,500.00

Objectives Section

Objective: (state objective)

A. Objective III - Plan and Coordinate a Comprehensive Environmental Education Program

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

1. Number of activities - 2
2. Number of partners participating - 5
3. Number of public citizens benefitted - 30,000
4. Number of Units of Government involved - 3
5. Number of informational activities - 2

Construction of a livestock barn at Camp Spearhead. Camp Spearhead is a camp for handicapped children. Also, construction of 2,000 sq ft. environmental education classroom at Adair Environmental Center.

B. Objective IV - Plan and Implement Initiatives to Improve Safety, Health Services, Social Outreach, and Community Assistance

1. Number of activities - 1
2. Number of partners participating - 2
3. Number of public citizens benefitted - 10,000
4. Number of Units of Government involved - 1
5. Number of informational activities - 1

(complete this sheet for each objective)

PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

1. Members attended graduation exercise. Members participated in planning and had part on the program.

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

A. Objective VI - Enhance Capacity of Community in Rural Areas.

1. Number of activities - 2
2. Number of partners participating - 2
3. Number of public citizens benefitted - 3,000
4. Number of Units of Government involved - 1
5. Number of informational activities - 2

Worked with Habitat for Humanity on securing volunteers to construct housing in Greenwood County.

3. Other Accomplishments:

See attached newsletter and news articles.

4. Unique Successes or "Great Stories":

Our twenty AmeriCorps members worked together on a team project to construct a 2,000 sq. ft. environmental education classroom and learning center at the Adair Learning Center. This project will be used by school kids at Laurens County for many years into the future.



MEDIA ASSESSMENT

1. NATIONAL IDENTITY ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

Conducted AmeriCorps graduation that was attended by over 100 individuals including many sponsors and units of governments.

2. MEDIA COVERAGE

See news articles.

3. OTHER CREATIVE DOCUMENTATION

***AMERICORPS
CLASS OF 1995:***

***AMERICORPS
RURAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM***

Graduation Exercise

**Newberry Team 1: Abigail Gage, John Morgan, Diggs Hill,
Madeline Cislo, and Karen Kinard.**

**Newberry Team 2: Amy Overstreet, James Holland,
Jay Henderson, and Mary Roe.**

**Greenwood 1: Chad Weston, Susan Miller, Chris Bever,
Sherel Stevens, and Angie Paulus**

**Greenwood 2: Gregory Maxwell, David Holcombe,
Dan Johnson, Dawn Kendall, and Richard Eaton.**



***Getting Things Done for
Rural South Carolina
USDA
Natural Resources Conservation Service***

July 21, 1995

HIGHLIGHTS

- * **37 major community projects completed that lasted from two to four weeks and involved approximately 28,590 community service hours in 12 counties.**
- * **20 activities that promoted community service and AmeriCorps such as exhibits, presentations, career fairs, etc.**
- * **4 counties were provided enhanced 911 assistance including detailed road maps and computer data base.**
- * **10 Environmental Education projects were completed to include nature trail construction, buildings and other facilities constructed, and curriculum guides.**
- * **2 county wide grassland surveys completed to include acreage, type and condition of grasslands.**
- * **10 community outreach projects to include beautification, landscaping, landuse planning, recycling, habitat for humanity and youth summer camp for at risk children.**
- * **50 news stories, 8 television programs and 4 radio programs promoting community service and AmeriCorps.**
- * **Monthly newsletter and project video.**

PROGRAM

Welcome

Jim Wilson, moderator

Invocation

Keith Cain

Project Overview

Walley Turner

Sponsor Comments

*Bill Melven
John Shiflet
Jeannie Eidson
Neil Bartley
Farrell Saunders*

*AmeriCorps Team
Comments*

*John Morgan
James Holland
David Holcombe
Chad Weston*

Team Member Awards

Jim Wilson

Presentation of Certificates

Mark Berkland

Wrap-up

Walley Turner

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United States
Department of
Agriculture

Natural
Resources
Conservation
Service

675 U. S. Courthouse
801 Broadway
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Subject: AmeriCorps Fourth Quarter
Report - Tennessee

Date: October 6, 1995

To: Paula Cole Jones, AmeriCorps Program Manager
Washington D.C.

Enclosed you will find reports from the operating sites in Tennessee along with a consolidated report for the State. After reviewing the reports, you will find that the AmeriCorps program in Tennessee is truly meeting the AmeriCorps Ethic of getting things done, strengthening communities, encouraging responsibility, and expanding opportunities for members.

During my review of the reports, some highlights were noted that include: Several projects that emphasize environmental awareness, education, and responsibility; some projects that emphasize recycling of solid waste, rural fire protection, and improvement of water quality in rural areas.



JOHN T. HARRIS
State Rural Development Specialist

Enclosures
cc: JERRY S. LEE



UNITED
STATES
DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE

4th AMERICORPS
QUARTER REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name:

Tennessee Summary

State:

Tennessee

Site ID #

94 AD FOC 047

Your Name:

John T. Harris

Your Position:

State Director

Telephone number:

(615) 736-5472

Fax number:

(615) 736-7135

e-mail address
(if available)

Date report completed

10-6-95

Reporting Period:

4th Qtr

Program Start-up date:



MEMBER INFORMATION

FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site:		
Environmental Corps Members:		
Rural Development Corps Members:		<u>23</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:		<u>18</u>
Environmental Corps Members:		
Rural Development Corps Members:		<u>18</u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:		<u>19</u>
Environmental Corps Members:		
Rural Development Corps Members:		<u>19</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:		<u>24,244</u>
Environmental Corps Members:		
Rural Development Corps Members:		<u>24,244</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:		<u>8668</u>
Environmental Corps Members:		
Rural Development Corps Members:		<u>8668</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:		<u>32,912</u>
Environmental Corps Members:		
Rural Development Corps Members:		<u>32,912</u>



PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

N/A

Number of Members authorized:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Number of Members at beginning of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service to date:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:



VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT

Non-AmeriCorps Member Volunteers

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

93

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

1073



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter.

1

Total-to-date

3

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

1



MEMBER ASSESSMENT
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 23 TOTAL EMPLOYED: 18

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED _____

TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED _____

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

Box 1 - GENDER

Number of Males 8

Number of Females 10

TOTAL 18

Box 2 - RACE

Number of Caucasians 15

Number of African Americans 3

Number of Native Americans _____

Number of Hispanics _____

Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander _____

Other _____

TOTAL 18

Box 3 - EDUCATION

Number w/out High School Diploma or GED _____

Number with High School or GED 2

Number with some college 6

Number with college degree 8

Number with Graduate degree 2

Number w/Professional or Trade School _____

TOTAL 18

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

BOX 4 - OTHER

Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS 5

Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps 2

Number of children 2

Number w/Disabilities 1



BUDGET INFORMATION

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

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps
Approximate dollar amount

10%
\$ 18,759

Cost for any other Federal employee spending
time on AmeriCorps

\$ 9,120

Travel costs for Members & Managers

\$ 3,346

Training costs

\$ 4180

Supplies

\$ 3,767

Uniform costs

—

Program Costs
(Please explain what these costs were.)

—

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies

\$ 9,260

Travel

\$ 3,326

Training

\$ 3,000

Program Costs

\$ 7,545

Other

\$ 6,100



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

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps
Approximate dollar amount

50%
\$ 15,000

Cost for any other Federal employee spending
time on AmeriCorps

\$ 1,000

Travel costs for Members & Managers

\$ 3,000

Training costs

—

Supplies

\$ 500

Uniform costs

—

Program Costs

—

(Please explain what these costs were.)

Non-Federal Funds Spent
(Explain)

—

AMERICORPS FOURTH QUARTER REPORT

BENT CREEK PROJECT

MORRISTOWN FIELD OFFICE

**AMERICORPS**4th**QUARTER REPORT****SITE INFORMATION**

Operating Site name: Bent Creek Project

State: Tennessee

Site ID #

Your Name: Paul McQuade

Your Position: District Conservationist

Telephone number: 423-586-5501

Fax number: 423-587-2634

e-mail address
(if available)

Date report completed September 26, 1995

Reporting Period: June '95 to September '95

Program Start-up date: October 5, 1995



PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

N.A

Number of Members authorized:

Environmental Corps Members: _____
Rural Development Corps Members: _____

Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members: _____
Rural Development Corps Members: _____

Number of Members at beginning of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members: _____
Rural Development Corps Members: _____

Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter: _____

Environmental Corps Members: _____
Rural Development Corps Members: _____

Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter: _____

Environmental Corps Members: _____
Rural Development Corps Members: _____

Total Hours of Direct Service to date: _____

Environmental Corps Members: _____
Rural Development Corps Members: _____



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter: NONE

2. Program structural changes made this quarter: NONE

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter. *MEMBER COMPLETED TERM THIS QUARTER.*

0

Total-to-date

0

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

0



BUDGET INFORMATION

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps (Local Level Only)

Project Manager completes this section

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps
Approximate dollar amount

10%
700⁰⁰ / quarter

Cost for any other Federal employee spending
time on AmeriCorps

20⁰⁰

Travel costs for Members & Managers (9AS for Member)
per quarter

60⁰⁰

Training costs

0

Supplies

20⁰⁰

Uniform costs

0

Program Costs

0

(Please explain what these costs were.)

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies

40⁰⁰

Travel

0

Training

0

Program Costs (DISTRICT PROGRAM COSTS)

\$ 500⁰⁰

Other (SECRETARY)

\$ 250⁰⁰

Objectives Section

Objective I. Client List and Contact of Landowners

This was completed in 1st quarter.

Objective II. Best management practices have been applied on approximately 35 farms that had not participated in district programs in the past. These practices included pasture seeding, tree planting, watering troughs, rotational grazing systems, heavy use areas, no-till pasture renovation, ponds, wildlife plantings and others.

Objective III. We have completed one animal waste system on Lawrence Lephew for cattle. We have three more under contract and these are on poultry and dairy operations. We have the designs and funds obligated and construction should begin Fall of 1995.

This system alone is designed to handle 740,000 pounds of waste every 120 days. The stream protection practices will reduce the amount of manure entering the watershed significantly. But calculating the exact amount is impossible due to the fact that there is no way to measure exactly how much was going in before practice installation. This is where the benthic studies will show the greatest improvement. All of these practices have met the field office technical guide.

Objective IV: To increase the knowledge and acceptance of riparian area practices by applying at least two streambank protection demonstrations that meet the Field Office Guide and result in improved benthic habitat as determined by the SCS Water Quality Indicators and SCS biologists.

The first streambank erosion control project was on the main channel of Bent Creek. The job was incorporated into an AmeriCorps cluster project. Soil bioengineering, tree planting, seeding, mulching, and rip rap were all utilized on the project. A three inch rain a few days after completion of the job made it necessary to replant some of the trees. The local newspaper provided good coverage of the project. As a result, the landowner now wants to fence cattle from the stream the entire length of his farm.

The other project consisted of fencing off over two thousand feet of creek with three strands of high tensile fencing, installing a livestock crossing and alternative water source. This system will enable the farmer to utilize a rotational grazing system with portable quick connect waterers.

Benthic samples were taken before installation and once the vegetation has a chance to develop a canopy, the habitat will improve. Results on a project such as this is gradual; therefore, follow-up will continue in the fall.

Primary Accomplishments

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

NRCS AmeriCorps provided a worthy avenue for practicing skills such as computer, writing and communications. Communications was vital in relating to farmers, agricultural businesses and supporting agencies. Much was learned about programs and policies that support farmers and how other cooperating agencies are interrelated. The interpretation of infrared photography was a new experience and proved to be an important tool in identifying areas in need of conservation. Agronomy lessons consisted of different forages for various soils and situations along with recommended seeding dates. Experience was also gained in the areas of surveying, cost estimates, the design, engineering and constructing aspects of conservation projects.

Primary Challenges

Dealing with the different time schedules and fiscal years of state, federal and local governments has been frustrating. Also, seeding dates often span through two fiscal years and this has presented a problem.

The problem has not been resolved.

There is no resolution.

Morristown Field Office: Bent Creek

Community Service Objectives

Objective #1

To utilize both TVA and ASCS data in developing a list that includes name, address, phone number and type of operation, of potential clients and contacting 95% of the approximately 600 land owners in the watershed.

Objective #2

To provide technical assistance that results in 20 land users applying best management practices that meet the SCS field office technical guide on farms that have not participated in district programs in the past.

Objective #3

To reduce the amount of animal waste entering the watersheds streams by 800,000 lbs. as calculated by SCS engineers and the District Conservationist by applying practices that store, control or reduce waste and that meet SCS technical standards.

Objective #4

To increase the knowledge and acceptance of riparian area practices by applying at least two stream bank protection demonstrations that meet the field office technical guide and result in improved Benthic habitat as determined by the SCS water quality indicators guide and SCS Biologists.

Participant Development Objective

#1. To provide training on conservation programs, best management practices and interpretation of resource data that enables the participant to independently determine priority land use needs, alternative treatments and expected responses to be determined by oral examination by District Conservationist and Conservation District Officials.

Community Building Objective

#1. To foster a better relationship between local Natural Resource Agencies, Farm groups and Walter State Community College Ag Dept. By conducting a tour of completed projects with students and staff and others with a survey of comments after the tour.

Media Assessment

1. Regional Identity Activities This Quarter

Cluster activities included cleanup at Tipton-Haynes Historical Site in Kingsport, streambank protection project in Hamblen County, meeting with Joel Berg in Jonesborough. Locally I worked the Environmental Fair at the mall giving away tree seedlings, pamphlets on tree care and other information on conservation.

2. Media Coverage

The meeting with Joel Berg was covered by the TV stations. The other events were covered by the respective local newspapers.



Training Assessment

Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs

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

We would have very much liked to have attended the conference on stream protection and soil bioengineering that was held in Portland, Oregon. We need more training on streambank protection, soil bioengineering, plants and forages. However, attending two beef management conferences was helpful in learning the latest in management techniques to provide assistance to farmers.



AMERICORPS

4th QUARTER REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name: Chickasaw-Shiloh RC&D

State: TN

Site ID # Y47A

Your Name: A. Chris Moyers

Your Position: RC&D Coordinator

Telephone number: (901) 668-7770

Fax number: (901) 664-0896

e-mail address
(if available) _____

Date report completed 9-26-95

Reporting Period: 6-25-95 9-30-95

Program Start-up date: 10-2-94



PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized:	NA
Environmental Corps Members:	_____
Rural Development Corps Members:	_____
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	_____
Environmental Corps Members:	_____
Rural Development Corps Members:	_____
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	_____
Environmental Corps Members:	_____
Rural Development Corps Members:	_____
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	_____
Environmental Corps Members:	_____
Rural Development Corps Members:	_____
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	_____
Environmental Corps Members:	_____
Rural Development Corps Members:	_____
Total Hours of Direct Service to date:	_____
Environmental Corps Members:	_____
Rural Development Corps Members:	_____



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter.

0

Total-to-date

1

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

0



BUDGET INFORMATION

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

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	<u>10%</u>
Approximate dollar amount	<u>\$5,000</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u>\$2,500</u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>\$ 800</u>
Training costs	<u>\$ 700</u>
Supplies	<u>\$3,000</u>
Uniform costs	<u> </u>
Program Costs (Please explain what these costs were.)	<u> </u>

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies	<u>\$8,000</u>
Travel	<u> </u>
Training	<u> </u>
Program Costs	<u>\$1,000</u>
Other	<u>\$3,000</u>



Objectives Section

Objective: (state objective)

To develop and deliver curriculum to foster and enhance natural resource conservation awareness in the eight county Chickasaw-Shiloh RC&D Area,

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

This objective is 240% complete.

(complete this sheet for each objective)



Objectives Section

Objective: (state objective)

To reduce the amount of nonpoint source pollution in selected watersheds in the Chickasaw-Shiloh RC&D Area through the use of effluent discharge equipment.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

This objective is 140% complete.

(complete this sheet for each objective)



PRIMARY CHALLENGES

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

NATURE OF PROBLEM

Please state the problem clearly and concisely. Be candid.

HAS THE PROBLEM BEEN RESOLVED?

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

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

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



TRAINING ASSESSMENT

PRIMARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS

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



AMERICORPS
4th **QUARTER REPORT**

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name: Waverly Field Office

State: Tennessee

Site ID #

Your Name:

Your Position:

Telephone number: 615/296-3442

Fax number: 615/296-1452

e-mail address
(if available) TNWAVE!wfo

Date report completed 7/3/95

Reporting Period: June 30 - August 25, 1995

Program Start-up date: October 1, 1994



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PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized:

Environmental Corps Members:
Rural Development Corps Members:

Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:
Rural Development Corps Members:

Number of Members at beginning of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:
Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:
Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:
Rural Development Corps Members:

Total Hours of Direct Service to date:

Environmental Corps Members:
Rural Development Corps Members:



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

No changes made

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

No changes made

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter.

-0-

Total-to-date

-0-

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

-0-



BUDGET INFORMATION

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

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps
Approximate dollar amount

2%
1,000.00

Cost for any other Federal employee spending
time on AmeriCorps

Travel costs for Members & Managers

100.00

Training costs

Supplies

100.00

Uniform costs

Program Costs

(Please explain what these costs were.)

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies

200.00

Travel

Training

Program Costs

Other

250.00



Objectives Section

Objective: (state objective) ---To develop an outreach program that involves organizing and promoting county-wide workshops, developing demonstration projects and organizing nature tours, developing environmental education projects that reach minorities, women, persons with disabilities, youth and civic organizations.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

Presented household hazardous waste program to Waverly Women's Club, Waverly, Lion's Club, and Humphreys County Home Demonstration Clubs.

Created bulletin board showing activities at Blue Creek Nature Center.

Compiled newsletter detailing activities of nature center and District

Clean up of property

Presented program to Small Steps Nursery School - approx. 40

(complete this sheet for each objective)



3. Other Accomplishments:

Helped to organize first household hazardous waste collection event in Humphreys County/

4. Unique Successes or "Great Stories":



TRAINING ASSESSMENT

PRIMARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS

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

Trail Talk

June 1995

News from Humphreys Soil Conservation District

Volume 1 Issue 3

Area Students Visit Blue Creek Nature Center

Blue Creek Nature Center was the site of many end of the year field trips for Humphreys County students. Approximately 200 students visited the nature center during the month of May.

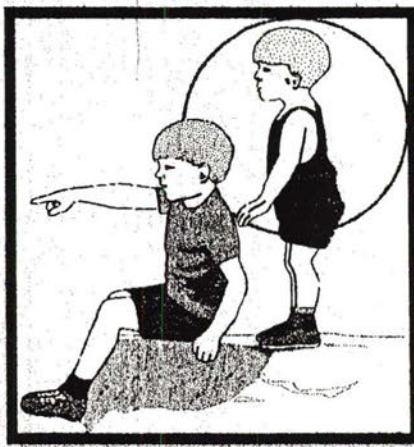
Upon arrival to the center, visitors were greeted by Ruby Raindrop. Ruby, who represents a giant, clean drop of water, helps center naturalists Elizabeth Hooper and Mike Milholland educate students about the importance of good water quality.

Guests were led on a nature trail walk by Hooper and Milholland. The group made several stops along the trail to study identified plants and trees. Students were also given the opportunity to view different aspects of nature such as lightning damage to trees, animal habitats, and phototropism. One stop on the walk even taught students about Tennessee's state tree, the Tulip or Yellow Poplar.

After a sack lunch at the covered pavilion by the pond, the visitors participated in a game which taught an environmental theme

such as erosion prevention or the importance of wildlife habitats.

The summer school students from McEwen Elementary participated in a water quality survey of Blue Creek. Students identified a variety of macroinvertebrates such as crayfish, water pennies, stoneflies, and mayflies, which indicate the quality of a stream. Likewise, students learned which macroinvertebrates indicate good water quality, and which ones are indicative of poor water quality. Students concluded that Blue Creek was in good shape!



*Educate the mind of a child
and plant a seed for the
future.*

Demonstration Areas Established by SCD

Many new additions at Humphreys Agriculture Center are sure to be helpful to farmers and landowners in the county.

Humphreys Soil Conservation District has recently acquired a Fleming Hydro-Ram pump. The pump can be installed into any flowing stream and is capable of pumping water to a considerable height using only the energy provided by the flow of the water itself.

The Ram pump will be installed on the portion of Bear Branch that runs along district property. The system is capable of pumping up to 4,000 gallons of water per day. Therefore, it is useful for supplying water to houses, livestock, and irrigation systems.

The district has also participated in a stream bank stabilization project which improved the condition of approximately 200 feet of critically eroding stream bank.

The project involved changing the stream bed to alter the flow of water. Likewise, a weir (log) dam and a rock dam were installed to slow down the flow of water. Suitable aquatic habitats were created that did not previously exist.

An interesting approach was used to stabilize the stream bank. Willow stakes were driven into the banks. The stakes have since taken root and begun to sprout. This is an excellent way to get quick growth on an eroding bank.

Come by the center to see these two excellent demonstration areas.

*Each year Americans produce enough "styrofoam" cups to circle the earth 436 times!!
Practice using a coffee mug instead of disposable cups!*

Don't Throw Out That Hazardous Waste!

If you have purchased new tires since October 1991, you were charged one extra dollar for each tire. Chances are, you wondered who was receiving that money and how it was being spent. Well, Humphreys County will soon see the benefits of this tax.

Under the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991, the money raised from retail sales of new tires goes into Tennessee's "Solid Waste Management Fund." Among other services this fund provides for the Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection Service.

Humphreys County and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation have scheduled the county's first Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for September 9, 1995 at Humphreys Agriculture Center (fairgrounds).

So, your question now is "What is a household hazardous waste?" Household hazardous waste is "anything that has a hazardous property." A material is corrosive, toxic, or reactive materials, according to Tennessee Department of



Examples of these materials include paints, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, automotive fluids, batteries (all types), and aerosols. Materials that will NOT be accepted at the event are medical waste, explosives or ammunition, radioactive compounds, commercial or agri-business wastes.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is free to all households in Humphreys County. Up to 100 lbs. of household hazardous waste can be accepted from each household. This is a good opportunity for citizens in the county to dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe way. Start preparing for the event today by looking around in your closets, basement, garage, cabinets, and outbuildings to see what you can dispose of at the event. You can also bring household hazardous waste for friends and relatives who cannot attend the event.

For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, call Humphreys County Solid Waste Supervisor, Ron Surber at 296-1555 or Elizabeth Hooper at 296-3442.

SCD Office Personnel

District Conservationist

Odell Poyner

Office Manager

Cheryl Patterson

AmeriCorps Naturalists

Elizabeth Hooper

Mike Milholland

Soil Conservationist

Joe Adams

Board of Supervisors

David Hatcher, Chairperson

Margaret Forrester

Ray May

Eric Mayberry

Sam Reynolds



New Cost Share Programs in July

District Conservationist Odell Poyner reports that as of July 1, 1995, there will be a new series of cost share programs available through the Natural Resources Conservation Service. These programs will be available to approved farmers wanting to improve water quality and to control erosion on farm property.

Invasion of the Bees

There's something new buzzing around the nature center these days! We now have a small colony of bees thanks to our personal bee hobbyist and district board supervisor, Ray May.

Mr. May introduced our colony of bees to the hive on nature center property in late February. Since then, a new super, or frame, has been added to the stack. A recent check of the hive by District Conservationist Odell Poyner determined that the bees have been very busy producing honey.

Come by the nature center to receive literature on starting your own colony of bees. You may even be treated to a small piece of honey comb!

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The News-Democrat

7-7-95

Space Sycamore Planted at Center Traveled on Endeavor

No, we are not crazy!

The new sycamore tree at Blue Creek Nature Center has really been to space and back.

A limited number of sycamore seeds traveled 160 miles into space aboard the space shuttle Endeavor during June 1993 where the seeds were put under experimental radiation, freezing, or centrifugal force. The project was part of the CAN-DO program in South Carolina aimed at promoting student interest in science experiments.

Upon returning from space, the seeds were then grown and nurtured to seedling size by Westvaco's Forest Science Laboratory in Summerville,

South Carolina. Tennessee Westvaco headquarters, located in Paris, obtained a few of the seedlings for planting locally.

Steve Morgan, a forester with Westvaco and president of the Five Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Executive Committee, presented the tree to Blue Creek Nature Center during the center's Earth Day celebration.

Blue Creek Nature Center was picked to receive the tree because of the number of students that visit the center each year. Students can visit the center from year to year to observe the growth of this very unique tree.



SPACE TREE - Odell Poyner and Steve Morgan plant a sycamore tree that has been into space.

NEWS-DEMOCRAT

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Humphreys County's Own Newspaper

Waverly, Tennessee 37185, Friday, July 7, 1995

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News Release 2

Contact: Elizabeth Hooper
296-3442

Release: August 18, 1995

Subject: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Funding

COUNTY RESIDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM TIRE FEE

If you have purchased new tires since October 1991, you were charged one extra dollar for each tire. Did you ever wonder how this money is being spent?

Under the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991, the money raised from retail sales of new tires goes into Tennessee's "Solid Waste Management Fund." Among other services, this fund provides for the Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection Service. This service is provided to rural counties in Tennessee, and citizens can bring items such as paints, oil, batteries (all types), home pesticides and herbicides.

Another fee that contributes to the Solid Waste Management Fund and makes the Collection Events possible is the \$.85 per ton surcharge on each ton of waste brought to landfills or incinerators in Tennessee.

Humphreys County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, September 9, 1995 at Humphreys Agriculture Center on Highway 13 South at the County Fairgrounds. The event will last from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Households are limited to 100 lbs. of household hazardous waste. No medical wastes, radioactive materials, or explosives will be accepted.

This Solid Waste Management Fund provides for other statewide support services such as waste tire shredding. It is also used to help local governments provide or expand collection services and assist in establishing recycling programs.

For more information on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, call Ron Surber at 296-1555.

News Release 3

Contact: Elizabeth Hooper
296-2680

Release: September 1, 1995

Subject: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

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Household Cleaners

- drain openers
- oven cleaners
- wood and metal cleaners and polishes
- toilet bowl cleaners
- disinfectants

Home Maintenance Products

- paint
- paint strippers / removers
- adhesives
- paint thinners

Automotive Products

- oil and fuel additives
- grease and rust solvents
- carburetor and fuel injector cleaners
- air conditioning refrigerants
- starter fluids
- body putty
- antifreeze / coolant
- waste oil

Home Lawn and Garden Products

- herbicides
- pesticides
- fungicides

Miscellaneous

- batteries
- pool chemicals
- medicines / drugs
- aerosols / compressed gas

Empty containers, ammunition and explosives, medical wastes, radioactive materials, and any type of waste from a business WILL NOT be accepted at the event.

There are many reasons to properly dispose of household hazardous waste. One reason is that improperly stored hazardous products in the home may increase the risk of poisoning or causing injury to family members. Also, disposing of hazardous waste in ordinary trash may injure sanitation workers because some products are chemically incompatible and may cause fires in dumpsters or garbage trucks.

To manage household hazardous waste in the best possible way, households can do a number of things. One is to buy only the quantity of a product needed or share leftovers with a friend or charity organization. Another is to buy less hazardous products. Finally, store household hazardous waste carefully until Humphreys County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. If you have any questions, please call Ron Surber at 296-1555 for further information.

News Release 4

Contact: Elizabeth Hooper
296-2680

Release: September 8, 1995

Subject: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SET FOR SEPTEMBER 9th

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Participants should do a number of things to prepare to bring their materials to the event. Place all materials safely away from children and pets in the back of the vehicle. Line the trunk with newspapers or plastic before packing and place containers in sturdy cardboard boxes or plastic trays padded with newspaper.

Take care to prevent different liquids and corrosives from mixing together. Try to separate different kinds of waste, and never mix different kinds of waste in the same container.

Materials should be in a sturdy, tightly closed container, preferably the original one. If materials are not in their original container, place them in a plastic jug with a secure lid and label the container. Do not bring materials in an open container.

Original containers that are badly damaged should be wrapped with plastic or newspaper or placed in a large container. No unknown waste can be accepted. If labels are missing, mark the container and tell the collection staff as much as possible about the contents. Be specific.

Don't eat, drink or smoke while handling household hazardous waste materials. Be sure to wash your hands after loading household hazardous wastes into the vehicle. A worker at the site will unload vehicles and will ask each household to fill out a brief survey. Once the materials are collected, they will be safely recycled, treated, or disposed of at permitted facilities for hazardous waste.

Humphreys County and Tennessee's Department of Environment and Conservation are looking forward to a successful event. For more information, contact Ron Surber at 296-1555.

County to Take Hazardous Waste

Ag Center, Sept. 9

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Objectives Section

Objective: II (state objective) : Provide environmental education opportunities at Blue Creek Nature Center by improving facilities.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

1. Two volunteers moved limbs and downed trees off the trails at the Blue Creek Nature Center.
2. One AmeriCorps member revitalized the Pine Tree Plantation, upgrading the area for outdoor classroom instruction.
3. One AmeriCorps member participated in reseeding/renovating the pasture area at the Center.
4. Continued work is in progress on handicap accessibility to the overlook and asphalt trails.

(complete this sheet for each objective)



Objectives Section

Objective: I (state objective) :Promote an increase in community awareness of environmental issues.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

1. Approximately 150 Soil Conservation district Supervisors, spouses, secretaries, and District Conservationists were toured through the Blue Creek Nature Center.. Emphasis was placed on the environmental education aspects available and stressed at the Center.
2. Approximately 75 members of three (3) local civic organizations were educated on household hazardous wastes and how to recycle.
3. Approximately 2,000 adults and students were made aware of environmental issues, and of the Blue Creek Nature Center and the opportunities available, through 2 displays at the Humphreys County Fair. As a result, 2 nature tours have been scheduled in the Fall; one with a group of physically challenged adults from the River Valley Psychological Center.
4. Over 100 newsletters were mailed to various organizations and individuals to inform them of the educational opportunities at the Blue Creek Nature Center and to keep them abreast of the ongoing activities.
5. Approximately 40 students and parents from the Small Steps Developmental School were toured through the center, with emphasis being placed on trees, birds, and fish found at the Center.
6. Approximately 30 individuals participated in the first household hazardous waste collection.

(complete this sheet for each objective)

ANDERSON COUNTY
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
319 S. MAIN STREET
CLINTON, TENNESSEE 37716

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DATE: 10/4/95NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER SHEET: 19TO: JOHN HARRISDEPT./AGENCY: USDA - NRCS

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FINAL RECEIVED ReportsAlan

HAVE A NICE DAY!!!

Report on Americorp member Carol Judy - placed at Woodland Community Land Trust.

prepared by Marie Cirillo - August 28, 1995

WCLT's Americorp member Carol Judy supported Woodland in developing its forest Development and Management Plan. Carol tracked most of the land, engaged in discussions with professional foresters, the Woodland board and staff and residents from the wider community, including local lumbermen.

The work on forestry directed the work of local legal staff to examine lands within the Clearfork Valley for the potential of a citizens Forest Practitioner Association that would offer the potential base of a community forest practice. That would then give rise to community wide education about sustainable development.

Carol promoted the idea of value added product and found citizens who could potentially contribute to products that could be developed from prime resources of our forest lands. Because there is a settlement and a camp site in the community, Americorp member worked on trails and initiated educational tours with local grade and high schools.

All the work related to forestry had a strong impact on two community wide planning process both with an Empowerment Zone which included parts of Campbell Co. TN and Bell and Whitty co's KY. and work on a Clearfork Valley Plan which includes Campbell and Claiborne counties Tn and Bell co. KY. This plan was supported by an East Tennessee Foundation initiative on rural development, and in that context our plan was part of a 9 county E. TN rural planning process.

Carol put land in a new perspective. At empowerment Zone meetings she was on the infrastructure committee. She soon realized that the emphasis on roads and utilities to serve industrial sited in the incorporated towns was important but exclusive of the infrastructure needed to build an economy in rural areas where land was the central factor in the infrastructure. That helped the Clearfork Valley plan (an area which excludes incorporated towns). We looked at our forest lands as our potential for a sustainable economy. Having an Americorp member gave Woodland the opportunity to search for answers in the forest. we found them. Now we must work to realize our vision.

Carol Judy enjoyed the team association with other agricultural related Americorp members within the Empowerment zone area. Here the members were able to glimpse what the community would look like if citizens could be productively engaged in forestry, agriculture and animal husbandry.



4th AMERICORPS
QUARTER REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name: Weed land

State: Tennessee

Site ID #: _____

Your Name: Maria Civilla

Your Position: Board member

Telephone number: 615-784-5304

Fax number: 615-784-8235

e-mail address
(if available) _____

Data report completed 10-4-95

Reporting Period: 1st quarter

Program Start-up date: _____

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MEMBER INFORMATION**FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION**

Number of Members authorized for your site:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

3

Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

 1

Number of Members at beginning of quarter:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

 1Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter: 505

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

 1Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter: 300

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

 1

Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:

Environmental Corps Members:

Rural Development Corps Members:

 1

**VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT****Non-AmeriCorps Member Volunteers**

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

30

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

500

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER****1. Staff changes made this quarter:****2. Program structural changes made this quarter:****Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter.****Total-to-date****Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service**



MEMBER ASSESSMENT
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 1 **TOTAL EMPLOYED:** 1

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED

TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

Box 1 - GENDER

Number of Males

Number of Females

TOTAL

Box 2 - RACE

Number of Caucasians

Number of African Americans

Number of Native Americans

Number of Hispanics

Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander

Other

TOTAL

Box 3 - EDUCATION

Number w/out High School Diploma or GED

Number with High School or GED

Number with some college

Number with college degree

Number with Graduate degree

Number w/Professional or Trade School

TOTAL

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

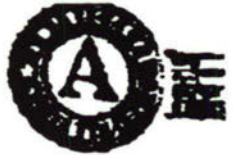
Box 4 - OTHER

Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS

Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps

Number of children

Number w/Disabilities



BUDGET INFORMATION

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

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps
Approximate dollar amount

10%
\$700

Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps

Travel costs for Members & Managers

Training costs

Supplies

Uniform costs

Program Costs
(Please explain what these costs were.)

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies

\$ 300.00

Travel

\$ 100.00

Training

Program Costs

\$ 3,000.00

Other

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

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps _____
Approximate dollar amount _____

Cost for any other Federal employee spending _____
time on AmeriCorps _____

Travel costs for Members & Managers _____

Training costs _____

Supplies _____

Uniform costs _____

Program Costs _____
(Please explain what these costs were.) _____

Non-Federal Funds Spent
(Explain)

\$4,500

Funds for project, travel, supplies were raised
by ~~for~~ American participant on W.C.H.T. These funds
allowed implementation of projects & training.



Objectives Section

Objective: (state objective)

Integrated Forest Management Plan / Dev + Ed.

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

1. Developed implementation plan for WCLT. As a local person I am in a position to direct the implementation of the plan. I was not accepted as an AmeriCorps person for a 2nd year so I will be ^{directing} implementation in a part time capacity.
2. Forest generated economic
 - Some trees cut - milled - dried & sold to local housing & furniture businesses.
3. Educational Exports
 - forest seed gathering workshops (as small business)
 - peer lending for small business (meetings)
 - Highlander workshops on jobs and environmental - motivated people to go
 - organizing meetings to learn more about computer com. communication
 - Tech school classes on trails for education

(complete this sheet for each objective)

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

Really developed leadership skills and technical skills in Forestry and in Community Development

communication skills improved.

Reinforcement of people centered / community based development.

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

Structured integrated forest management Plan and Sustainable Forest Dev. into a central position within WCE.

Created educational hiking trails for local schools and improve ed. component of Woodland's Comp program.

Participated in a 9 County rural planning process sponsored by the F. TN. Fed.

Identified markets + financing for local initiated businesses.

Contributed to Global sharing at China Conf.



3. Other Accomplishments:

As a volunteer - I have developed funding for peer lending & start-up capital for income generation ventures.

This is another part of value added processes for develop a sustainable economy based in our forest lands.

4. Unique Successes or "Great Stories":

As a local community based, American person - I brought many existing networks to the American program. Two of these are the National Congress of Neighborhood Women - (NENW) & Rural Development Leadership Network (R.D.L.N). ~~R.D.L.N. was a network of women & NENW was a network of men~~

NENW asked me to be a delegate to ~~the~~ the 4th World Conference on Women. This was held in Hangzhou, Beijing, China. R.D.L.N asked me to travel with them & present in 3 parallel workshops. - My ND responsibility included presenting in the Guacraats Tuto on North America Day - participating in a daily caucus for grassroots participation in decision making processes. - These usually were rooted in land tenure/ownership, environmental concerns & housing. This past year focus on forestry was a growing year for me. ~~With all~~ I have learned about different approaches ~~this~~ to forest management & the political strategies this past year.

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I was able to gain a global perspective by of both political strategies & forest/environment method and concerns. This is helpful as "third world" countries approach development from a different aspect than our government. I was able to add ~~to the~~ the ~~strength~~ of Appalachian Women & their approaches to development. Globally I feel women are aware of their strengths & commitment to sustainable development through equality of development for peace now & for future generations.



PRIMARY CHALLENGES

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

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Please state the problem clearly and concisely. Be candid.
 things fell apart with the team work. we lost site of rural dev. component of Forestry, agriculture & animals. Forest related issues come from trying to develop next steps in program while the org. structure is funding to maintain a position.

HAS THE PROBLEM BEEN RESOLVED?

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

For Rural Dev, we shall find other ways to coordinate land based dev. Woodward is reviewing the job description for a Forest Manager & will appropriate some operating funds as well as. Look for more.

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

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

I guess it is over-ride. For the Corp for National Service we need return on relationship with USDA staff. We believe working with them was a real & lasting result of this years program.

**MEDIA ASSESSMENT****1. NATIONAL IDENTITY ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER**

Included a trip to China (4th international women's conference) as training & identified myself as training person who was part of the Rural Leadership Development Network (USA).

2. MEDIA COVERAGE

- this event was in the LaFollette Press
- My resume & picture were in the publication from Rural Leadership Dev. Network.

3. OTHER CREATIVE DOCUMENTATION

Forest plan was included in a long range comprehensive plan constructed by the E. TN. Fd.



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I guess it is over with for the Corp for Natural Science. We will retain our relationship with even USOA staff. We believe working with them was a real & lasting result of this years program.

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FOURTH QUARTER AMERICORPS REPORT
Middle Tennessee Area
Cookeville, Tennessee
Site ID 94ADFDC047
September 27, 1995

For additional information contact: Jim Lansford, 480 One Eleven Place, Cookeville, TN 38506. Phone at 615/528-8434 or fax at 615/372-8405.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS SERVING AND HOURS SERVED.

Number of members allotted to site: 5
Members enrolled on last day of 4th quarter: 3
Number of members who served the entire 4th quarter: 3
Total service hours performed in the 3rd quarter: 1996
Total service hours performed in the 4th quarter: 913
Total service hours performed to date: 7157.25

NUMBER OF NON-AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS & VOLUNTEER HOURS

Number of AmeriCorps volunteers: 15

Total number of AmeriCorps hours: 282

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:

One member left the program after serving 1413.25 hours to return to school.

MEMBER ASSESSMENT:

At start of the program: 4 white males & 1 white female
At end of 4th quarter: 2 white males & 1 white female

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Percent of Program Managers time spent on AmeriCorps: 30
Approximate dollar amount: \$4051.00
Cost of other federal employee on AmeriCorps: \$2,500.00
Travel Cost for members & Managers: \$636.00
Supplies: \$347.00

COMPARISON OF COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES PLANNED WITH
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED

Community Service Objective No. 1

TO PROVIDE PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO 14 UNITS OF
GOVERNMENT IN IMPLEMENTING SUCCESSFUL SOLID WASTE AND
RECYCLING PROGRAMS. (See attached objective)

Action Item 1 - All items completed - members have an outstanding knowledge of solid waste/recycling programs. Additionally, by becoming knowledgeable of the Tennessee Solid Waste Management Act of 1991 members have been able to provide the 14 units of local government technical assistance needed to stay in full compliance with the law. A resource library on solid waste/recycling was established and successful systems were visited to expand their knowledge of the subject.

Action Item 2 - All items completed. Database information on the status of all 14 solid waste systems was obtained and monitored to determine individual needs. Assistance provided based upon each systems progress and individual needs.

Action Item 3 - All items exceeded substantially. Ten recycling demonstrations and one hazardous household waste demonstrations conducted. More than fifty presentations on solid waste/recycling were made to 5,270 individuals. Fifteen news articles on solid waste/recycling prepared, and an evaluation of reduction in solid waste shows a 25 percent increase in recycling. Additionally, two members helped organize and conduct a county-wide Clean-Up Day which resulted in 149 tons of trash being collected.

Community Service Objective #2

TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS OF APPROXIMATELY 5,000 STUDENTS AND ADULTS THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.

Action Item 1 - All items exceeded. Environmental education programs presented to 8,070 students in grades K-12 which resulted in a 50 percent increase in knowledge of key environmental issues.

Action Item 2 - All items completed. A site specific curricula was developed for the 14 environmental study areas involving teachers and students. The curricula was field tested and is now being used to teach environmental education at the schools. Pre/post testing indicated more than a 50 percent increase in knowledge and interest in environmental areas. This project has resulted in a 100 percent increase in teachers incorporating environmental education in their teaching program.

Action Item 3 - All items exceeded. Two in-service workshops were conducted and attended by 75 teachers from 8 counties. Workshop evaluations indicated a total success. Additionally, formal presentations on environmental education made to 200 teachers during faculty meetings.

Action Item 4 - Exceeded. Members accepted the responsibility of organizing the Regional Environthon and publicizing the event in all 14 counties. Resource material distributed to all schools and a list of resource people available to help train teams was developed and distributed. One hundred students participated in the event which was a 5 percent increase over 1994. More significant is the fact that the winning team from the Regional Environthon went on to win the State Environthon and from there went on to participate in the National Environthon at Rexbury, Idaho. This team was coached by two AmeriCorps members.

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT - No formal training, members involved principally in completing program objectives.

PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MEETING COMMUNITY BUILDING OBJECTIVE.

Action Item 1 - Exceeded. Students, teachers and others were involved in designing environmental study areas at the 14 selected schools. A site specific curricula was developed for teachers to use in teaching environmental education, with teacher input. Teachers, students and parents were then involved in installing planned items such as nature trails, planting trees, establishing wetland study areas and constructing and installing bird boxes. Fifty percent increase in environmental awareness as a result of this project.

Additionally, because of the success of the 14 pilot schools, requests were received from 4 other schools to conduct a similar program at their site.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS QUARTER

One additional environmental study area was developed at a school by an AmeriCorps member and a site plan for a recreational walking trail along a river was partially completed. Most of the quarter needed to complete program objectives and for program close out.

UNIQUE SUCCESSES - None

PRIMARY CHALLENGES - None this quarter

TRAINING NEEDS - None - preparing for program close out

MEDIA COVERAGE - Attached

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE #2
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS OF APPROXIMATELY
5,000 STUDENTS AND ADULTS THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.

Action Item 1- Present environmental education programs to schools, civic groups, and business on key environmental issues and the importance of recycling.

- .Develop programs which are timely and appropriate to the audience.
- .Develop before/after questionnaire to determine increase in awareness of environmental issues.

Action Item 2- Assist in the development of teacher generated curricula for on-site environmental study areas.
(See Community Building Objective #1)

- .Determine Tennessee Department of Education requirements for state certified curricula.
- .Coordinate curricula development with teachers at schools with environmental study areas.
- .Involve teachers and students in field testing curricula.
- .Develop pre and post tests to measure increase in environmental awareness.
- .Conduct interviews at each school to determine the percent increase in the number of teachers incorporating environmental education into their teaching program.

Action Item 3- Provide in-service training in environmental education to all interested teachers at the 14 targeted schools with environmental study areas.

- .Survey teachers as to area of environmental interest.
- .Gather material and develop in-service program.
- .Develop evaluation form to measure success of the training.

Begin by: February 15, 1995
Complete by: April 15, 1995

OBJECTIVE #2 -Continued

Action Item 4-Take major responsibility for planning and conducting a 14 county Envirothon for high school students which complies with national and state Envirothon guide lines.

- .Organize a Regional Envirothon Committee with representation from each of the 14 counties.
- .Publicize the event in all high schools in the region.
- .Obtain resource material needed by team coaches and distribute to schools.
- .Select site and conduct Envirothon competition.
- .Evaluate success of the event by the percent increase in number of participants from 1994 to 1995.

Begin by: November 1, 1994

Complete by: May 15, 1995

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE #1
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING

TO PROVIDE PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO 14 UNITS OF GOVERNMENT IN IMPLEMENTING SUCCESSFUL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS.

Action Item 1- Develop a working knowledge of solid waste and recycling programs/activities.

- .Study and become thoroughly knowledgeable of the Tennessee Solid Waste Management Act of 1991.
- .Contact business, government and private agencies and organizations to obtain resource material on solid waste/recycling.
- .Visit sites with successful programs to expand knowledge of subject area.

Start by: October 15, 1994

Complete by: November 30, 1994

Action Item 2- Determine the status of solid waste/recycling programs in each of the 14 targeted counties.

- .Obtain information on the status of each counties solid waste/recycling programs from state agencies and the Upper Cumberland Development District.
- .Meet with local officials to determine assistance needed to implement a successful program in their individual counties.

Begin by: November 15, 1994

Complete by: December 15, 1994

Action Item 3- Develop and implement an information and educational program on solid/waste recycling.

- .Conduct a minimum of 6 recycling demonstrations.
- .Present 24 talks/programs to schools, business and civic groups on recycling and solid waste management.
- .Prepare 14 news articles on recycling/solid waste for publication in local news media.
- .Evaluate reduction in waste and increase in recycling.

Begin by: November 15, 1994

Complete by: July 15, 1995

Agriculture today

Students learn about earth in Envirothon

By MIKE RICHARDSON

Putnam District Conservationist

Five teams from Putnam County participated in the recent Envirothon competition held at Cane Creek Park in Cookeville.

The teams from Algood and Cookeville Junior High Schools and the Cookeville High School went head-to-head with other teams from the Upper Cumberland region testing students' knowledge about natural resources and environmental issues.

There were a total of 20 teams competing making this the largest regional Envirothon contest in Tennessee.

The students that participated from Cookeville High School included Joe David Fortner, Ryan McCowan, John Richardson, Garrett Shepherd, and Amy York with Kathy Shanks and Rose Brogan as coaches.

The CHS team garnered first place honors and will represent this region at the Tennessee State Envirothon to be held at Crossville in May.

Algood Junior High fielded two teams for the competition. Team One included Josh Brewer, William Miller, Shawnha Rupard, Nick Sturdevant, and Laurel Waid.

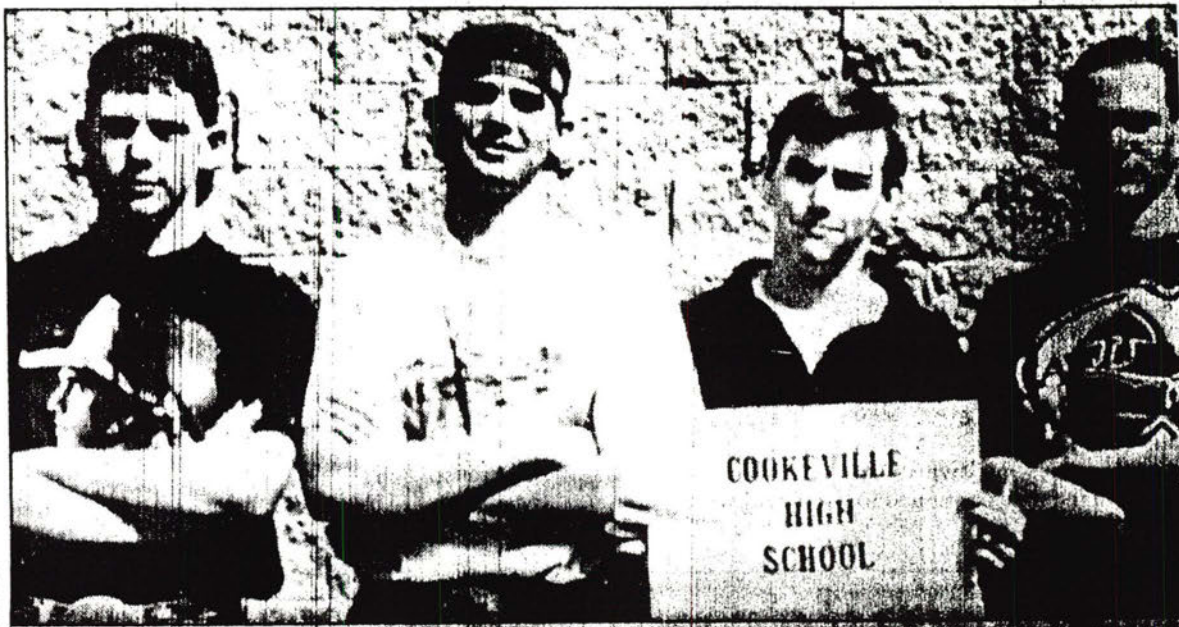
Team Two consisted of Josh Barthelemy, Missy Bilbrey, Chet Brittingham, Sarah Douthitt, and Monica Weilenman. Both Algood teams were coached by Jerome Barthelemy.

Cookeville Junior High also sent two teams to the Envirothon. Team One was Mike Henson, Ben Semmes, Ilsey Ventura, Trudy Walker, and Tom Zimmerman with Barbara Huddleston as coach. Team Two included Tara Allison, Brett Ehlert, Ann Ramsey, Mindy Reynolds, and Ben Wilson with Marsha Spurlock as coach.

In the Envirothon students worked together to find the answers to questions about various aspects of our natural environment.

Only one test was completed by the team at each station, rather than each student completing his or her own exam.

At the Aquatics station each team was given examples of different plants, insects, fish, and stream wa-



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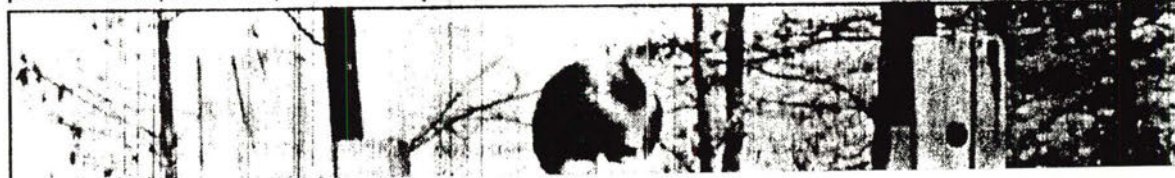
Cookeville High's team took top honors in the recent Envirothon at Cane Creek. The team members, from left, are, Garrett Shepherd, Joe David Fortner,

Ryan McCowan, Andy York and John Richardson. They'll represent the Upper Cumberland region at the state Envirothon contest in Crossville in May.



Algood Jr. High's team

Representing Algood Jr. High in the recent competition were, from left, Shawnha Rupard, Nick Sturdevant, Laurel Waid, Josh Brewer and William Miller. Jerome Barthelemy was their coach.



make decisions about water quality based on the information that they had.

The Groundwater station was related to aquatics, but from a different standpoint. The exam was based partly on the students' ability to comprehend articles about a real life groundwater problem then draw conclusions about the water quality of the groundwater. The students' general knowledge of groundwater was tested as well.

At the Soils station the teams had to use their knowledge of soil and management to make decisions about what capabilities and problems were associated with that site. They then had to make recommendations for Best Management Practices for the site relating to different agriculture and non-agriculture uses.

The Forestry station tested the students' understanding of issues surrounding the management and economics of forestry resources. The test was based on real world decision making and knowledge about Tennessee forests, and showed the students how complicated forestry management can be.

At the Wildlife station the teams had to answer questions about game and non-game animal management in the state. They also had to identify animal pelts, footprints, and skull.

The Envirothon could not have been put on without the organizational skills of the Hull-York Lake and Resource Conservation and Development Association.

This dedicated team of volunteers from each of the 14 counties in the Upper Cumberland, assisted by three AmeriCorps workers and employees of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Service) pulled together the financial, technical, and food resources needed to make the day run smoothly for the participants.

Tom Pointer, a RC&D Director Putnam County and an Earth Volunteer for the Putnam County SCD, was instrumental in organizing the event.

Operational and administrative support was provided by the Hull-York Lakeland RC&D Association, AmeriCorps program, and SCD.

Putnam County, financial or reporting sponsorship was provided by the following businesses, organizations, or individuals: Putnam County Soil Conservation District, West Side Ice and Food, Corner Music, Tire Engineers, Carlen Motors, Tom Pointer, Press Printing, and Burger King in Cookeville.



Represented Algood too

Algood Jr. High also fielded a second team at the recent Envirothon. Members were, from left, front, Josh Barthelemy, Monica Wellenman, Sarah Douthitt

and Missy Bilbrey. In the rear is Coach Jerome Barthelemy was their coach.



Cookeville Jr. High

Competing from Cookeville Jr. High on Team 1 were, from left, Tom Zimmerman, Trudy Walker, Ben

Semmes, Ily Ventura and Mike Henson. Their coach was Barbara Huddleston.



Cookeville Jr. High Too

Team 2 for Cookeville Jr. High included, from left, Ben Wilson, Brett Ehlert, Ann Ramsey, Tara Allison

and Mindy Reynolds. Marsha Spurlock coached the team.

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Recycling program airs here Tuesday

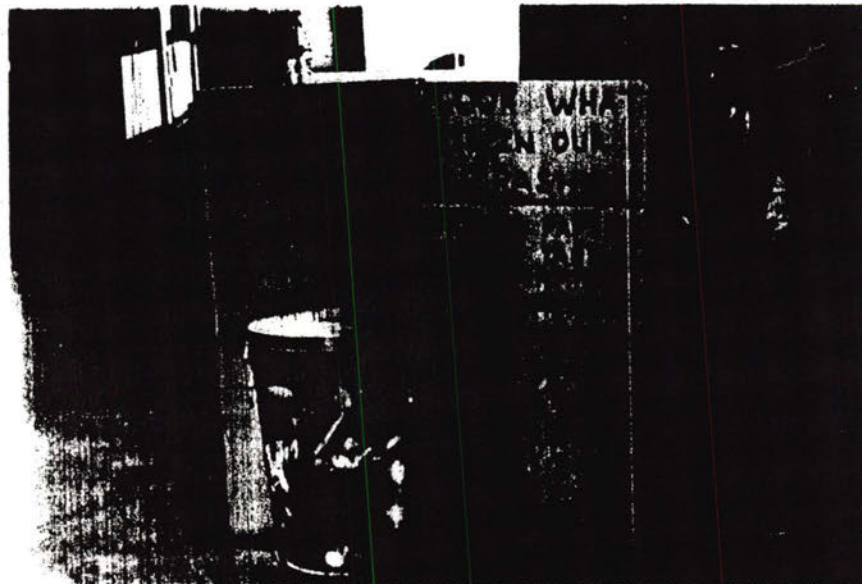
The annual meeting of the Cookeville-Putnam County Clean Commission will feature a program by AmeriCorps on recycling and solid waste management.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 5:15 p.m. at the new recycling center on E. 21st Street.

AmeriCorps is a volunteer organization similar to the Peace Corps on a domestic level. It is administered through the US Soil Conservation Service.

Americorps will present hands-on activities for kids and their parents, demonstrations, displays and literature on recycling and composting.

For more information, call 526-8434.



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Federal cuts could Monterey a new

By DON FOY
HERALD-CITIZEN Staff

Federal budget cuts could cost Monterey its proposed new library building.

State funds and private donations have reached the \$66,000 total of matching money needed for a \$66,000 federal grant from a fund known as Library Service Construction Act Title II. LSCA Title II is used to fund library construction projects.

The U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education has proposed a rescission of \$34.7 million in library funds, of which \$15.3 is earmarked for the LSCA Title II grants.

(A "rescission" is a cut in funds that are budgeted in the current budget year but not yet spent.)

State Sen. Tommy Burks of Monterey, who has helped secure much of the needed state funding for the project, still has hope for the project, however.

"I have asked Putnam Library Director Reilly Reagan to accelerate

recission takes effect.

"If we can get that application and the money committed before the rescission, we could be OK."

The Monterey library, part of the Putnam County Library system, was expecting to file a LSCA Title II grant application through the Tennessee State Library and Archives May 19 for funding this year from the program.

But a rescission of the funds LSCA Title II would mean no federal money and would gut the proposed Monterey library project.

Dale Welch, Putnam County Commissioner from Monterey and member of the Putnam Library board, has expressed his concern the project in a letter to US Congressman Bart Gordon.

"It has been brought to my attention that Congress has proposed rescission of library programs for fiscal year 1995-96, including Title II funds for library construction," the letter reads. "This would be devastating to the people of my district who have been planning for a new library for Monterey."

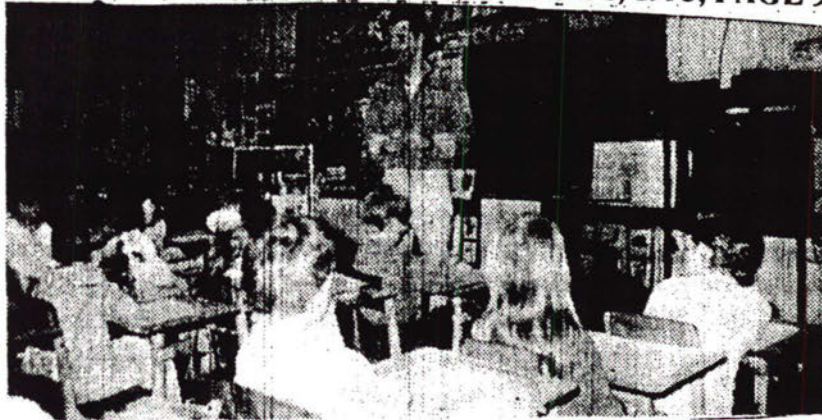
Environmental education in the schools in the Upper Cumberland, an area where it is badly needed, is rare. During this school year, the Middle Tennessee Cluster of AmeriCorps in Cookeville will bring environmental education to the Upper Cumberland area. Through teacher training workshops and working with schools and communities, 14 on-site environmental study areas are being developed at K-12 schools in the area.

The areas, designed to be used for all subjects, will help teachers reach their teaching goals through environmental education and help children learn the importance of protecting the environment. The areas incorporate trails, butterfly and hummingbird gardens, bird study areas, recycling centers, composting displays, reptile, insect and mammal studies, greenhouses, weather stations, and river, creek and wetland studies. Since all schools sites and individual teaching objectives are different, the list of teaching and learning opportunities is endless. The program also allows older students to teach younger ones and teachers in the pilot schools to assist teachers in other schools to develop their own programs.

An Earth Day Fair is also being organized. The theme of the fair, "REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE" will educate the public on the importance of reducing the amount of waste they produce, reusing products and materials when possible, recycling everything they can and completing the cycle by purchasing recycled products. The fair will bring together schools, businesses and others for activities and demonstrations encouraging efficient solid waste management and care for the earth's resources.

by Candy Swan





Mr. Paxton Madison and Ms. Cathy Campbell, from the Soil Conservation office, visited Miss Vickie's first grade class at Grimsley School to help the students become more aware of the need to recycle. Mr. Madison and Ms. Campbell presented a very informative lesson to the class. We will use this information to further our studies with a Unit on Preserving our Earth in April.

Dinosaur bones? Well, not quite...

Students in Berilla Smith's kindergarten at Algood School have been studying dinosaurs, and so they went on a "dinosaur dig." They didn't find any dinosaur bones, but they did find some horse

bones, such as the skull bone, some leg bones and assorted other bones. From left are Britney Buck and Paul Zoodema; Deborah Beaty, a student teacher from Tennessee Tech; and Whitney Wells. ● Photo: Berilla Smith

Poster winners at Junior High

Three students from Cookeville Junior High won top places in the recent Earth Day poster contest for students in the 14-county Upper Cumberland. From left are Candy Swan, AmeriCorps representative in the sponsoring Natural Resource Conservation Service; students Amanda Mullins, 1st-place winner; Alex Taylor, 2nd-place; and James Watts, honorable mention; and at right, Myrna Estes of the Clean Commission. Third-place winner was Holly Gann of Centertown Elementary, McMinnville. More than 1,000 posters were entered. The posters by Amanda and Alex will be printed on T-shirts that will be sold through the Clean Commission, the schools and at a regional Earth Day Fair scheduled for the campus of Tennessee Tech on April 22. For information on the fair contact Ms. Swan at 528-4698 or 528-8434. ● H-C Photo: Gall Cantrell



Park View annuals can be ordered now

Sponsoring teachers and students at Park View Elementary prepare to take orders for reserved copies of the school's yearbook, due to be distributed in May. Working on yearbook pages are, from left, Sherron Luhn, student staff members LuCinda Bliyeu and Lindsey Cameron and Tim Francis. ● H-C



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Lalul honored next Saturday

Activities at TTU, Cane Creek Park

By DYANA BAGBY
HERALD-CITIZEN Staff

A 25th anniversary Earth Day celebration is planned for next weekend, with "hands-on" activities to show people how to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," the theme for the event.

Next Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., the public is invited to see what actually happens when plastic bottles are recycled and learn how to make a compost bin as organizers reinforce the attitude that Earth Day is "everyday."

"We have about 30 booths so far, most of them dealing in some way with recycling and all will basically be hands-on demonstrations — there will be activities on recycling for people to watch and actually do," said coordinator Candy Swan of



Candy Swan
A 'recycling maniac'



Diana Davis/Crossville Chronicle

LOOKING UP - South Cumberland Elementary Discovery Club President Diana Drapel and Vice President Holly Ivey, front, show visitors a hawk's nest. The nest is one of numerous natural wonders evident along South's new nature trail.

New nature trail of discovery opens at South Cumberland

by **DIANA DAVIS** - *Chronicle staffwriter*

After many hours of hard work, South Cumberland Elementary's nature trail is finally finished and is a testament to the tenacity of the students, teachers, parents and others who put effort into making the trail a reality.

The SCE Nature Trail is a Discovery Club project - its members, 32 of them, were the prime participants in the planning and construction of the trail. Funding was provided by fundraisers

sponsored by the club. Additional funding came from the South Cumberland Parent Teachers Organization and Partners in Education.

Winding through meadows and woods, the trail gives those who walk it an opportunity to "enhance and excite their sense of sight, hearing, smell and touch," according to Mike Miller, Discovery Club sponsor.

More than just a place to walk, South's trail offers a variety of experiences.

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A wildflower meadow flanks the path and displays a mixture of annual and perennial wildflowers that provide seed for birds and nectar for bees and butterflies. The meadow is also a habitat for various insects as is a wetland area.

An arched footbridge fords a year-round stream which provides water for birds and animals as well as plant life. (The bridge was built by Carl Neely's Cumberland County High School class.)

The trail also leads to an amphitheater which doubles as an outdoor classroom.

Along the way markers point out the presence of various wildlife, both plant and animal.

Among the plant life are elderberry, American holly, Eastern hemlock, sassafras, dogwood, Eastern redbud, lichens, ferns, cedar, goldenrod, rattlesnake plantain, service tree, pussytoes, wild iris, May apple, wild violets, hawthorns and multitudes of others.

Animal life is also in evidence along the trail. Signs point out the presence of woodpeckers, screech owls and hawks. A rock habitat is the home of numerous organisms including insects, snakes, lizards and chipmunks.

There are also bird houses and

feeders to encourage inhabitation by feathered friends.

The SCE Nature Trail project was started last summer and officially "finished" Friday, April 21. Discovery Club members and sponsors hosted a grand opening to mark the occasion. The ceremony was well attended by students, teachers and local officials. Among guests were State Sen. Anna Belle O'Brien; Schools Superintendent Jim Hall; BOE member Harvey Faylor; South PTO President Ronnie Hill; Partners in Education (PIE) members Diane Brown and Carolyn Hale; Walter Stark, county environmental (Earth Day) celebrations coordinator; Candy Swan, of the Soil Conservation Department; and others.

Discovery Club President Diana Draper and Vice President Holly Ivey, with help from the guests, cut a red ribbon opening the trail and then conducted tours along its length.

"It is hoped the trail will be used by teachers and students alike," said Mr. Miller. Others who want to visit the trail should contact Mr. Miller at the school.

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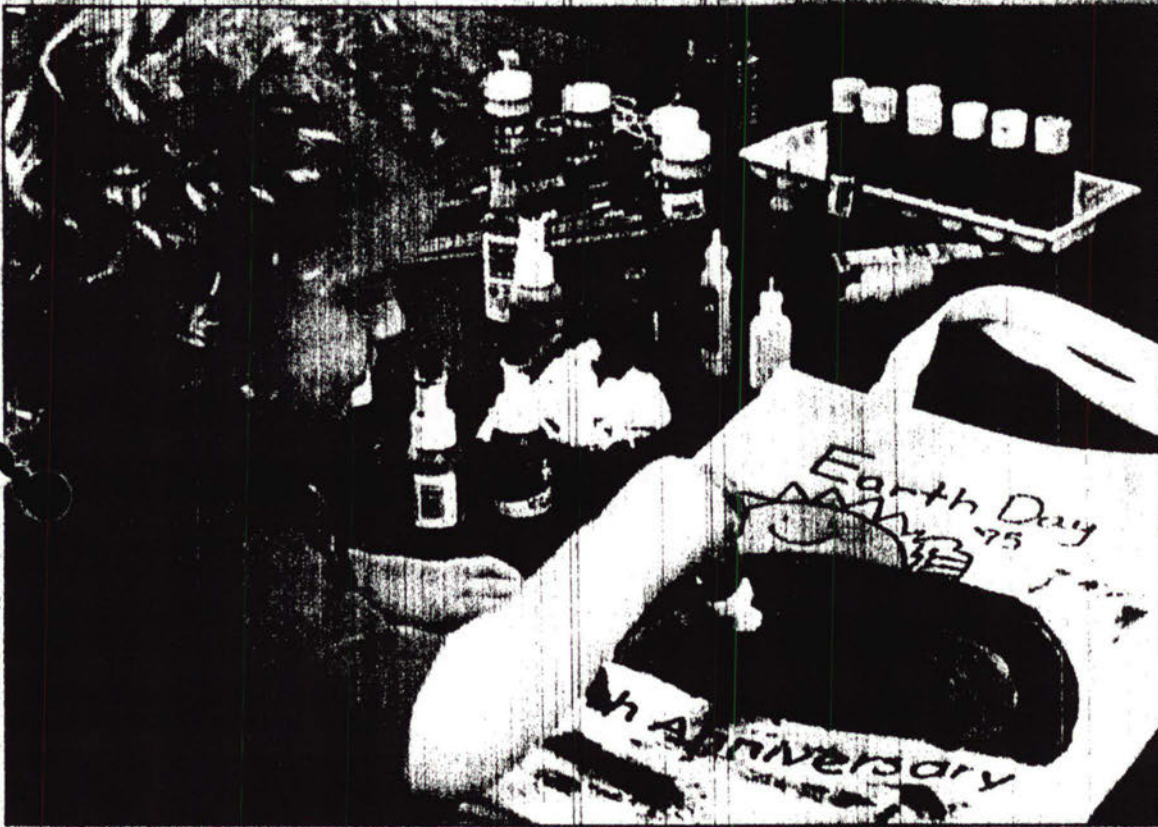
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Celebrating Earth Day



Emory Nash, 2, daughter of Linda Nash of Cookeville, paints a tote bag during Saturday's Earth Day activities at Sherlock Park on the Ten-

nessee Tech campus. This past weekend marked the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, a day set aside to remember to reduce, reuse and recycle. © H-O ColorPhoto: Dyana Bagby

Agriculture today

Putnam teams to compete in Envirothon

By MIKE RICHARDSON
Putnam District Conservationist

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