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Recreation opportunity guides - develop 12 ROG guides and 1 recreation campground brochure, 100% completed
Cost of Force Account $5040; Cost of AmeriCorps = $4514

Recreation Operation and Maintenance:

Campground Road Widening - complete widening 1.5 miles of road for RV's to enter Moosalamoo Campground safely, 100% complete
Cost contract out = $340; Cost of AmeriCorps = $878
Cost of Force Account = $1285
*AmeriCorps members are not chain saw certified, so only hand tools were used on this project.

Tool Cache maintenance - district tool cache sharpened and ready for summer partners to use, 50% complete
Cost of Force Account = $525; Cost of AmeriCorps = $340

Trail Backlog:

Stratton Puncheon Placement - moving 96 railroad ties and 125 treated boards for summer work project, 100% project completion
Cost to contract = $1800; Cost of AmeriCorps = $911
Cost of Force Account = $1101
*Heavy equipment donated for project

Appalachian/Long Trail - complete 25% of Vista scenic view opening on the AT/LT
Cost to contract = $1200; Cost of AmeriCorps = $823
Cost of Force Account = $660
*AmeriCorps members are not chain saw certified, so only hand tools were used on this project.

Ski Trail debrushing - opening and clearing a 12 mile cross-country ski trail system, 100% complete
Cost to contract = $3000; Cost of AmeriCorps = $4290
Cost of Force Account = $5980
*AmeriCorps members are not chain saw certified, so only hand tools were used on this project.

Wildlife Habitat Enhancement

Apple Tree Maintenance - complete 100% of 28 acres of apple tree pruning and release
Cost to contract = $4725; Cost of AmeriCorps = $6234
Cost of Force Account = $4720
*AmeriCorps members are not chain saw certified, so only hand tools were used on this project.
Wood Duck Monitoring and Box Maintenance - 100% completion of goal. Maintain existing boxes, monitor use and establish 35 new nesting sites
Cost of Force Account = $4085; Cost of AmeriCorps = $6234
*Local volunteers often used on this project.

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Operating Site Quarterly Report

National Direct, Federal, Tribal, and Territorial Programs

1.Operating site: **Green Mountain National Forest**, Rutland Vt.
Name Location

2.Operating Site ID # : **4047F220**

3.Corporation Grantee Name: USDA-Forest Service

4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

_ First Quarter (10/1-12/31) _ Second Quarter (1/1-3/31) X Third Quarter (4/1-6/30) _ Fourth Quarter (7/1-9/30)

5.Name of person completing this report: Joan M. McCloud

6.Position of person completing this report: Project Coordinator

7.Telephone number: 802-362-2307

8.Fax number: 802-362-1251

9.e-mail address (if available):

10. Members and Service Hours

	FULL TIME	PART TIME
No. of Members allotted to your sites	20	
No. of Members enrolled on last day of 3rd Qtr.	17	
No. of Members who served entire 3rd Qtr.	17	
No. of Members who left sites during the 3rd Qtr.	0	
No. of Members who joined sites during 3rd Qtr.	0	
Total Members service hours during the 3rd Qtr.	10,166	
Total Members service hours to date	20,606	

11. Please provide estimates of the following:

(a) Total **number** of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities this quarter: 60

(b) Total **hours** of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers this quarter: 374

12. **Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:**

In each section below, **briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.** Where available, describe relevant evaluation data. Note evaluation activities in which you have engaged.

(a) Direct Service Objectives:

The quality completion of our projects have been measured against established and approved standards within the Forest Service Land and Resource Management Plans, handbooks, operation, maintenance and construction guidelines, and project workplans. We worked with local schools to conduct and evaluate pre/post tests to determine and measure the success of the environmental education programs.

Primary Accomplishments this Quarter: (In detail, describe your central activities, project milestones, and most important "things gotten done" this quarter.)

All Cost Figuers are Estimates Only::::::

Recreation Facility backlog work:

Accessible picnic tables - construction of 25 tables is 85% complete.
Cost if contracted = $10,000; Cost of AmeriCorps = $5876
Cost of Force Account = $7892

Construction of 25 accessible picnic tables will contribute to our work of reaching ADAG regulations for persons with disabilities. The tables will be distributed throughout the Forest to upgrade our camping facilities

Paint interior of CCC building - project is 75% complete.
Cost of contract = $1920; Cost of AmeriCorps = $2204
Cost of Force Account = $2690

Painting the interior of CCC warehouse building. This project is to protect and enhance a warehouse building that is used by the Forest and our partners. The interior was last painted in 1979.

Build backboards for forest posters - construction of 12 signs 100% complete.
Cost of contract = $477; Cost of AmeriCorps = $364
Cost of Force Account $365

Assembly of backboards for forest signs. The purpose of this work is to replace worn and missing signs that inform visitors of fire and environmental issues.

Abbey Pond bridge removal - 75% complete
Cost of contract = $1,307 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $1,302
Cost of Force Account = $1,635

Abbey Pond hiking bridge removal. The purpose of this project is to cut up an unsafe hiking bridge.

Stratton Tower cabin removal and clean-up - 100% complete
Cost of contract = $753 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $526
Cost of Force Account = $774

Stratton cabin clean-up is a backlog project of picking up remains from a cabin that was burnt during the winter months. The purpose of this project is to maintain health and safety standards at a highly used historic site.

Forest radio repeater maintenance and hauling of equipment to two sites - 100% complete.

Cost of contract = $722 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $568

Cost of Force Account = $716

Forest radio repeater project involved backpacking batteries, solar panels and repeater equipment to Mt. Moosalamoo and Philadelphia Peak. The purpose of this project is to enhance our radio communications. This has increased safety responses and information to Forest employees and partners using our network.

Recreation Operation and Maintenance:

Develop campground and day use area maintenance of 13 sites on the Forest - 100% complete

Cost of contract = $7,473 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $5,390

Cost of Force Account = $7,711

Developed recreation area spring site maintenance includes painting or staining facilities, raking sites, clearing previously cut hazard trees or trimming sites that have been overgrown. The purpose of these projects is to help prepare recreation sites for the summer season by Memorial weekend, and to bring the sites on the forest up to health and safety standards for the operating season. Grout Pond, Moosalamoo, Texas Falls, Robert Frost Wayside, Red Mill and Greendale Campgrounds, Peavien, Silver Lake, Robert Frost Interpretive Trail system, and Silver Towers warehouse were maintained.

Robert Frost Wayside spring maintenance - 100% complete

Cost of contract = $560 ; Cost of AmeriCorps $412

Cost of Force Account $688

Trail Backlog:

Trail maintenance of hazard trees and water bars, trails complete to date are 49 miles - 100% complete

Cost of contract = $5,203; Cost of AmeriCorps = $5,306

Cost of Force Account = $6,377

Forest hiking trail spring clean-up involves cutting blow downs and cleaning water drainage areas. This project is to enhance visitors' enjoyment of our trail systems and to protect the trails from erosion.

Grout Pond trail brushing work - 2 miles - 100% complete

Cost of contract = $628 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $309

Cost of Force Account = $420

Snowmobile trail brushing at Devils Den - 90% complete

Cost of contract = $3,406; Cost of AmeriCorps = $2,911

Cost of Force Account = $3,885

Snowmobile trail maintenance involves working with partners to cut brush from snowmobile trails. The purpose for this work is to maintain the safety of existing trails and to provide the crew with a chance to work and meet different forest user groups.

Wildlife Habitat Enhancement

Hemlock tree planting of 40 acres at Mt Tabor with a total of 4,400 trees - 100% complete.

Cost of contract = $4,463 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $3,307

Cost of Force Account = $4,725

Hemlock tree planting was done in Mt.Tabor to plant an understory of hemlock to provid wildlife habitat.

Oak seedling planting on 20 acres with 2000 trees - 100% complete
Cost of contract = $2,358; Cost of AmeriCorps = $1,570
Cost of Force Account = $4,892

Tree planting and sheltering of bare root stock oak seedlings. This project involved planting seedlings followed by placement of wire tree shelters and stakes. Planting occurred in three cutting units and used sheltering of natural regeneration in a fourth unit. The purpose of this project is to enhance mast production for wildlife and to increase oak species on the forest. Oak tree planting restores oak trees to areas on the forest that once supported these trees naturally. This is being done to increase mast production for wildlife and to improve forest biodiversity.

Butternut tree planting of 425 trees - 100% complete
Cost of contract = $4,345 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $2,489
Cost of Force Account = $3,192

Hancock Butternut planting consisted of cutting wire shelters, securing filter cloth, planting trees covering the cloth with mulch and staking shelters around the trees. The purpose of planting butternut is to enhance mast production for wildlife, and to work toward the survival of a threatened tree species.

Prescribed fires, openings maintenance of 267 acres - 100% complete
Cost of contract = $16,166 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $5,059
Cost of Force Account = $11,599

Prescribed fire training and wildlife habitat burning on the forest. The crew was trained in Incident Command System (ICS). Courses 130 and 190. This has prepared them to participate in wildland fires this summer if the need arises. Background and hands-on experience was provided by their participation in burning to maintain wildlife habitat areas. The purpose of this program is to prepare them for working with the ICS personnel in any natural disasters and to help the forest burn program.

Salmon stocking assisted with approximately 775,000 fry - 100% complete
Cost of contract = $6,000 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $1,947
Cost of Force Account = $2,835

Atlantic salmon smolt monitoring of approximately 90 miles of streams - 100% complete
Cost of contract = $14,000 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $2,892
Cost of Force Account $6,300

Atlantic salmon stocking and salmon smolt monitoring took place in several significant rivers on the Green Mountain N.F. The purpose of the stocking is to restore Atlantic salmon fry to streams that once supported this species. The monitoring for salmon is to provide information on the success of previous years' salmon stocking and to gather information on habitat. The crew assisted FS employees and other volunteers over a three week period.

White River and West Branch River cleanup day covered approximately 15 miles of river bank. This project involved 88 middle school children, 10 teachers, FS employees and 7 AmeriCorps members.
Cost of Force Account = $969; Cost of AmeriCorps = $665

White River and West Branch White River garbage clean-up day, is a community one-day event. Middle school students, teachers, FS employees and AmeriCorps members participated. The purpose of this event was part of National River clean-up and education about the importance of clean water.

Soil and Water Inventory

Watershed improvement needs survey of Woodford area, 31+ miles of trails and roads - 100% complete

Cost of contract = $2,757 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $2,999

Cost of Force Account $3,887

Watershed needs improvement surveys involve walking trails and roads to inventory erosion and sedimentation problems. The crew inspected culverts to determine if they are functioning correctly. They located the sites on maps and described the problems and possible solutions. The purpose of the crew doing this work is to identify areas that are in need of soil and water erosion control work.

Hapgood Pond gravel pit closure of approximately 2 acres - 100% complete (costs reflect material purchases)

Cost of contract = $2,878 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $2,214

Cost of Force Account $2,400

Hapgood Pond gravel pit closure was done by appling lime and fertilizer, followed by seeding and mulching of a pit that was excavated and sloped back to a more natural and gentler condition. The crew spread grass seed and planted white pine seedlings over the area to revegetate the gravel pit. The purpose of this project is for reclamation and rehabilitation of the pit area so that erosion will not occur.

Timber Related Projects

Eddy Brook timber stand improvement (TSI) on 18 acres - 30% complete

Cost of contract = $958 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $1,403

Cost of Force Account $2,069

This timber stand improvement area is being done to increase the health and vigor of softwood trees. Competing vegetation is being cut to release softwoods.

Yellow Birch Progeny area measurement of 1 plantation on 5 acres - 100% complete

Cost of contract = $941 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $1,653

Cost of Force Account = $2,393

The Yellow Birch progeny test site remeasurement involved measuring height and diameter, and retagging trees with a specific number. The purpose of this project is to monitor trees and their health in planted research areas.

Spring Oak tree planting and sheltering of 1,300 bare root seedlings covered 26 acres of planted and sheltered trees with 20 acres of planting and natural sheltering - 100% complete

Cost of contract = $4,018; Cost of AmeriCorps = $6,191

Cost of Force Account = $10,469

See explanation and purpose statement under Wildlife Habitat Enhancement.

Skid trail measurement of 2 miles on Fowler Brook sale - 100% complete

Cost of Force Account = $358 ; Cost of AmeriCorps $284

Timber skid trail measurement is done to map and measure skid trails on timber sales. The purpose of this project is to collect forest monitoring information on the Fowler Brook sale.

Environment Education

Brought 40 elementary children to the field to plant 350 Hemlock trees. Used techniques for teaching from Project Learning Tree.

Cost of Force Account = $1,986 ; Cost of AmeriCorps $1,359

Teaching environmental classes at Poultney Elementary School. Approximately 157 children attended workshops.

Cost of Force Account = $12,600 ; Cost of AmeriCorps = $8,160

Environmental education program and contacts made for school education programs. The purpose of this on going project is to contact school children and teach them about environmental issues.

Additional projects

Landline location of 15 miles of national forest property boundary lines - 100% complete

Cost of contract $6,118 ; Cost of AmeriCorps $5266

Cost of Force Account $7,486

Landline maintenance involves cutting brush to reestablish existing Forest Service land boundaries. The lines are marked and painted in red, each class A boundary corner is written down, and corner trees remeasured and tagged if needed. The purpose of this work is to update backlog of land lines needing paint and to delineate property boundaries between USFS and private land owners. This in turn reduces trespass cases on the forest.

(b) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives: Briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.

Our objective is to provide members with an education and experience in working as a team to accomplish conservation projects and build life skills.

The main objective of National Service is "getting things done". AmeriCorps Members of the Green Mountain national Forest Team are, without question, fulfilling this objective. AmeriCorps members are accomplishing an impressive amount of community service on the Green Mountain National Forest, in the town of Poultney, and on the Green Mountain College campus where our residential site is located. In addition to the powerful design and implementation of the community service projects, AmeriCorps members have been working with many staff professionals of the Green Mountain National Forest learning aspects of most Forest Service occupational fields. Some of the fields that members have been exposed to in the third quarter are forest ecology; fisheries stocking, monitoring, and habitat improvement; global positioning system (GPS) mapping; trail sweeps and recreation area opening; trail rehabilitation; wildlife management; timber stand improvement; and prescribed fire.

(c) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives: Briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.

Our objective is to integrate crew diversity in terms of socio-economic status, gender, physical ability, learning ability, education, and geographic distribution.

The aspect of 'community' plays an incredibly significant role in this program. This is an intense, residential program that focuses on 'community' as a key goal to reaching our objectives and the objectives of National Service - "getting things done".

Community building was a focal point during the initial two week training, and it continues to be a focal point of the program. For instance, we have daily community meals,daily community Writing, Reading, and Discussion

times, collaborative community service projects; plus, weekend and evening activities that strengthen the ways we work and live together as citizens and as a team.

In addition to utilizing resources to strengthen our AmeriCorps community, the AmeriCorps members have gone to incredible efforts to make a positive impact in the town of Poultney. AmeriCorps members are known in Poultney - and they are recognized for their hard work and enthusiasm. This group has a great relationship with the town we live in and AmeriCorps members are continually striving to strengthen this relationship.

13. **Other Accomplishments this Quarter:** (Make note of any accomplishments or things gotten done not described above.)

In addition to the outstanding work the Green Mountain National Forest Public Lands and Environment AmeriCorps team accomplished this quarter on the National Forest, the team played a highly active role in our town of residence, Poultney, Vermont. The following paragraphs are representative of our community service involvement in Poultney, Vermont.

As of June 30, 1995 approximately 197 first through six grade children from the local elementary school participated in three sessions of environmental education led by eight AmeriCorps members. The environmental education lesson plans were created by AmeriCorps members and focused on using experiential learning techniques emphasizing analytical and problem solving skills to understand and appreciate the local and global environment. The students were introduced to new styles of learning and encouraged to learn outside the classroom. In addition, these lessons allowed the teachers an opportunity to observe their students learning styles, behavioral characteristics, and aptitude outside the classroom.

On April 21, 1995 AmeriCorps members planned and implemented a community-wide Earth Day celebration. Approximately 35 college students and townspeople participated in a variety of community service projects designed by the AmeriCorps team. The projects included: cleaning up an illegal town dump site, a river clean up, working in the AmeriCorps designed community garden, and a general town clean.

On April 25, 1995, National Service Day, Americorps members hosted a "field trip into the environment" for 45 sixth grade students. The field trip focused on positive role modeling through an exploration of local forest ecology. Hand in hand AmeriCorps members and sixth grade students planted hemlock trees in order to enhance deer wintering cover. In addition, AmeriCorps members led groups on forest ecology lessons emphasizing team work and participation.

On May 6, 1995 AmeriCorps members coordinated and participated in volunteer efforts for the Poultney Green Up Day. AmeriCorps members worked with community members to complete the following projects: planting trees along the town's main street, planting trees in the town park, and completing a seven mile clean up sweep of Vermont Route 30. This day was a great success that helped strengthen the relationship between the AmeriCorps and the town of Poultney.

Hapgood Pond fishing derby is an annual event sponsored by the Forest for the public. On June 10, 1995, partners had donated prizes for the free fishing day. The crew worked to help set-up and take down equipment and to meet and greet public during the event.

Emergency dispatching maps were created for law enforcement/fire/medical District front desk emergencies. The purpose of this work is to contact local dispatching units and update emergency maps with phone numbers and contacts, so that critical information can be accessed at a glance.

14. Unique successes or great stories : (Include stories that would best communicate to the public how AmeriCorps service gets things done. Particularly helpful are stories that include numerical results and creative solutions.)

The following is a list of "unique successes and great stories" that AmeriCorps Members of the Green Mountain National Forest USDA Public Lands and Environment AmeriCorps team participated in during the third quarter.

In addition to conservation work on the National Forest, AmeriCorps members are playing a highly visible and active role in the community of Poultney, Vermont. AmeriCorps members are immersed in the ethic of service, and participate in and create community projects that strengthen the roots of small-town America.

For example, AmeriCorps member Richard started a Saturday night teen recreation program at the local high school. Approximately 40 children and 5 parents regularly attend the program. Being from a small town, Richard recognized the importance of teen recreation and worked with the high school principal, the Parent/Teacher Organization, and the Town Manager to plan and implement this weekly event. Some of the activities the children participate in are basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, and card games. Most importantly, this program gives the young people of Poultney a safe place to congregate on Saturday nights.

AmeriCorps member Erin used her environmental education teaching background to create a curriculum that 8 AmeriCorps members implemented to 197 local elementary school children. The themes were winter ecology, the water cycle, and spring changes. Some of the lesson topics included metamorphosis, predator/prey interactions, a study of the food web, pond exploration and wetland hydrology.

AmeriCorps member Jamie started an organic community garden that will provide fresh vegetables to the local food shelf and senior center home.

AmeriCorps member Katie successfully worked with the local environmental commission to get one quarter mile stretch of land to design and construct a community nature trail. The nature trail's primary use will be for environmental education lessons for local kindergarten through twelfth graders. However, the trail will be open to the public for educational and recreational use.

AmeriCorps members Jon and Joy created an environmental and outing club for the local high school students. Consisting of 20 high school participants. The club has gone on many group hikes, and participated in a canoe trip/river cleanup of the Battenkill river. Positive role modeling and environmental awareness are the focus of the club.

AmeriCorps member Deborah has worked with Poultney River Watch to increase community educational awareness of water quality issues and to initiate cleanups of the Poultney River. Deborah organized a group of five AmeriCorps members to join a Poultney 7th grade teacher and his students on a clean up along Poultney River. AmeriCorps members chaperoned and helped

clean up approximately 300 yards of the river bank with approximately 25 students from his class. In addition, Deborah worked with the same elementary school teacher to conduct two water-quality testing classes. She accompanied one class to the Poultney river to pick up water samples and supervised the data recording at the site. She then aided the teacher with supervising two of his classes running tests on dissolved oxygen, alkalinity and other water quality parameters. Deborah also took advantage of the opportunity to assist the teacher with supervision of the sampling procedures, and to talk with the students to assess their level of understanding of the tests. Each class had approximately 20 students.

Deborah also volunteered about 30 hours during March and April at the Vermont Institute for Natural Science. Her work included maintaining and cleaning raptor cages, repairing roosts, and prepping flight cages for test flights of recovering raptors. She also worked feeding 50+ raptors at the center, dividing up food and bringing it to the assorted cages throughout the complex, tracking each raptors intake from the previous day and cleaning the cages after feeding.

15. Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter: (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.) Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs this Quarter:

The most significant challenge that we have is completing the third quarter report in a timely manner because of last minute format changes.

Additionally, another challenge occurs when site visits are not coordinated through our Forest AmeriCorps coordinator. This creates confusion for our partners and staff because transfer of information and communication lines are unclear.

16. National Identity Activities this Quarter: (Report on activities this quarter that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. Examples could include new uniforms, signage or publicity materials; projects with other AmeriCorps programs; coordination with State Commissions or Corporation state offices; training members in national skill areas (communication/conflict resolution or CPR/first aid); participation in national service projects (HIV/AIDS awareness training, environmental audits, or citizenship education); graduations or swearing-in ceremonies, use of national recruitment, use of AmeriCorps Member Handbook.)

The local and regional involvement of AmeriCorps members through community service design and participation is our most active form of national exposure. Our involvement in visible Community Service projects on the Green Mountain National Forest, the Green Mountain College Campus and in the town of Poultney, Vermont produces a strong, positive exposure of National Service - AmeriCorps.

To gain a thorough perspective of these events please refer to the Community Service projects listed in the primary accomplishments and unique successes or "great stories" sections of this report.

In addition to the previously mentioned AmeriCorps sponsored events and community service projects, the following is a list of events that strengthen our National Identity:

* All AmeriCorps members wear Team USDA t-shirts and AmeriCorps hats - AmeriCorps patches are on order.
* AmeriCorps members designed and presented a program overview to the Green Mountain National Forest Leadership Team
* AmeriCorps members started environmental clubs at Green Mountain College and the local high school
* AmeriCorps members taught environmental education at the local elementary school
* AmeriCorps members were featured in two Vermont state newspapers
* AmeriCorps members participated in a state-wide Vermont AmeriCorps Conference

  In addtion to meeting all Vermont state AmeriCorps members, the team had HIV/AIDS awareness training
* AmeriCorps members were trained in chainsaw safety and operations
* AmeriCorps members participated in facilitation training

17. Significant Program Changes this Quarter: (Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board membership, AmeriCorps Member attrition etc.)

None

United States Department of Agriculture

Soil Conservation Service

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210 Walnut St., Ste. 693
Des Moines, IA 50309-2180

Subject: PER - AmeriCorps Report **Date:** December 19, 1994

To: Lloyd E. Wright, Director, Community Assistance and Resource Development, NRCS, Washington, D.C. **File Code:** 360

The first quarter AmeriCorps report for Iowa is enclosed. The start up time including orientation phases consumed a large amount of time. Actual project production will be greatly increased in the second quarter. Contact me if you have any further information.

James E. Ayen
AmeriCorps Project Director

Enclosures

AmeriCorps/USDA
Quarterly Report - 12/16/94
Rural Development Team
Iowa

A. Number of members enrolled at time of the Launch (9/12/94) vs. number who are enrolled at the end of quarter:

13/26

B. Total number of hours of direct service performed by Members and total number of hours Members were in training:

Direct Service - 5040

Training - 1204

C. Any major staff or structural changes made:

Jim Ayen assigned as AmeriCorps Project Director.

D. Progress towards meeting community service objectives and Primary Accomplishments:

Objective 1: To restore wetlands by helping implement the Emergency Wetlands Reserve Program (EWRP).

The Members have visited over 100 towns putting up posters and handing out flyers. They have had articles in the local papers advertising the program and have been helping explain the EWRP to farmers and assisting them when they sign up. They have conducted eligibility determinations and developed preliminary Plans of Operations for the sites. This effort has resulted in a large increase in the number of offers for the EWRP. The second quarter report will quantify the number.

Objective 2: The design of a Geographic Information System (GIS) structures, creation of GIS databases and development of and application of GIS analytical techniques and models.

Members have learned how to use the GIS computer system. The Missouri River Corridor Project will be finished within two weeks with maps and written material. This information will assist County Conservation Boards and cities in the six counties of Fremont, Mills, Pottawattamie, Harrison, Monona, and Woodbury in locating areas for the potential development of recreation area, tourism, economic development, wildlife areas ad environmental benefits. This project is coordinated by the National Park Service and is in partnership with the Natural Resource Districts in Nebraska.

Objective 3: The planning and design for rural communities and landscapes in Iowa including water quality, watershed protection and awareness, excessive soil loss, habitat restoration and enhancement, and outdoor education and recreation.

Starting with the orientation of the projects they were to be working on, the two landscape architects have been very busy. One has revised the Loess Hill Scenic Byway brochure for western Iowa and is now working on a grant to get it reprinted. Site visits have been made throughout the area to develop bicycle loops for area cycling clubs. Two cities are working with AmeriCorps members to develop two beautification projects. Computer visualization has been prepared for the Clarinda Lutheran School to help them develop an outdoor education and recreational area. Other outdoor teaching areas are being researched and developed for several other counties and cities.

Objective 4: To promote and develop intensive rotational grazing systems in northeast Iowa.

Two members are working on this project. One has been to a grazing lands seminar in Rochester, MN. She is coordinating work with an AmeriCorps member in neighboring Minnesota on this project. She is setting up a networking system and will be scheduling pasture walks and seminars with local farmers. She is working closely with the Practical Farmers of Iowa, Iowa State Extension, and NRCS staffs.

Objective 5: To plan and organize tourism attractions or service which has public environmental educational value and economic development. This includes museums, farm tours, countryside tours, and the development of an Agricultural Heritage area.

Six members are working on this project. One is working on updating and reprinting of a six county booklet named "Explore Northeast Iowa." This has included contacting tourism representatives, county and city economic development offices in each of the six counties. One member is writing scripts for swine, beef and dairy farm tours. She is also working on an area for a demonstration farm. Another member is working on the restoration and development of a year round "Farmers Market" in Waterloo. This involves taking inventory of the major cultural resources of the African-American community in Waterloo. Another is developing a business plan to guide the construction of a facility to house and display a large antique farm implement and home utensil collection that was donated by an area farmer.

Members are also developing tours throughout northeast Iowa to educate visitors on natural prairies and the agricultural heritage of this area. One member is researching and writing scripts for four 60 minute audio cassette tapes. These tapes are designed to educate and entertain tourists as they travel from site to site in northeast Iowa. Another member is working on a business and marketing plan for a "Farm Park" which will be a working farm open to the public and featuring near extinct breeds of livestock, rare strains of grains, and an agricultural museum in a barn restored to federal historic standards. Another member is researching grant funding for the final stages of the production and distribution of a video documentary on Norman Borlaug's life. Borlaug is the only agricultural scientist to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

E. Primary Challenges

With the first quarter behind us and with the rush to get the program up and running our next big challenge is to do follow up with all the AmeriCorps members and project leaders to ensure the AmeriCorps products are completed.

F. Media Coverage

The Senator Grassley Editorial. Several newspaper articles introducing the Members in their local papers.

G. Other Creative Documentation

A VHS tape shows one of the projects that a Member has worked on. This is a tape showing computer image processing on an outdoor classroom project.

H. Journal Entries

Member Michael Stock: "Friday, 10/15 - traveled to Des Moines to meet Norman Borlaug. The opportunity to meet a Nobel Peace Prize recipient was very exciting, yet somewhat intimidating. But Borlaug turned out to be more interesting than intimidating."

Member Judith Bennet: "So far my work with AmeriCorps has been very rewarding. I was pleased to attend the State Kickoff meeting in Ames, IA and being involved in the roundtable discussion with Eli Segal."

AMERICORPS - U.S.D.A. CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION
SECOND QUARTER REPORT
12/1/94 thru 3/31/95

1. Number of Members on 12/1/94 20
2. Number of Members on 3/31/95 17
   Three new members start 4/3/95 (1 full service, 2 part-time service.)
3. Total Hours of Direct Service (416 X 17) 7,072
4. Total Hours of Training (240 X 17) 4,080

5. Progress Towards Meeting Community Objectives:

Objective 1- Provide 11,000 hours of urban greening service and environmental improvements for public housing and other partners.

Partner-Description of specific progress	Hours
Chicago River URP Site-selective cutting/clearing for savannah restoration	552
Beaubien Woods URP Site-bulb planting	102
Kenwood Oakland Community-lot revitalization, bulb planting	136
Elliott Donnelly Youth Center-soil preparation, bulb planting	136
Fellowship House Youth Center-fall landscaping completed	278
St. Augustine Church- clean up and garden bed prep.	400
Howard Community Garden- put up fencing, garden prep.	400
Cook Co. Forest Preserve Nursery-nursery work and hands-on training	1,208
Lathrop Homes-rehabilitation of 30 apartments	968
Ida B. Wells Homes-rehabilitation and major structural repairs of apartments	924
Habitat for Humanity-assisted at construction site	136
Garfield Park Conservatory-transplanting,potting,show prep. and hands-on training	594
Lincoln Park Conservatory-transplanting,potting,show prep. and hands-on training	252
Marquette Park Conservatory-transplanting,potting,show prep. and hands-on training	180
Total Hours of Service	**6,266**

Objective 2- Provide environmental education 1,000 Chicago Public School students.

Partner-Description of specific progress		Hours/Students
Dunbar H.S.-indoor/outdoor gardening		12/60
Crown (K-8)-indoor/outdoor gardening		36/360
Talcott (K-8)-indoor/outdoor gardening		36/360
Dulles (K-8)-indoor/outdoor gardening		24/240
Madison (K-8)-indoor/outdoor gardening		24/240
Graeme Stewart (K-8) & Metger Evert (K-8)-judging of gardening fair		24/150
Chicago P.S.s at large-Mighty Acorn training at:	Sauganash Prairie Grove	72/360
	Somme Prairie Nature Preserve	12/60
	Sundrop Prairie	36/180
	Cap Sauers Holding	12/60
	Beaubein Woods	24/120
	Spears Woods	24/120
	Wolf Road Prairie	12/60
City Youth Net-general academic small group tutoring at several elementary schools		187.5/200
E. Donnelly Youth Center-general academic small group tutoring		87.5/100
Total Hours/Students		**623/2,670**

Objective 3- Recruit 500 volunteers to create urban agriculture and green/safety sites on two vacant lots near public housing and in Little Village.

Partner-Description of specific progress	Hours
Mayor's Office-recognition dinner & Americorps presentation	34
Lathrop Homes-Christmas dinner & Americorps presentation	43
Field Museum-Green and Grow Fair: Americorps display	40
Kenwood Oakland Community Organization- planning and recruitment meetings	31
Total Hours	**148**

Objective 4- Provide environmental education to 500 volunteers to plan and create urban agriculture and green/safety sites.

Partner-Description of specific progress	Hours/Volunteers
Donnelly Youth Center-indoor/outdoor gardening	2/10
Fellowship Youth Center-indoor/outdoor gardening	2/10
Altgeld Garden/Beaubien Woods-indoor/outdoor gardening	2/10
Lathrop Homes-indoor/outdoor gardening	3/20
Kenwood Oakland Community-indoor/outdoor gardening	2/10
Chicago Public School Teachers-Mighty Acorns	12/35
Community and Business Leaders-Mighty Acorns	12/25
Total Hours/Volunteers	**35/120**

6. Primary Accomplishments are detailed in *Americorps-U.S.D.A., Chicago Environmental Action Notebook of Accomplishments* under separate cover.

A. The accomplishments notebook is being updated on a regular basis.
B. This quarter was largely devoted to specialized training for the members.
C. A major accomplishment towards member objectives is the successful establishment of primary liaison roles for the team leaders and other members. The number of partners that we work with is large and a team leader or member has the responsibility to be the liaison between USDA-Americorps and each partner.
D. The Kennicott Park Facility has been designated by the Mayor's Office as one of six Youth and Family Centers in Chicago. This partnership has become an opportunity for us to dovetail into this new city program.

7. Projected Outcomes for Third Quarter:

A. Completion of urban agriculture and green safety sites on vacant lots.
B. Recruitment of dependable community volunteers.
C. Continued personal growth of Americorps members.
D. Improved media coverage and recognition of USDA/NRCS-Americorps as a separate entity.

8. Primary Challenges:

The program is working very well.

9. Primary Training Needs:

A. Training needs center on development of team leadership abilities and team motivation. This is being addressed by NRCS National Office.
B. The need for more training on NRCS history, mission and career opportunities has also been identified. This need will be supplied from the NRCS Area Office.

10. Media Coverage: see *Americorps-U.S.D.A., Chicago Environmental Action, Notebook of Accomplishments* under separate cover.

A. A media plan has been developed with the assistance of the Illinois NRCS Public Affairs Specialist.
B. A USDA/NRCS-Americorps newsletter is being developed to keep partners and NRCS support aware of activities.
C. News media contacts are planned during May to hopefully generate more coverage of Americorps activities.

11. Other Creative Documentation: see *Americorps-U.S.D.A., Chicago Environmental Action, Notebook of Accomplishments* under separate cover.

The accomplishments notebook is being updated on a regular basis.

REBECCA ESTEP
RECD
PRESTONBURG, KY

Operating Site ID # 07

Corporation for National Service.
Operating Site Quarterly Report.

1. Operating Site Name: Prestonsburg, Ky

2. Program Name: Team USDA

3. Corporation grantee name:

4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

_1st Qtr (10/1-12/31) X 2nd Qtr (1/1-3/31) _3rd Qtr (4/1-6/30) _4th Qtr (7/1-9/30)

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? October 16, 1994

6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

	Number of Americorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours of Required Service
Full Time	1	942
Part Time	NA	NA

7. Please provide Estimates of the following:

(a) Total number of non-Americorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities: 0

(b) Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers: 0

Primary Accomplishments this Quarter:

Having a supervisor who is supportive of the Americorps mission. Composing a list of other non-profit groups who can do home repairs for low income families. Getting a workspace of my own. Established working relations with Kentucky Housing Corporation, turning over to them some of the cases that fell through the cracks in our regulations, as well as other cases that cannot wait for us to receive funds. Was given permission to work in other offices of the RECD in my territory in order to better contact groups in those areas. Will be working with other nonprofit groups to give assistance to them where needed. Am spreading the word about the Americorps program to other non profit groups, to enpower them to start programs of their own as well as helping other people who would like to go to college a chance of doing so as well as helping them make a difference in their community.

Unique successes and great stories: Finding a way to assist people we are unable to help now, through Ky Housing Corp. Established working relationships with the Veterns Referral Center (and they said they can receive grants). Application taking sessions are finally starting to pay off (already have established a regular base at the Pike County Housing Authority, and would like to continue the ones at Wheelwright, and McDowell, as well as establishing others). Have already referred others to organizations on my list. Started the prelimmeries on having my team assisting a non profit group in building a single family dwelling.

Summary of Progress this Peporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(1) Direct Service Objectives:
Will need to cut down on the projected number households to be serviced due to budget cuts. Progress is finally being made toward organizing a database of non profit organizations to refer people to.
Have had to cut down on outreach objectives due to lack of funds. However, have referred non-profit to community projects handled through the district office that also would be of benefit to more people than just a home repair loan or grant program.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:
Have developed other avenues of helping others in the community. (see below)

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives: Have made arrangements to help other non profit group by offering to help with the day-to-day activities of their work. Will be working with other groups on projects not releated with home repair. Groups include: Veteran's referral center in Paintsville, The Paintsville branch of Big Sandy CAP, The Service Connection in the Prestonsburg branch of the Big Sandy CAP, as well as other offices of RECD. Am also trying, in a small way, to assist with the founding of a medical school in Johnson County (Southern College of Osteopathic Medicine).

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

1. Money (or lack therof).
2. Dealing with having a new supervisor.
3. Having to deal with a scaled back budget.
4. Having more counties to cover since the reorganization of the RECD.

National Identity Activities this Quarter:

Have passed information to Nine non profit groups this quarter. Will try to arrange being on a local television show and talking about Americorps for next quarter. Would like to try some new ideas for next quarter.

Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter:

Had to difersify to accomplish my goals while the office is short of funds.

REBECCA DAVIDSON
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BARBOURVILLE, KY

AmeriCorps*USA

Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: March 31, 1995

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Operating Site ID #: 20-61

Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Barbourville, KY

2. Program name: USDA

3. Corporation grantee name: _____

4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

☐ First Quarter (10/1—12/31) ☒ Second Quarter (1/1—3/31) ☐ Third Quarter (4/1—6/30) ☐ Fourth Quarter (7/1—9/30)

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? October 6, 1994

6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

	Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours or Required Service
Full-time	1	1812
Part-time		

7. Please provide estimates of the following:

(a) Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities: 0

(b) Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers: 0

Operating Site ID #: 20-61

Primary Accomplishments this Quarter: (In detail, describe your central activities, project milestones, and most important "things gotten done" this quarter.)

I have helped three home bound residents fill out applications for 504 loans. The first is a 92 year old lady whose soffit was rotting and had rotten holes in her floor. Other minor repairs were needed. Since RECD is out of money, I got her a grant through Kentucky Housing Corporation. While the work was being done, her roof started leaking. I also got her a hardship grant through RECD to finish this work. I have also recently helped her apply for a Medicaid medical card. The second is an elderly lady whose roof is leaking very badly. She has broken her leg previously and has had pins put in. When it rains she has to get up at all hours and drag or carry pans to the bathroom and empty them. She has to do this while she can only walk while hobbling from one support (counter/chair) to another. I am sending her application in on a hardship.
The third lady has a disease where she is wheelchair bound. She has recently had to go to a larger wheelchair which will not fit through the doors of her home. If there was a fire she would have no way to get out of the house. We are sending her in on a hardship to enlarge the doors.

I had a public awareness meeting in which one person attended. She presently has an application in and is waiting for funding.

I spoke with the Family Resource Center directors to discuss the 504 program for reference when they encounter a family in need.

I held two all day office periods for families to discuss the 502 program. I had four scheduled appointments and two walk-ins.

I wrote an article questionnaire to find the families in need of assistance. The families fill out the questionnaire and send it to me. If I know of available help, the families will be notified.

I worked with two other AmeriCorps members at a Community Awareness Expo where we set up a booths, one for RECD and one for AmeriCorps, and had pamphlets and handouts for the community.

I have worked with the District RECD office and a community water project to help them get easements and water users signed up which is required before the project can be finished. #

I have talked with 4 504 applicants, 14 502 applicants, and been on 17 504/502 inspections (initial and final).

Operating Site ID #: 20-61

Unique successes or "great stories": (Briefly describe unique and/or exceptional successes, program highlights, or "great stories" about AmeriCorps people, projects or partnerships that occurred this quarter.)

A 92 year old woman had seen an article in the paper and called the office. I went to see her to help her fill out an application. While there she mentioned several times that she had nothing to eat. I also discovered that I knew her great niece. Every time I spoke with the elderly woman after that she would mention that she was starving to pay her bills. Since I knew her great niece, I talked with her about her great aunt not having anything to eat. She had told me that she probably had food in her freezer and was playing on my sympathy. The niece decided to check on her anyway and sure enough the only thing she had to eat was frozen zucchini peppers and a little corn meal. The niece went and bought her all the food she needed. I also have helped her apply for a Medicaid card to help pay for the medication that Medicare doesn't cover.

I applied for her to get a grant through Kentucky Housing Corporation to make the repairs on her house for $2,500. After the work had started on the house her roof started leaking and it was discovered that the entire roof needed replaced. We discussed the possibilities of making the extra repairs. Kentucky Housing Corporation gave us $500 more and we decided not to make a certain repair, but we were still $300 short. I discussed the case with the State Rural Housing Specialist and he helped me get her a $300 hardship through RECD. One of the needed repairs included repairing her ductwork to reduce her gas heating bill which was $220.00 a month on the budget plan.

Helping this one woman has made my whole year of service worth while.

Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives: (Briefly describe how accomplishments this quarter relate to achieving each of your three sets of annual outcome objectives: (1) Direct Service Objectives, (2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives, and (3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives. Where available, describe evaluation data that indicate progress during the past quarter toward achieving your annual outcomes. Summarize activities related to establishing an evaluation system or conducting your local evaluation (e.g., instruments developed, data collection plans established, etc.).

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

OBJECTIVE #1 is to increase the knowledge of socially and economically disadvantaged individuals with hardship cases about RECD programs and help them with the application process. FIVE 504 hardship applications have been taken and 1 loan/grant has been funded as of 3-31-95. TWO others have been sent to the State Office and the other two are still being processed.

OBJECTIVE #2 is to survey and find the families that need help and find other ways to meet their needs. An article has been written with a questionnaire to find these families and will be published in eleven local newspapers in the 6 counties I service. As people respond, I will find help for them through other resources I have found for each county.

OBJECTIVE #3 is to help two communities in my area obtain needed easements and water signers for their water projects being funded through our District Office. One meeting with the engineer and city officials has been attended and another has been scheduled.

OBJECTIVE #4 is to foster cooperation between RECD and other local organizations that are concerned with housing. Information has been obtained to help any organization interested(church, non-profit, etc.) start a local volunteer program for repairs. RECD has already worked with Kentucky HOusing Corporation and two non-profit organizations, COAP, Inc. and Helping Hands.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

OBJECTIVE #1 is to do the best job I can and help as many people as I can. Also, to help the community as best I can. As I said before, just helping the one elderly woman was enough to make my one year worth while, however, I would still like to meet the goal of helping 25 families during the year.

OBJECTIVE #2 is to increase my knowledge of opportunities for the community for future use and make a long lasting impression on my community to improve their community development. This will be done by community awareness projects such as newspaper articles, community projects, and community involvement.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

OBJECTIVE #1 is to help the community of Pineville and Harlan Co. achieve their goal of putting water in the community where needed by helping them obtain easements and water signer agreements.

OBJECTIVE #2 is to help the community get involved in development by creating a volunteer program to repair homes and help start a community action program for cleaning the town of unsightly trash and junk.

Operating Site ID #: 20-61

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter: (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.)

The major problem which I'm sure everyone else has mentioned is the funding for RECD. I could have already met my goal of 25 families served if we had the funding for the 504 and 502 program.

Another problem I have is with the requirements we need in the files of the applicants which are hard or almost impossible to get. In these cases, loans cannot be made. An example is a divorce decree that was made in Ohio and was burned with her house several years ago. She has not seen the ex-husband in 25+ years so why should she have to go to so much trouble to get this when his name is not even on the deed. She bought the house recently and doesn't remember the county she got her divorce in due to stroke. The problem is that all these little details can slow up or turn down the loans.

Another problem I have is in finding other resources to take the place of the RECD programs. In my six counties of Southeastern Kentucky are very limited and have very little to fall back on. I have found a resource for each of the six except one which is kind of left out by itself.

Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs this Quarter:

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Operating Site ID #: 20-61

National Identity Activities this Quarter: (Report on activities this quarter that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. Examples could include new uniforms, signage or publicity materials; projects with other AmeriCorps programs; training members in national skill areas (communication/conflict resolution or CPR/first aid); participation in national service projects (HIV/AIDS awareness training, environmental audits, or citizenship education); graduations or swearing-in ceremonies, use of national recruitment, use of AmeriCorps Member Handbook.)

Pamphlets that were sent to me for applications to the AmeriCorps program were displayed at a Community Awareness Expo and were taken by Laurel Co. students.

I attended a Community Development Training course put on by the Heartland Center for Leadership Development in Memphis,Tennessee.

I attended a class by the American Red Cross and was certified as a Red Cross First Aid/CPR instructor. The Laurel County Chapter Red Cross instructor now knows of AmeriCorps.

Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter: (Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board membership, etc.)

My supervisor, the County Supervisor for Knox Co., was transferred to Harrodsburg. My new supervisor is the Acting County Supervisor, Barry Turner, who was the Assistant County Supervisor for Knox Co.. The supervisor who left was Robert C. Dunn.

TINA ELZA
RECD
SUMERSET, KY

AmeriCorps *USA

Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: April 5, 1995

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Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: RECD London/Somerset KY

2. Program Name: RECD AmeriCorps

3. Corporation grantee name: USDA

4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:
--First Quarter *-Second Quarter --Third Quarter --Forth

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service? 9-15-94

6. Indicate the number of full time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of this reporting quarter and the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Member as of the last day of the reporting quarter. 1 Full Time 939 hours

7. Please provide estimates of the following:
Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities: 0

Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Members volunteers: 0

Primary Accomplishments this Quarter:

In my effort to fight the housing problems in the community I have let the people in the county know of the resources available to them by doing a radio interview and newspaper feature stories, as well as participating in community awareness programs. With the help of the media we have focused on letting people know about AmeriCorps Members and how they may help them to find and obtain resources that they may not be aware of. I also participated, along with 2 other AmeriCorps Members, in our Community Awareness Expo. that allowed us to provide information to over a thousand families about AmeriCorps and provide much needed information about ways to obtain housing that is safe and sanitary. I was also able to talk with representative from over 80 agencies about community services that they provide. I am also in the process of forming an inner-agency council that will meet once a month to combine resources from each agency to enable us to solve some of the most serious problems facing members of our community. One of our first goals is to build a shelter for the homeless because our community does not have one.

I have taken applications for 11 families that need major home repairs and have talked with around 100 families that need help. I have been able to write 2 up as hardships and they were both funded. One was for a widow that needed major repairs to her houses foundation and roof and also needed a new heating system. i was able to get her $5,000.00 for repairs. The second one was for a new heating system for an elderly couple who had a coal and wood burning stove that was a fire hazard and they also had a floor in their bathroom that was falling in. I was able to get them $5,000.00. I also was successful in getting a new home for an elderly man who was on oxygen and had to stay home all of the time, he was living in a house that was ready to fall in and he had no repayment ability. (see successes story) I have the rest of the families applications and hope to be able to get the funding for 3 of them this month through RECD.

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I am also working with other AmeriCorps Members in Floyd County to help the water and sewage commission to be able to install a much needed sewer line in this community. We will be working with 300 families to help see that this project gets carried out. We are also involved with 2 other counties that will be needing our help to carry out water projects in their community.

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In an effort to improve housing, as an AMERICORPS Volunteer I have made many contacts with other agency and I have worked hard to let it be known to the public that their are resources available to them. Including AMERICORPS. In my efforts I have been fortunate to work with RECD and county supervisor Tony Snell, who has made every effort to assist me in attacking the housing problems here in Laurel County. Working out of the RECD office I received a phone call from a home health nurse asking me if it was really true that I was able to go into a home and take an application for assistance with a housing problem. She told me about Bertress Feltner, a 70 year old man confined to the home because he had to have oxygen 24 hours a day and she gave me directions to the home. I went out to Mr. Feltners home that day and talked with him,took an application for a loan and grant and looked at the house he was living in. I could see at that moment it was going to be a hard case. The problem was that the house was in such bad shape that it could not be made structurally sound. I took several contractors out to the home to get their professional opinion and each one told me that it would be less expensive to build him a new house and that it would be impossible to fix this house to be as safe and warm as it needed to be. A 502 housing loan could have been made through RECD but Mr. Feltner had no repayment ability. Here he was 70 years old, on oxygen, confined to his home and the floors have fallen in and the roof is falling in, he has no cook stove and his water freezes all winter, so he has no water half the time and as if that isn't enough he is breathing cold dust from having to heat with a coal and wood burner that is 30 years old.

Being one who cannot accept "NO" as an answer I knew that I had to find a way to help this man. I told county supervisor Tony Snell about the situation and he arranged a meeting with Ruth Martin of Daniel Boone Development. I got all of the paper work together and Mr. Snell and I went to meet with Ruth Martin. We pleaded Mr. Feltner's case to Ruth Martin who had just received some funding through a grant she had wrote and she agreed to let us bring it before the housing committee. We went before the housing committee the following week and pleaded the case once more, this time armed with pictures of the old house he is living in and plans for the new house we were going to try to make sure he would live in. They had already obligated all of the money except enough for one more new house, a new house that Bertress Feltner will occupy in a few weeks. YES! AMERICORPS..... GETTING THE JOB DONE!

Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

1. Direct Service Objective:

Talked with 11 families about much needed home repairs and have taken their application for a loan or grant.

Provided information to hundreds of people in the community of resources available to them.

Worked door to door with the people in Allen to get sewer agreements signed so that they could get started on a new sewer system and clean up the water in their community.

Sought out other sources of funding for people in the community.

2. AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

I have been able to improve the housing in the community by seeking out funding from other sources as well as the funds from RECD. We have made repairs to several homes and have been able to get a elderly man a new home at no cost to him. I have also provided members of the community with information that may useful to them. My main objective is to continue to work solving housing problems. I also plan to help start a homeless shelter for the county because we do not have one.

3. Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Preparing an inner-agency council that will serve the community needs.

Get a homeless shelter in our community

Hold meetings that the community can gain knowledge of the resources available to them.

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter

The problem we, as AmeriCorps members, working with RECD are facing is the lack of funding. There is such a great need in the county but there is not enough funding to help very many of those who need help.
The other problem that I have faced is not having access to a computer and printer because the people that I work with at RECD are afraid if I use their printer I will mess their equipment up.

National Identity Activities this Quarter:

I received a T-shirt and a hat and pin.

Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter.

None

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LARA MAY
BIG SANDY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
PRESTONBURG, KY

AmeriCorps*USA

Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: 4-12-95

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Operating Site ID #:

Primary Accomplishments this Quarter: (In detail, describe your central activities, project milestones, and most important "things gotten done" this quarter.)

FORMED A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF SALYERSVILLE, KENTUCKY TO ASSIST IN PLANNING THE SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM. MADE NUMEROUS CONTACTS WITH OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE EAGER TO ASSIST IN THE PROJECT.

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Unique successes or "great stories": (Briefly describe unique and/or exceptional successes, program highlights, or "great stories" about AmeriCorps people, projects or partnerships that occurred this quarter.)

Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives: (Briefly describe how accomplishments this quarter relate to achieving each of your three sets of annual outcome objectives: (1) Direct Service Objectives, (2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives, and (3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives. Where available, describe evaluation data that indicate progress during the past quarter toward achieving your annual outcomes. Summarize activities related to establishing an evaluation system or conducting your local evaluation (e.g., instruments developed, data collection plans established, etc.).

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

AMERICORPS TRAINING IN MEMPHIS, TN MARCH 19-24, 1995.
THE TRAINING WAS EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL IN MY MEMBER DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE. IT WAS THE MOST REWARDING CONFERENCE I HAVE ATTENDED.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

THE MEETING WITH VARIOUS PEOPLE FROM MAGOFFIN COUNTY PROVED THAT THERE IS ENTHUSIASM AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE COMMUNITY, THEREFORE STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY.

Operating Site ID #:

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter: (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.)

ONE OBSTACLE HAS BEEN LACK OF GUIDANCE FROM SUPERVISOR DUE TO THE LACK OF TIME HE HAS TO OFFER ME GUIDANCE. WE HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND PLAN TO DISCUSS FURTHER VERY SOON AND TO REACH A SOLUTION.

Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs this Quarter:

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ATTENDED AMERICORPS TRAINING IN MEMPHIS, TN, MARCH 19-24, 1995. THE TRAINING WAS CONDUCTED BY THE HEARTLAND CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. TRAINING INCLUDED COMMUNITY ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT, UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING CHANGE, CONFLICT MANAGEMENT, AND IDENTIFYING AND DEVELOPING LEADERS.

Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter: (Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board membership, etc.)

AMERICORPS*USA

Operating Site Quarterly Report

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Position of person completing this report: AmeriCorps Member

Operating Site ID #:

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Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Kentucky River Area Development District

2. Program name: RECD Rural Development Team

3. Corporation grantee name: United States Department of Agriculture

4. Second Quarter (1/1-3/31)

5. Beginning service date: October 10, 1994

6. Number of members enrolled: One Full-time AmeriCorps Member (958.3 Total Cumulative Hours)

7. Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities:

   Total number of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers:

Currently serving as a resource and helping coordinate a Leadership Conference which will be held in late April.

Unique successes or "great stories":

A group called the Eastern Kentucky Goat Producers has formed. AmeriCorps member has played a key role in obtaining and providing technical assistance, proposal writing, and serving as a resource for the group. This group is interested in diversifying the local farm economy by increasing meat goat production in Owsley county. I am helping them research markets, obtaining information about breeding, and looking for ways to improve the stock. This group has developed a collaborative approach in reaching their goals. In February, the members pooled resources, including money, a vehicle, a horse trailer, and time. Two men volunteered to make a trip to Texas to purchase breeding stock and returned with sixty goats that were distributed among 15 families.

Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

To provide assistance to the Owsley County Action Team to enhance their ability to obtain grants for the following purposes: to promote alternative agriculture enterprises and to promote community development. I have helped both the Eastern Kentucky Goat Producers Association and the Eastern Kentucky Vegetable Producers with obtaining technical information and information about grant sources as well. Goat production has tripled in two months and the number of goat producers in the county increase every day.

I have continued to provide technical assistance to the various groups within the county. I have also submitted a proposal to the United States Department of Forestry to help fund a dry kiln operation in Owsley county.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

To serve as a resource:

Member has met this objective by serving as a resource for the East Kentucky Goat Producers Association, the Owsley County Action Team, the East Kentucky Vegetable Producers Association, the Chestnut Gap Wood Products Venture, and Appalachian Environmental Products. I have obtained information and disseminated it to these groups.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

I have helped conduct a leadership/grant writing seminar. I also am helping plan a East Kentucky Leadership Conference which will be held on April 28-29, 1995.

I also worked with local business leaders in Owsley county to develop a proposal for a dry kiln operation. This project will result in both training for employment and increasing local employment and income by the creation of 5 to 7 new jobs

Operating Site ID#:

Primary Accomplishments this Quarter:

During this quarter I have assisted in preparing a study to determine the economic feasibility of constructing a display room for the show, sale and advertisement of secondary wood products in the highly visible heavy traffic area for the I-75 corridor through the Cumberland Valley Area Development District. There are 70 businesses in the counties of Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle and Whitley that would benefit from this project.

I also helped a small town named Benham in Harlan County. Approximately seventy-five families do not have city sewer lines. Some have septic tanks and some just have pipes leading to a creek nearby. This is a very low income area and I went from house to house meeting these families and did income verifications for those who would be unable to pay hook-up fees for when these services are rendered available for this community.

I am also involved in writing the state plan for the Family Preservation and Support Group. During this time I conducted several focus groups involving parents, community leaders, service providers, and children in out-of-home placement. I also did in home surveys with parents to determine what services that they use and what services they don't and what services they need the most. All this will help me to write the state plan.

I have been very involved in Community Awareness. Two other AmeriCorps members and myself were involved in a Community Awareness Expo in which were represented AmeriCorp and Rural Economic Community Development. Over a thousand people attended and were able to attend. There were eighty vendors participating in the Expo so we were able to gain knowledge of the programs that are already in progress in our community.

I am also working with the Kentucky Communities Economic Opportunities Council to inform the community including parents, teachers, businesses and students of the school to work program. The School-to-Work program is a new program in which the whole community gets involved to better prepare students for the transition from school to work. We will have the teachers and local businesses working together to decide what skills students need if they are going directly from high school to the job market.

I also am very active in completing Laurel County's Emergency 911 system.

Operating Site ID#:

Unique successes or "great stories": (Briefly describe unique and/or exceptional successes, program highlights, or "great stories" about AmeriCorps people, projects or partnerships that occurred this quarter.)

It was a very moving experience when I had the focus group with children in out-of-home placement. I only spent two hours with these children but it really changed my perspective. And when I am older and wiser I would like to be a foster parent myself and I will do all I can to help whatever transition they are enduring and I will do everything I can to make them happy for whatever amount of time I can.

Recently, myself and the eight other AmeriCorp Members attended a training session in Memphis Tennessee. This was a great learning experience and it also made me feel more like I was part of a whole because of all the other AmeriCorp members that we met. And it was wonderful to hear all the success stories that we were having. We all left knowing that we were making changes in our communities and we are very proud to be AmeriCorps Members and have the chance to **get things done.**

Operating Site ID#:

Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives: (Briefly describe how accomplishments this quarter relate to achieving each of your three sets of annual outcome objectives: (1) Direct Service Objectives, (2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives, and (3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives. Where available, describe evaluation data that indicate progress during the past quarter toward achieving your annual outcomes. Summarize activities related to establishing an evaluation system or conducting your local evaluation system or conducting your local evaluation (e.g., instruments developed, data collection plans established, etc.).

I have more projects coming up in the future that I am very excited about accomplishing. Tina Elza, Rebecca Davidson, and myself are coordinating an inter-agency council in which local agencies will be able to meet together to discuss issues such as what services are available how they can draw funds together etc. This is a much needed project because agencies rarely communicate. Most recently I was able to connect agencies that had parents in need on daycare to the an agency that had funding for daycare not being used.

Also, I am working with the Jobs Training Partnership Act in the areas of Jackson, Clay and Harlan Counties. Jackson County is the cite for a new branch of First Image Data Input Inc. I will be organizing basic computer classes for any community member who would like to participate. This will better enable them to become employed. I will also give life skills classes to anyone interested. This will given to Clay and Jackson County. Harlan County will be receiving nurses aid training.

I will also be helping Floyd County acquire land easements for much needed sewer line system for 300 families.

Operating Site ID#:

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter: (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.)

Operating Site ID#:

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I was able to represent AmeriCorp at our Community Awareness Expo that we had recently at Laurel County. Over a thousand people attended and I was happy to say that I had already worked with several of the agencies that were displayed.

I also attended the AmeriCorp Training held in Memphis Tennessee.

Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter: Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board membership, etc.)

LAURA DUNCAN
MIDDLESBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MIDDLESBORO, KY

Primary Accomplishments This Quarter

My primary accomplishment this quarter was establishing contact in Harlan County, Kentucky with some of the areas community leaders. I set up an office in Cumberland in late December in the last quarter. In January and February, I met with the mayors of Cumberland and Benham and discussed with them goals for the area. I also worked with members of the Tri-City Chamber of Commerce, Cumberland City Council members, and the director of the Kentucky Coal Mining Museum in Benham. We discussed strategies for improving the areas tourism industry and I assisted with writing two grant applications to improve the downtown area in Cumberland.

In Middlesboro, Kentucky (Bell County), I continued to work with the Bell County Industrial Foundation and the Executive Director of the Bell County Chamber of Commerce to obtain [redacted] and arrange for wetland mitigation on the site of the future Bell County Industrial Park.

Also in Bell County, I helped prepare a grant application to improve the downtown area in Middlesboro.

In addition, I continued to work on the Kentucky RECD AmeriCorps newsletter, Common Ground. I produced three editions of the newsletter this quarter.

Unique Successes or Great Stories

I feel that producing the newsletter has been a wonderful success. Not only has it allowed the members of the Kentucky RECD AmeriCorps team to become more aware of the projects each of us individually has going on, but it has offered us the opportunity to let other USDA personnel and other AmeriCorps members to learn about the purpose and the progress of our AmeriCorps team. It also provides us a forum for idea sharing.

Recently, the newsletter also helped us to share with AmeriCorps members throughout the country in addition to those within the state of Kentucky. At the recent national USDA AmeriCorps conference in Memphis, Tennessee, I established contact with AmeriCorps members in several states and invited them to share their successes and ideas with us through our newsletter. This was a significant accomplishment because now we can get ideas from other USDA AmeriCorps members and think about issues that we may not have addressed before or have no concrete solutions for. In other words, AmeriCorps members throughout the nation can become information resources to us, and hopefully, we will be resources to them as well.

Direct Service Objectives

In Harlan County, my objective is to help make the area a more attractive tourist site. Things I have done in this quarter to help that goal be realized are as follows:

--discussed plans for city improvement with mayors in Cumberland and Benham
--helped write two grants applications for downtown improvement (one for the Main Street program and one for landscaping through the Forestry Service)
--began planning projects for the future with community leaders

In Bell County, my goal was to assist with the development of an industrial park. These are the things I have done:

--helped obtain permits for the site
--worked with wetland mitigation plans (in conjunction with the US Army Corps of Engineers)

AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives

My goal was to become more knowledgeable about resources. To that end I have:

--read various books and magazines about the Internet
--read various government documents on everything from wetland mitigation to small business management
--maintained contact with other AmeriCorps members and discussed resource availability with them
--established new AmeriCorps contacts

Community Building/Strengthening Objectives

My aim was to establish better contact with community leaders. I have accomplished this in Cumberland as discussed earlier in **Primary Accomplishments.**

Primary Challenges Encountered

The main challenge I have had to deal with is numerous delays in the process of building the Bell County Industrial Park. The first hold-up was with a granting foundation. That difficulty was resolved with some wording changes in our grant application.

The second delay was problems with wetland mitigation. Our plan was to mitigate with the aid of the Army Corps of Engineers who initially refused to cooperate. After meeting with them, they said they will help us , but the process for obtaining their help will cause some additional delays.

National Identity Activities

One way in which national identity was fostered during this quarter was through attending the USDA AmeriCorps conference in Memphis. Meeting and talking to other AmeriCorps members in different states helped me to look outside my community and its problems and to see other communities problems and, in some cases, solutions. It also helped me broaden my resources.

MONA POWELL
KENTUKCY COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
BARBOURVILLE, KY

Americorp

Quarterly Report for

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for Second Quarter

KCEOC
Barbourville, KY.

Jim Davenport, Supervisor

1 Americorp member at Site

Work toward objective: The objective was to develop lifeskill classes for low-income families with 15 target families involved in the project. The classes were to start April 19, 1995, however due to an increase in demand for the classes from different groups working with the Knox County Enterprise Community project, two other sessions have been added to the agenda. Enclosed you will find a copy of the initial survey before the classes and also an instructor outline which will be used for the classes.

Outstanding accomplishments for the Quarter: An awareness of the community about the classes which has lend to the response being increased from 15 families to 40-60 families. This is due to the efforts of the community leaders and myself working together to take responsibility for our community and get things done by coordinating the addition of the extra classes Response to the outline of material for the classes has been outstanding.

Kentucky Communities Economic Opportunities Council
on behalf of
Knox County Enterprise Community

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Americorp Project Objective Statement

The Americorp Member would be responsible for instigating an "Adopt a Room" program for the Emergency Shelter which is currently under construction. The building will be completed by August, 1995. The Program would consist of recruiting various civic, religious, and volunteer organizations to become involved in the Shelter by providing for necessary supplies and up keep of the different rooms of the Shelter. This would provide that the community would be involved with the Emergency Shelter and would share the responsibility for making the shelter a success.

The result of the Americorp member's year of service would be to successfully arrange for the maintenance of basic supplies necessary for the day to day operation of the Emergency Shelter. The Americorp member would also be a liaison with the community to promote community service, responsibility and the idea of getting things done by the community.

The results of the Americorp member's year of service would be measurable by the number of "Adoption Contracts" which would be signed and which would outline the responsibilities of the sponsor group. This outline would include all items necessary for the maintenance of the adopted room. The target number of contracts would be 10 contracts which are maintained during the year of service. Another means of measurement would be the number of volunteer hours from volunteers which are recruited by the Americorp member.

The Americorp member would be successful in maintaining a comfortable atmosphere where people that need emergency shelter could receive much needed assistance in improving the quality of their lives.

The target number of service recipients for the Americorp member's year of service would be 225 people.

Accomplishment of Objective

The Americorp member's work will be supervised by James Davenport, Deputy Director of Kentucky Communities Economic Opportunities Council. The resources which would be needed would be lists of community, civic and religious organizations, office space in which to recruit volunteers and complete any necessary paperwork and the Americorp member's service hours.

A quarterly action plan of accomplishments will be generated. This would include:

First Quarter: Develop an adoption contract and develop the list of contacts

Second Quarter: How many adoption contracts have been signed and how many volunteer hours have accumulated.

Third Quarter: How many adoption contracts and volunteer hours have accumulated. How the adoptive groups are responding to their responsibilities and how many clients were served.

Fourth Quarter: A total of adoption contracts, volunteer hours, and clients served for the year.

Survey for Adult Education Classes

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____

The Adult Education classes will cover six weeks, one class per week and two hours per class. The topics to be covered include: Setting Goals, Stress Management, Business Correspondence, Budgeting your Resources, Establishing and Maintaining your Credit, and Finding and Making Opportunities for Home Ownership. Please answer the questions below so that the classes may be scheduled at the best times for the most people. Thank you for your cooperation.

Which day would be best for you? _____
What time would be best for you? _____
Are there any other topics which you would like to see covered?

JOHN MILLS
KENTUCKY HIGHLANDS INVESTMENT CORP.
LONDON, KY

AmeriCorps*USA

Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: March 28, 1995

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Operating Site ID#: Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation at London, Kentucky

Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation at London, Kentucky

2. Program name: Rural and Business Community Development Services/ RBCDS

3. Corporation grantee name: United States Department of Agriculture/ USDA

4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

___First Quarter (10/1-12/31)	_X_ Second Quarter (1/1-3/31)	___Third Quarter (4/1-6/30)	___ Fourth Quarter (7/1-9/30)

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? September 6, 1994

6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

	Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours or Required Service
Full-Time	1	
Part-Time	NA	NA

7. Please provide estimates of the following:
   (a) Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities: _____
   (b) Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers: _____

Operating Site ID#: Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation at London, Kentucky

Primary Accomplishments this Quarter: (In detail, describe your central activities, project milestones, and most important "things gotten done" this quarter.)

My central activities this quarter regarding the Empowerment Zone have included helping define the Empowerment Zone border in Wayne County, Kentucky in order to determine who in the community will be eligible for EZ benefits, and informing community leaders and citizens about the EZ via "letter to the editor" in local newspapers, written correspondence and meetings.

I have also been working toward our goal of implementing an "alternative crop fund" and a revolving loan fund for low-income farmers in the Empowerment Zone. My activities this quarter regarding this goal have involved defining the conditions and terms of the loans that will be made to low-income farmers. We have worked with a local farm cooperative and banking company in achieving this. I have also been discussing with the EZ county agricultural extension agents various plans and ideas that farmers have for experimenting with alternative or supplemental crops. We are presently selecting a committee to oversee the alternative crop program and to advise farmers who will be participating in the program. The alternative crop program will make up to 12 matching loans a year from a revolving loan pool, each in the amount of $2,500, to farmers wanting to experiment with other crops. The revolving loan fund for low-income farmers will assist 50 to 100 hundred farmers a year by providing them with $10,000 working capital loans; five thousand which is EZ funds and five thousand which is funded by a local bank.

Operating Site ID#: Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation at London, Kentucky

Unique successes or "great stories": (Briefly describe unique and/or exceptional successes, program highlights, or "great stories" about AmeriCorps people, projects or partnerships that occurred this quarter.)

The highlight of this quarter was helping facilitate Vice-President Al Gore's Empowerment Zone visit and town meeting in Monticello, Wayne County, Kentucky. Hundreds of people turned out to see the Vice-President and ask questions about the newly announced Empowerment Zone and what it would mean for the counties. My part in the process only involved instructing the crowd, security, and helping with the parking situation. I was surprised and excited to receive a letter from the Vice-President thanking me for my assistance. I have enclosed a copy of the letter.

Operating Site ID#: Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation at London, Kentucky

Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives: (Briefly describe how accomplishments this quarter relate to achieving each of your three sets of annual outcome objectives: (1) Direct Service Objectives, (2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives, and (3) Community Building/ Strengthening Objectives. Where available, describe evaluation data that indicate progress during the past quarter toward achieving your annual outcomes. Summarize activities related to establishing an evaluation system or conducting your local evaluation (e.g., instruments developed, data collection plans established, etc.).

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

Accomplishments this quarter relate to my direct community service objectives in that they have involved me with community organizations and persons(e.g., EZ planning committee members or agricultural extension agents or farmers). My communications with them is a necessary part of getting done what I have set out to accomplish. I have kept the community up to date on the Empowerment Zone and exchanged ideas and information with these persons on achieving my objectives. It has been a learning process for me in familiarizing myself with the difficult issues facing tobacco farmers, and I have come to view the area in which I live in a more complex way.

Operating Site ID#: Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation at London, Kentucky

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

This quarter, and from the previous quarter as well, I have gained working knowledge of the Word Perfect and Lotus 1, 2, 3, release 4 software systems. I have also accumulated some extra conceptual knowledge of how a computer system works and become more familiar with computer nomenclature.

In the process of interacting with community organizations I have come to understand what function or role they play in the community. I have also been exposed to community and economic development strategies which community leaders and developers are guided by. This, I think, is the single most important aspect of my development as an AmeriCorps Member. It gives me conceptual tools to think about what goes into community developing and planning and, most significantly, it allows me to understand the assumptions community leaders are invoking when they prepare for the communities future and to decide if I agree with those presuppositions or not.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

My activities this quarter relate to community strengthening in two ways. First, when the loan fund for low-income farmers is implemented, that will mean there exists an accessible source of capital for farmers who may otherwise be turned down by the bank or other lending institutions. This could prove vital to many small or marginal farmers, or even to moderate size farm operations looking to increase production. Second, an alternative crop venture fund will provide an entity through which tobacco farmers can seek the funds and expertise to diversify their agricultural base. With the future of tobacco full of uncertainty, farmers being dependent solely upon, tobacco is a genuine threat to the agricultural industry of Kentucky. So these two programs can strengthen the community by promoting agricultural diversity and providing accessible capital to low-income farmers who may otherwise be denied.

Operating Site ID#: Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation at London, Kentucky

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter: (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.)

None to report.

Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs this Quarter:

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Operating Site ID#: Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation at London, Kentucky

National Identity Activities this Quarter: (Report on activities this quarter that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. Examples could include new uniforms, signage or publicity materials; projects with other AmeriCorps programs; training members in national skill areas (communication/conflict resolution or CPR/first aid); participation in national service projects (HIV/AIDS awareness training, environmental audits, or citizenship education); graduations or swearing in ceremonies, use of national recruitment, use of AmeriCorps Member Handbook.)

This quarter, a national training conference was held in Memphis, Tennessee for RECD AmeriCorps Members. The conference provided training in community development, planning and leadership for over one hundred AmeriCorps Members. The instruction was given by the Heartland Center for Leadership Development out of Lincoln, Nebraska. The conference gave AmeriCorp Members from across the country a chance to meet and discuss what they were accomplishing.

Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter: (Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board membership, etc.)

Not Applicable

THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1995

Mr. John Mills
1621 Barrett Road
London, Kentucky 40741

Dear Mr. Mills:

I wanted to take this opportunity to write and thank you for all the help and support you provided with the arrangements for my visit to Kentucky. I very much appreciate your efforts on my behalf.

Certainly, the success of the visit was due in no small part to your generosity and hard work. I am well aware of how time consuming the logistics of such a trip can be, and my staff and I are grateful to you for your part in making the visit so enjoyable.

Again, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Al Gore

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REBECCA ESTEP
RECD
PRESTONBURG, KY

Operating Site ID # 07

Corporation for National Service.
Operating Site Quarterly Report.

1. Operating Site Name: Prestonsburg, Ky

2. Program Name: Team USDA

3. Corporation grantee name:

4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

_1st Qtr (10/1-12/31) X 2nd Qtr (1/1-3/31) _3rd Qtr (4/1-6/30) _4th Qtr (7/1-9/30)

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? October 16, 1994

6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

	Number of Americorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours of Required Service
Full Time	1	942
Part Time	NA	NA

7. Please provide Estimates of the following:

(a) Total number of non-Americorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities: 0

(b) Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers: 0

Primary Accomplishments this Quarter:

Having a supervisor who is supportive of the Americorps mission. Composing a list of other non-profit groups who can do home repairs for low income families. Getting a workspace of my own. Established working relations with Kentucky Housing Corporation, turning over to them some of the cases that fell through the cracks in our regulations, as well as other cases that cannot wait for us to receive funds. Was given permission to work in other offices of the RECD in my territory in order to better contact groups in those areas. Will be working with other nonprofit groups to give assistance to them where needed. Am spreading the word about the Americorps program to other non profit groups, to enpower them to start programs of their own as well as helping other people who would like to go to college a chance of doing so as well as helping them make a difference in their community.

Unique successes and great stories: Finding a way to assist people we are unable to help now, through Ky Housing Corp. Established working relationships with the Veterns Referral Center (and they said they can receive grants). Application taking sessions are finally starting to pay off (already have established a regular base at the Pike County Housing Authority, and would like to continue the ones at Wheelwright, and McDowell, as well as establishing others). Have already referred others to organizations on my list. Started the prelimmeries on having my team assisting a non profit group in building a single family dwelling.

Summary of Progress this Peporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(1) Direct Service Objectives:
Will need to cut down on the projected number households to be serviced due to budget cuts. Progress is finally being made toward organizing a database of non profit organizations to refer people to.
Have had to cut down on outreach objectives due to lack of funds. However, have referred non-profit to community projects handled through the district office that also would be of benefit to more people than just a home repair loan or grant program.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:
Have developed other avenues of helping others in the community. (see below)

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives: Have made arrangements to help other non profit group by offering to help with the day-to-day activities of their work. Will be working with other groups on projects not releated with home repair. Groups include: Veteran's referral center in Paintsville, The Paintsville branch of Big Sandy CAP, The Service Connection in the Prestonsburg branch of the Big Sandy CAP, as well as other offices of RECD. Am also trying, in a small way, to assist with the founding of a medical school in Johnson County (Southern College of Osteopathic Medicine).

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

1. Money (or lack therof).
2. Dealing with having a new supervisor.
3. Having to deal with a scaled back budget.
4. Having more counties to cover since the reorganization of the RECD.

National Identity Activities this Quarter:

Have passed information to Nine non profit groups this quarter. Will try to arrange being on a local television show and talking about Americorps for next quarter. Would like to try some new ideas for next quarter.

Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter:

Had to difersify to accomplish my goals while the office is short of funds.

REBECCA DAVIDSON
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AmeriCorps*USA

Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: March 31, 1995

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Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: April 5, 1995

CONTACT INFORMATION

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   COUNTIES: PIKE, FLOYD, LETCHER, KNOTT, PERRY AND BREATHITT

2. **REBECCA DAVIDSON**

   LOCATION: BARBOURVILLE

   COUNTIES: WHITLEY, KNOX, BELL, CLAY, LESLIE AND HARLAN

3. **TINA ELZA**

   LOCATION: SOMERSET

   COUNTIES: PULASKI, LAUREL AND MCCREARY

4. **PAULA BAILEY**

   LOCATION: JONESVILLE, VA

   COUNTIES: LEE

Operating Site ID # 4047E25A

Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Rutledge and Johnson City TN

2. Program name: USDA Forest Service Rural Development Team, Southern Region

3. Corporation grantee name: Department of Agriculture

4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

__ First Quarter (10/1-12/31) X Second Quarter (1/1-3/31) __ Third Quarter (4/1-6/30) __ Fourth Quarter (7/1-9/30)

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? 9/12/94

6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours of required Service	
4	4400	Full-time
		Part-time

7. Please provide estimates of the following:
   (a) Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities: 1,438
   (b) Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers: 10,479

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Primary Accomplishments this Quarter: (In detail, describe your central activities, project milestones, and most important "things gotten done" this quarter.)

RUTLEDGE: Solid Waste Specialist
In Hancock county, 6,700 residents will soon have an approved collection site to take their recyclables to as a result of AmeriCorps working through the state red-tape to permit a convenience center collection site. Previously there was no approved collection site and 50% of the waste was illegally dumped into streams, rivers and gullies.

111,000 residents in 5 counties now have a way to safely dispose of toxic household hazardous waste like paint thinners, old pain, turpentine, used oil, antifreeze, pesticides and drain cleaners. AmeriCorps have provided 5 collection days where residents can bring these materials to a mobile collection unit provided through the State Environmental Services.

Member assistance helped convince the state not to cancel a grant to a county when the county did not fulfill it's obligations. Draft bid specifications for a recycling center and equipment were written by member which provided leadership in obtaining bids to satisfy state requirements. As a result, 18,000 citizens will have a place to take their recyclables and the county will meet the state mandate on reduction of waste going to landfills.

Key technical assistance was provided to a newly formed solid waste authority researching and developing bid specifications for a possible transfer station to handle solid waste. This is helping local citizens to make informed decisions based on facts. Results will be more cost effective services for 27,000 county residents.

Member developed a framework for providing critical technical assistance and training to city and county officials, major businesses and industries, and to solid waste workers, many of whom cannot read or write. This will help local governments meet stringent state and federal mandates and will provide cost savings to the 5 counties because it will be carried out on a regional basis, saving local tax dollars. Member has also developed an initial funding plan and is seeking outside sources of funding to reduce the burden to local taxpayers.

Member has crafted a unique and innovative program to help residents offset expensive and valuable landfill space by teaching consumers not to buy products with excessive packaging. This source reduction program will work directly with retailers and consumers to change attitudes and behaviors. The best way to reduce waste is not to buy it in the first place.

Member has worked with community groups, teachers, and school children to

organize the first Earth Day Festival to be held on April 15. About 60 students are preparing recycled art projects to be judged at the event, an earth quilt is being made by students, high school and community groups are planning activities to be held throughout the day, agencies will show exhibits, environmental songs and skits will run continuously. Funding was secured from a grant member wrote to a private foundation.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST, Rutledge:

Member taught 933 students in 42 classrooms lessons to teach them to be more responsible citizens towards the environment and how to encourage adults to do the same through her "Garbage Busters" program. Key objectives of the lessons are: don't litter, recycle, and use natural resources carefully. This is a 5 week program in each classroom and member has administered 2,991 individual student lessons during 135 presentation. A pre- and post- test were developed by the member to measure student learning and program effectiveness, and is being administered to participating students.

Member developed and conducted an in-service training for 25 teachers across TN, exposing them to her environmental education programs.

Member represents her region on the State Envirothon Committee and is helping organize the state event.

Member organizes, promotes, trains, and facilitates regional Environthon competition on April 25. Participation in this event has more than doubled (from 7 teams to 17) since last year representing all but one eligible high school in the region. About 90 students are currently being trained for team competition.

Member organizes Conservation Camp for 1,200 6th grade students and teachers and developed a companion workbook. Member has successfully located property and negotiated a lease for long term use of a riverfront environmental education center for the Camp and other programs. Pledges for assistance and participation have been obtained from 26 agencies and 6 school systems. Funding has been secured for this event which will be held May 2-4.

Member has completely revised a 3rd grade water quality curriculum called Water Wizards and is facilitating this education program to 400 students in 5 counties. A total of 9 lessons including the parental outreach component is enriching local 3rd grade science curriculums.

Member is working with TN Dept. of Ed. to have her programs evaluated and referenced to the state curriculum so they will be available to all teachers.

JOHNSON CITY:

Conducted research and wrote grant proposals for Forest Service grant for Cranberry Restoration project. Worked with Ruritan Club and Forest Service partners to videotape and photograph field work for the project.

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Wrote successful grant proposal for $5,187 from TN Dept. of Ag. for Conservation Camp for 4th graders. Coordinated, planned and registered 775 students for the 2 day event.

Wrote proposal for EPA grant to locate and map illegal road dumps in 6 counties, and to allow payment to county governments to haul and dispose of trash cleaned up by local residents.

Registered 17 teams from 12 high schools in 6 counties for Envirothon. Presented display and spoke to teachers and students in non-participating schools.

Coordinated and planned household hazardous waste and collection days and pesticide container recycling event. Constructed display, working with land use consultant, and presented it at 2 home and garden shows.

Complete research and writing on Unicoi County Attractions Locator Map and presented it to the Tourism Committee for review.

Conducted 2 oral history interviews in Unicoi county for the Hidden Heroines project, a regional cultural arts project covering women history in Appalachia in 8 counties. Completed documentation of these interviews with tape logs.

Unique successes or "great stories": (Briefly describe unique and/or exceptional successes, program highlights, or "great stories" about AmeriCorps people, projects, or partnerships that occurred this quarter.)

All of the above accomplishments could be considered great stories.

Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives: (Briefly describe how accomplishments this quarter relate to achieving each of your three sets of annual outcome objectives: (1) Direct Service Objectives; (2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives, and (3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives. Where available, describe evaluation data that indicate progress during the past quarter toward achieving your annual outcomes. Summarize activities related to establishing an evaluation system or conducting your local evaluation (e.g., instruments developed, data collection plans established, etc.)).

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

RUTLEDGE:
Solid waste specialist provided technical assistance in solid waste management and recycling to communities in Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins, and Union counties resulting in a 10% increased recycling rate and improved solid waste management through the implementation of 3 grant proposals and 2 recycling program starts as outline in the Ten Year Regional Solid Waste Management Plans approved by the State of Tennessee.

The Environmental Education Specialist has given 174 presentation to date (135 in the 2nd quarter) and has developed a testing instrument for the students participating. A 28% increase in participation has already been realized in the region.

JOHNSON CITY:
Conservation camp grant writing brought in $5,187 for this education program. Through coordination and promotion efforts, the 2 day event will be staffed by professionals from 3 counties and 775 4th graders from 6 counties are registered.

Envirothon. Promotion of the 2nd annual event included media development and direct contact with teachers and students resulting in 5 new schools (out of 12) participating. This a 50+% increase in participation over last year.

Member provided needed research, writing, editing, and interviewing to communities through several projects; Unicoi County Attractions Locator Map; Cranberry Resoration; and "Hidden Heroines".

Members provided direct educational outreach to citizens in 6 counties through development and staffing of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Pesticide Container Recycling display.

Members help staff the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis on Martin Luther King Day.

Members provided cleaning and maintenance services to a local historic site.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

RUTLEDGE:
Member development has included training in grant writing, rural development in the Forest Service Regional office, and solid waste training.

JOHNSON CITY:
Members have gained profession experience in grant research and writing; development of media materials; program coordination and planning; and community outreach. Members attended training in grant writing ,total quality management and oral history collection. Members also assisted Forest Service regional office by developing the AmeriCorps member directory.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

RUTLEDGE:
Members spent day planting trees along 1/2 mile stretch of the Clinch River to stabilize the riverbank. -

Members assisted with leadership conference for 22 high school students. Members have agreed to serve and are being trained as advisors to leadership teams for the remainder of their service.

JOHNSON CITY:
Unicoi Attractions Locator Map drafts are helping the tourism committee clarify the county's tourism assets. Contacts made during field research helped educate the community about the tourism initiative. Partnerships with community members, the committee, a local consultant, and the Forest Service have formed as a result of this effort.

The "Hidden Heroines" project is a grant-funded community cultural arts project covering 8 counties. Field work is being done primarily by volunteers. Member is staffing the project in one county which has an inadequate number of volunteers to complete the required interviews. Histories gathered from Unicoi county will contribute to archial information that will increase knowledge of a National Forest dependent community, land use trends, regional peoples at the turn-of-century, and women as a minority group. The project will also result in a play, dramatizing the lives of the people in this region.

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter: (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.)

RUTLEDGE:
Primary challenges have been related to member stress. Members are serving in positions with more responsibility than they have had before. Additionally, working with communities for change can be a slow and tedious process with big highs and big lows. Member feel stress from pressure to produce big results in a short period of time and the uncertainty of the AmeriCorps program. It is depressing and demoralizing to members to hear the program being rundown often in Washington S.C. when they are working so hard in service to their country.

JOHNSON CITY:
An unexpected change in the TCAPS test in local schools conflicted with the schedule for Conservation Camp, affecting a large number of previously registered participants. Member made necessary contacts to reschedule and accommodate changes so that a maximum number of students could attend.

Personnel changes on the Tourism Committee and other delays in reviewing the Attractions Locator Map have resulted in slower progress than expected. Member made efforts to build relationship with consultant and new committee director and developed a new time-line and strategy for the project.

National Identity Activities this Quarter: (Report on activities this quarter that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. Examples could include new uniforms, signage or publicity materials; projects with other AmeriCorps programs; training Members in national skill areas (communications/conflict resolution, or CPR/first aid); participation in national service projects (HIV/AIDS awareness training, environmental audits, or citizenship education); graduations or swearing-in ceremonies, use of national recruitment, use of AmeriCorps Member Handbook.)

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RUTLEDGE:
Worked with AmeriCorps members from NRCS to plant trees in river restoration project on private lands. News articles on programs have been published in regional papers. Members prepared reports on their activities to present to the TN Commission on National and Community Service and to Congressman Van Hilleary.

JOHNSON CITY:
Trained in conflict resolution and civil rights.
Participated, in uniform, in AmeriCorps service project at the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Served a docents and greeters on the museums' busiest day of the year.
Made oral presentations, in uniform, about AmeriCorps service to participants of "Volunteer 2000" workshop (150-200 persons).
Participated in cluster service project, in uniform, at local historic site.
Helped with pre-season cleaning and maintenance
Conducted public education outreach in uniform.

Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter:
(Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board memberships, etc.)

Lost 1 member who obtained full time employment. His parting comment was "my taxes will be higher than this living stipend".

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (T/TA) OPERATING SITE REQUEST FORM

Operating site name: Rutledge TN

Corporation Grantee/State Commission name: Department of Agriculture

Operating site ID number: 4047E25A

I. T/TA REQUEST

1. Please briefly describe your need for T/TA. (What is the problem you are addressing? When do you need T/TA delivered?)
Stress management in the workplace, how to manage multiple priorities and projects.
Leadership and Team Building, perhaps using Myers Briggs personality profiles.

2. Indicate the category of T/TA that would best meet your need. Please number your first three choices in order of priority.

__1__ Regional/National Training/workshop
_____ Regional/National Tele-video Conference
_____ On-site training. If so, for whom?
_____ On-site consultation
Suggested consultant(s)

Number of days: 4

Start date: ASAP or about 9 week after new term begins

_____ One-on-one telephone consultation
_____ Resource Materials (curricula, readings, bibliographies, other)
_____ Peer exchange
_____ Not sure what is most suitable
_____ Other

Operating Site ID # 4047E25C

Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Jefferson NF - Wise & Wytheville VA

2. Program name: USDA Forest Service Rural Development Team, Southern Region

3. Corporation grantee name: Department of Agriculture

4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

__ First Quarter (10/1-12/31) _X_ Second Quarter (1/1-3/31) __ Third Quarter (4/1-6/30) __ Fourth Quarter (7/1-9/30)

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? 9-14-94

6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours of required Service	
4	3703	Full-time
		Part-time

7. Please provide estimates of the following:
   (a) Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities: 14
   (b) Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers: 210

Operating Site ID # 4047E25C

Primary Accomplishments this Quarter: (In detail, describe your central activities, project milestones, and most important "things gotten done" this quarter.)

WISE:

Developed a Tourism Site Log. This site log has 78 individual sites within the VA Coalfield Tourism Authority Area. These sites are of special interest to people visiting the area and the log identifies special commercial, natural or other interesting places to visit. Member researched all sites in the seven county area and in the City of Norton. Sites were numbered and directions written. Telephone numbers, contact person, cost, hours of operation, dates open and a written description of the site are included. Because this was done during the winter, many sites required that arrangements be made to open the site for a personal tour. Each site has a description of the area, location, cost to view/use, and other information needed to help the visitor. This is an excellent tool to education local people on the tourism resources around them. The log and map are part of the school/civic service programs being presented by the member.

Research on the Region's history was conducted and a educational presentations for schools was developed. Member appeared before the Wise County School Board and was given permission to do presentations at schools. The purpose of the presentation was to create awareness of cultural history and area attractions that will draw tourism interest. Opportunities for young adults to capitalize on the tourism market was a topic included in the presentation and suggestions for marketable ventures given. Over twenty presentations reaching more than 400 students were conducted.

WYTHEVILLE:

In conjunction with the Grassroots Conservancy volunteer group, built an outdoor lab for the school and community use. The Outdoor lab identifies over 40 tree species and explains how they contribute to the economy, environment and community. Members identified tree species, produced 40 signs, and compiled a workbook to aid teachers in their use of the Outdoor Lab.

Video taped hundreds of feet of footage as a basic tool in developing programs for the Discovery Channel and Public Television Stations.

Developed presentations for various Economic Development Boards to encourage increased and proper forest management for a more profitable future.

Developed a Wood-crafters/users directory for SW VA. This directory will be used to determine which species are in demand in the region, and will be a means of putting local wood-users in contact with local wood-suppliers. Member designed a questionnaire to assess the products and services currently existing, and has identified what needs are not being met.

Submitted grant proposals in conjunction with several local organizations for recycling, timber bridges, and economic diversification programs to improve local communities. Members have completed proposals for an EPA funded recycling project ($19,000), for a Master Logger Education Program ($12,000), for an EPA funded wood waste study ($18,000), and for a feasibility study for a timber bridge industry in SW VA ($25,000).

Produced and distributed forestry newsletter which provides a communication bridge between local government personnel, loggers and agencies. This newsletter is sent to over 400 people and comments received have been favorable. One of the issues covered a new kind of workman's compensation insurance available to loggers which could prevent many small logging operations from going out of business due to high insurance rates.

Developed timber bridge designs which have been approved by professional engineers for the construction of a nail-laminated pedestrian timber bridge in Tazewell, VA.

Five dry fire hydrant proposals were written by member and awarded. This will give rural fire departments a reliable and quick access to water supplies and will reduce homeowner fire insurance rates.

Unique successes or "great stories": (Briefly describe unique and/or exceptional successes, program highlights, or "great stories" about AmeriCorps people, projects, or partnerships that occurred this quarter.)

WISE:

The site log is cited as a "great idea" and requests have been made for a copy by Chambers of Commerce, Tourist Centers and many others in the region.

WYTHEVILLE:

Cluster group was nominated for the President's Choice Service Award for their work on the tree identification lab in Marion, VA.

Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives: (Briefly describe how accomplishments this quarter relate to achieving each of your three sets of annual outcome objectives: (1) Direct Service Objectives; (2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives, and (3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives. Where available, describe evaluation data that indicate progress during the past quarter toward achieving your annual outcomes. Summarize activities related to establishing an evaluation system or conducting your local evaluation (e.g., instruments developed, data collection plans established, etc.)).

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(1) Direct Service Objectives:

WISE:

To stimulate regional interest in tourism as a marketable commodity.

WYTHEVILLE

Timber bridge demonstration field day has been arranged to illustrate the aspects of design, construction, and stressing of the bridge member designed. Benefits of timber bridges are that they are easily constructed and transported, they utilize local renewable resources, they produce less erosion and stream sedimentation that conventional bridge construction, and there is potential for a local bridge construction industry in this area, which will provide jobs and income to local residents.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

WISE:

Two training sessions were attended, one on marketing and another on media. I attended authority board meeting and was told to count them as training.

WYTHEVILLE:

Members have gained valuable experience filming for the videography project, which will be edited and narrated by a professional company in FL at no charge. When finished, it will be shown on the Discovery Channel and PBS.

Members attended grant writing training session held in Rutledge, TN (sponsored by Clinch-Powell RC&D, another AmeriCorps RDT site).

Training opportunities included; defensive driving, marketing, computer skills, and a one day seminar on lumber-grading.

Members have made numerous oral presentations to economic development boards, school groups and others.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

WISE:

Identifying existing sites and developing sites gave me insight into the needs of the region to meet tourism demands. Suggestions were made throughout the region as marketable opportunities.

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WYTHEVILLE:

Member has conducted 35 in-person interviews of wood products producers and users in the region in wood directory project. This directory benefits the community by providing a comprehensive inventory of what items and services are available locally, and provides a means for local wood-users to contact local wood-suppliers. Too often, local wood is shipped to out of state buyers because local suppliers do not realize the potential market locally. Wood users often look for specific species and/or grades out of state because they are unaware of local resources.

The Riverwalk Trail project develops citizens abilities to identify tree species and increases awareness of the forest resources and natural environment.

Five dry fire hydrant proposals were written by member and awarded. This will give rural fire departments a reliable and quick access to water supplies and will reduce homeowner fire insurance rates.

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter: (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.)

WISE:

1. Member was not accepted by a local tourism development group. To resolve this issue, supervision of this member was changed to Forest Service District Ranger, and member's site objectives were modified to enable her to work with other tourism development groups.

2. Member felt that CNCS did not provide assistance rectifying problems. Members have had difficulty communicating problems and are unclear about authorities of supervisors.

3. Living in Lee County creates distance problems for cluster meetings.

WYTHEVILLE:

1. Inconsistent management directives: Instructions have been contradictory and policies are constantly changing.

2. Training Budget. Members would like to see training budget to better plan their future training.

Operating Site ID # 4047E25C

National Identity Activities this Quarter: (Report on activities this quarter that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. Examples could include new uniforms, signage or publicity materials; projects with other AmeriCorps programs; training Members in national skill areas (communications/conflict resolution, or CPR/first aid); participation in national service projects (HIV/AIDS awareness training, environmental audits, or citizenship education); graduations or swearing-in ceremonies, use of national recruitment, use of AmeriCorps Member Handbook.)

WISE:

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION: During this quarter member met with many local government agencies, tourism groups, site operators, teachers and citizen groups. Identified as an AmeriCorps member, the National identity was fostered throughout the region.

WYTHEVILLE:

Newsletter announced the 3 Forest Service and 2 NRCS AmeriCorps members arrival, their skills, and work projects..

Members led groups of intermediate school science clubs through Outdoor Lab and filmed volunteers working on the project.

Cluster was nominated by the Marion Town Council for the President's Choice Service Award.

Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter: (Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board memberships, etc.)

HUMAN RESOURCE COORDINATOR FOR AMERICORPS:
David Olson was replaced by Paul Paradzinski.

SUPERVISOR, Wise, VA
Tabatha Mullins was replaced by Raoul Gagne

MATTHEW HALL
AMERICORPS MEMBER USDA, KENTUCKY
FY 1995

Matthew Hall performed his Americorps Service at the Kentucky River Area Development District in Hazard, Kentucky. The Kentucky River ADD submitted two applications for an Empowerment Zone but they were not selected. Therefore, they became a Champion Community. Matthew assumed the responsibility of assisting the Champion Community implement the initiatives that were outlined in the EZ/EC strategic plan. The accomplishments for the community were many but the most notable and the community service that Matthew will be most remembered for by the Community is the service performed for the **Owsley County Action Team.**

Matthew began his endeavor with the Owsley County Action Team by helping to conduct a **"Total Quality Management"** workshop. Twenty-two members of the Team attended the workshop. Other successes Matthew contributed to the Owsley County Action Team were as follows:

- Provided primary assistance in establishing the Eastern Kentucky Vegetable Producers Association. This was a regional cooperative that included Lee, Owsley, Wolfe, and Breathitt Counties. Matthew convened 15 **Volunteers** to pool their resources and develop a market for their vegetables. The group also purchased a lease of a building from which to market their products.

- Matthew met frequently with the **EASTERN KENTUCKY GOAT PRODUCERS** (part of the Owsley County Action Team) in public meetings and at some of their farms individually. He assisted in upgrading the breeding stock of the herds in Eastern Kentucky and obtaining a market outlet for the goats raised. There were 2 goat producers in the area at the beginning of the year and two (2) new producers have been added as a result of Matthew's assistance.

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MONA POWELL
AMERICORPS MEMBER USDA KENTUCKY
FISCAL YEAR 1995

Mona performed her service with the Knox County Champion Community. When she met with the EZ/EC Committee they requested that she pursue a series of lifeskill classes for low income families. Her objective was to develop and present these classes to 15 to 20 families.

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Development of the program**

  Exhibit A 1-8 outlines the program created by Mona. She obtained the services of approximately 20 volunteers in presenting the program to the families. The survey which is attached helped her to meet the needs of the families by scheduling the classes at the most appropriate times and to present the topics that were most needed by the families. The topic outlines for the classes are as follows:

  - SETTING GOALS
  - STRESS MANAGEMENT AND THE INFLUENCE OF OTHERS
  - BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE
  - BUDGETING YOUR RESOURCES
  - YOUR CREDIT
  - OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP

- **ACTUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THE YEAR OF SERVICE**

  As mentioned above the objective was to teach the life skills classes to 15-20 families. **THE ACTUAL CLASSES WERE TAUGHT TO 92 FAMILIES.** This by far exceeded her objective and the expectations of the Knox County EZ/EC Committee. Three of Mona's students made a decision to go to Eastern Kentucky University to pursue their education. Many have become involved in GED classes or other training programs. Mona has truly lived up to the Americorp Motto of **"GETTING THINGS DONE IN MY COMMUNITY".**

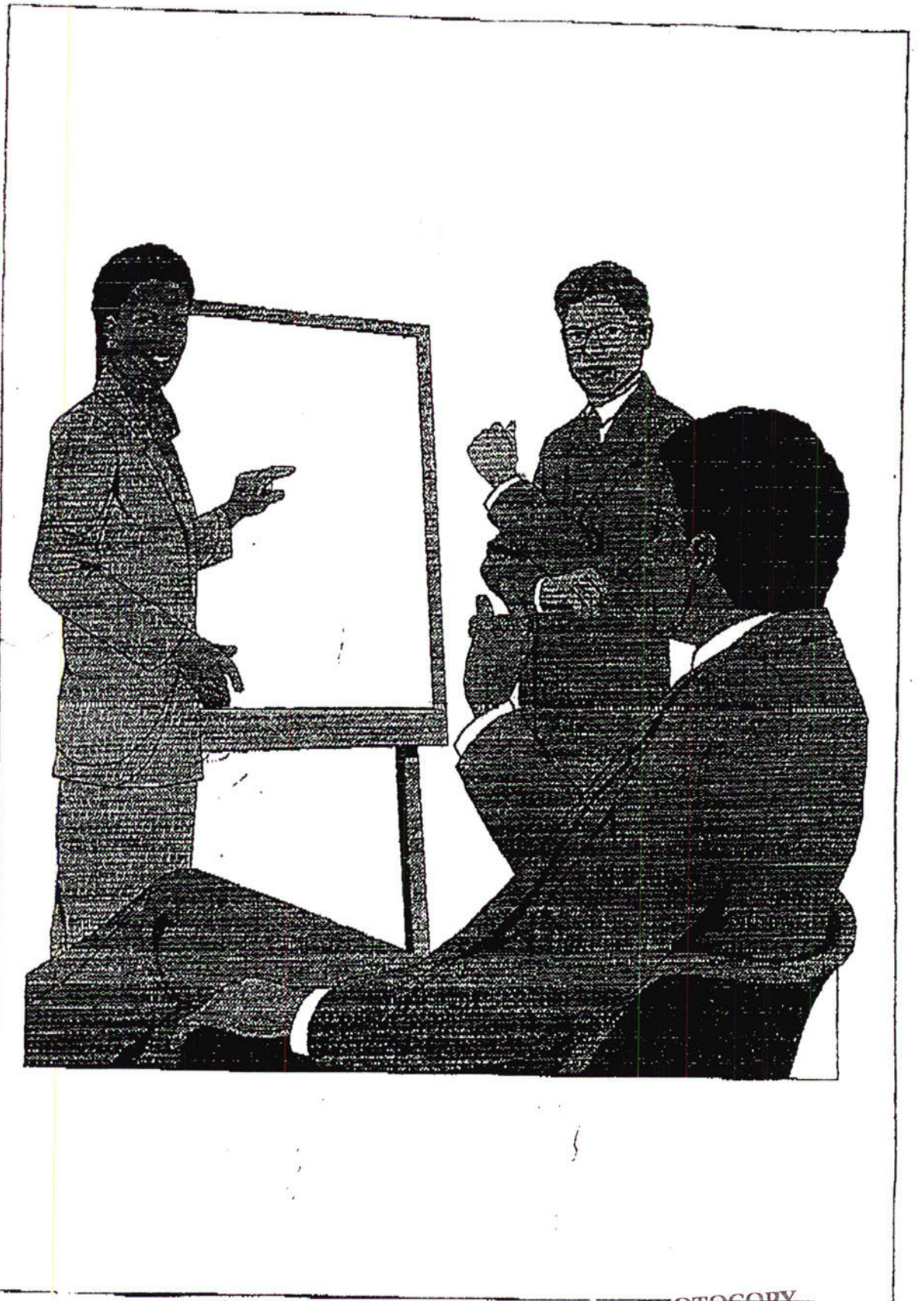
  More important than me telling you what Mona has accomplished the attached letters from some of her reflect the real success of her year of service in Knox County teaching LIFE SKILLS classes.

  EXHIBIT B 1-9 ARE SOME LETTERS FROM HER STUDENTS.

  I am very pleased to present you with this information on Mona Powell's year of service.

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Exhibit A1



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Exhibit A2

Survey for Adult Education Classes

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

The Adult Education classes will cover six weeks, one class per week and two hours per class. The topics to be covered include: Setting Goals, Stress Management, Business Correspondence, Budgeting your Resources, Establishing and Maintaining your Credit, and Finding and Making Opportunities for Home Ownership. Please answer the questions below so that the classes may be scheduled at the best times for the most people. Thank you for your cooperation.

Which day would be best for you? _____

What time would be best for you? _____

Are there any other topics which you would like to see covered?

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Exhibit A3

SETTING GOALS

1. Defining what the goals are.

   A. Survey of priorities in their lives.
   B. What are things which would hinder these priorities.

2. How do you obtain these goals which are important.

   A. What are the obstacles which block achievement of goals.
   B. Share the following quote with the group:

   "Obstacles are those frightful thing you see when you take your mind off of your goals." (Successories, Winter 1995)

   Try to have group interaction with this quote. What does it mean to them? Try to relate some personal experiences to the group.

3. Taking Action.

   A. "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Eleanor Roosevelt

   Talk to the group about the importance of following through with the goals that they set for themselves.

   B. " The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence." Vince Lombardi

   Stress the importance of perseverance. Sometimes there are going to be hurdles, but they will have to be jumped.

Notes:_____

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Exhibit A4

STRESS MANAGEMENT AND THE INFLUENCE OF OTHERS

1. Including children in Goals.

   A. "Children are always the only future the Human Race has, teach them well." (Successories, Winter 1995)

      Ask the group how involved their children are in their goals.

   B. Responsibility as a means of giving children more of a sense of self-worth and value.

      Teach children to have goals, (even small goals), so that they can achieve these goals and feel successful. Its a feeling that they will want to experience again.

2. Handling the influences of others.

   A. Realize that goals may not be appreciated or encouraged by all friends and family.

      Try to stress that the goals made are what they think are best for them. Sometimes this seems to conflict with others opinion of what goals should be.

   B. Independence will earn respect.

      Sometimes it is difficult to exert independence, but when friends and family realize that the commitment is there, they will respect you.

3. Persistence.

   A. " Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence." Calvin Coolidge

      Reaching goals sometimes means that people must fall and get back up again to continue the journey.

   B. "Some people make things happen, some watch things happen, while others wonder what has happened." (Successories, Winter 1995)

      Don't get caught wondering what has happened.

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Exhibit A5

BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

1. Obtaining information.

   A. Where do employers search for good employees?

   Target in on the fact that employers often use many mediums to find good employees. This may include: newspapers, radio ads, job shops, people that they know and local schools.

   B. What to do with the information received.

2. Job Applications.

   A. Filling out applications and doing resumes.

   Have several examples of successful resumes and cover letters.

   B. Mock interview.

   Discuss topics of the interview such as dress, questions to ask and business etiquette.

3. Credit Applications.

   A. Requesting information regarding a loan.

   Discuss topics such as finding out about interest rates, repayment plans and different types of loans available.

   B. Filling out loan applications.

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Exhibit A6

BUDGETING YOUR RESOURCES

1. Money Management

   A. Local Banker talks about checking accounts, budgeting, and responsibility of money management.

   B. Students can keep a diary of expenses for one week to learn where their money is going.

2. Time Management

   A. There are not enough hours in the day!

   Help the students to budget time.

   B. Scheduling

   Inform the students of the value of a daily or weekly planner.

3. Talent Management

   A. What are my talents?

   Help students to realize that some of the things which they consider routine are really talents.

   B. What good are my talents?

   Help the student to put their talents to use.

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Exhibit A7

YOUR CREDIT

1. Establishing Credit.

   A. What are the different kinds of credit available? ex. banks, finance companies, and credit cards.

   B. How do I find out what my credit history is?

      Have a local credit bureau representative come in to explain credit reports.

2. Dealing with creditors.

   A. What are my rights?

      Discuss fair credit practices.

   B. What are my responsibilities?

      Discuss what exactly creditors expect from their clients.

3. Repairing a Bad Credit Rating.

   A. What do I do if I have a bad credit rating?

   B. How do I repair and maintain my credit?

   Have the local credit counselor come and speak to the class.

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Exhibit 48

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP

1. Getting Started.

   A. What are the expenses involved?

   Discuss various aspects such as: down payment, purchase contracts, points, closing costs, appraisals and attorney fees.

   B. Where do I look?

   Discuss dealing with realtors and local banks to find a home.

2. Loans.

   A. Local Banks and Mortgage companies.

   B. State and Federal loans.

3. Am I ready to purchase?

   A. Application process.

   B. Closing the loan.

Due to the nature of this section, it has been divided into two classes. These classes should be taught by an expert in this field.

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Exhibit [redacted]

CORBIN ADULT LEARNING CENTER

Tri-county Shopping Center
Corbin, Kentucky 40701
(606) 523-3639

July 5, 1995

Ms. Mona Powell
Eastern Kentucky University
Tri-County Branch
Corbin, Kentucky 40701

Dear Mona,

Thank you so much for doing seven weeks of LifeSkills training in my JOBS GED class. My twenty students especially benefited from your lessons on finances, parenting and stress management.

As I am sure you are aware, these students need extra special assistance in overcoming some great odds. Your sensitivity and forthrightness won both their confidence and their approval. The personal experiences that you shared with these students have given more than a few of them the courage to put forth the extra effort they will need to overcome some great odds in their lives.

There have been rumors that AmeriCorps may lose some or all of its funding in the future. I sincerely hope this is not so. My program could not have afforded to hire a LifeSkills teacher with your expertise. It would be a shame if future students in my program and programs like this miss out on this kind of instruction because of bureaucratic pennypinching.

Again thank you for the time and energy you invested in my students. Good luck to you in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Jackie Daniels

Jacqueline Daniels
JOBS Instructor

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Exhibit B2

Cumberland Valley Regional Housing Authority
P.O. BOX 806 - BARBOURVILLE, KENTUCKY 40906

DON ROGERS
Executive Director

TELEPHONE
(606) 546-9324
TDD: 800-247-2510

May 18, 1995

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to provide a general overview of the excellent work that has been accomplished by the AmeriCorp worker Mona Powell.

This Housing Authority has a Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSSP) where clients are encouraged to become self-sufficient over a five (5) year term. We enlisted the help of Mona Powell, an AmeriCorp volunteer, to do life skills classes lasting six (6) weeks. With one (1) class per week, lasting a duration of two (2) hours per week. We have found these life skills classes a valuable tool to provide the necessary skills in stress management, business correspondence, budgeting, establishing and maintaining credit, and finding and making opportunities for home ownership. These topics get the entire business community involved, from local lending institutions to higher education institutions and other pertinent businesses. These classes are taught at a level of the the participants understanding and they are encouraged to participate openly. These life skills classes have opened many doors for our clients.

Ms. Powell is to be commended for her timeless efforts in serving her community.

Sincerely,

Don Rogers, PHM
Executive Director

DR/md

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Exhibit 83

KCEOC
Community
Action

Kentucky Communities
Economic Opportunity
Council Inc. KCEOC
P. O. Box 490
Barbourville, KY 40906
(606) 546-3152 Fax 546-5057
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

May 15, 1995

Mona Powell
Americorp Volunteer
P.O. Box 490
Barbourville, Ky. 40906

Dear Mrs. Powell,

I am very pleased with the Life Skills Workshop that you coordinated for the POWER Program participants. It was very obvious that you spent a lot of time planning and preparing your information.

The classes were very informitive and your information was timely. The participants seemed to enjoy the classes, you really brought the information to their level of understanding.

I hope that you can hold another series of classes another time. Our POWER Participants really would benefit.

Sincerely,

Veronica Bullard

Veronica Bullard
Project Director

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Dear Mrs Powell, June 21,9

Im writting to thank you for all your help while you were coming to our Carbin Adult learning Center. Im appreciated the times that you have taken out of your every day schedule to come and talk with us.

I hope your life is very succesful And that all your dreams come true. Im a very lucky person to be apart of this demanding education program. Hopefully one day Ill be able to come and talk with a few students about what Im accomplished threw the years to come.

Again Im very glade that you were apart of our Everyday educational life. Thank You for sharing your thoughts and feelings with us.

Thanks Again

Carbin Adult Learning Center.

Carolyn Vaught

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Exhibit 65

6/19/95

Dear, Mona Powell, Im writing you this thank you note to give thanks for all that you did for me and the class. you have learned us a great deal about lifeskills, parenting and stress, it has helped us all not mentioning learning us management and life skills, personal finances, and mostly learning us about setting our goals in the future, I thank you for talking with us on you time we all appreciate everything you have done, You have learned us a great deal.

Thanks for
EVERYthing
"Heather Renae Lafl"

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Exhibit 60

Mona Thursday 6-15-1995

I waued like to thank you for teaching us life skills, an I enjoyed the VCR tape that we watched about parenting, an you taught me alot about finances. An I enjoyed hearing you talk about stress. people can hear how other people deal with stress, an they try it, an sometimes it works. Mona I've learned a few things by listening to you. I think you have done a very good job teaching us life skills. I wish you get to come back an teach us something else here at the Corbin adult learning center. Mona I enjoyed the classes on wednesday. I looked forward to them. I also enjoyed my classes that I had at the KCEOC building.

(life skills student)
Brenda North

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Exhibit 87

Mona

Thank you for Teaching life skills with us I hope some things that you Told us can work for me and my family it's nice that you're doing good for yourself and your children hope you come back soon.

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Exhibit 68

Mena

I would like to
Thank You for doing
life skills with us.
it really has been
Nice. Actually it was
fun, But i really enjoyed
listening to you, Because
You were so good with
words, you always
seem to say just the
right thing at the right
time. I will miss seeing
you now. But i think
We have all learned
something from you.
I love to hear you
talk about you and
your Kids. I have tried
some of these things
with my Kid and he
loves it. Thanks.

your friend
Joyce

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Exhibit 89

Mona powell

I am Writting to thank
you for teaching me life
skills it Really learned
me How to deal with
Stress and to displine
My Kids and also
to Budget My Money
and also you are a
Really nice and Intellegent
person and can do any
thing and I Cant
thank you enough
But I can say one
thing I wish you
could Stay and Learn
us more

Sincerelly

Mona
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AmeriCorps*USA

Operating Site Quarterly Report

National Direct, Federal, Tribal, and Territorial Programs

1.Operating site: Forest Service Kentucky
Name Location

2.Operating Site ID # : 4047E25B

3.Corporation Grantee Name: USDA National Direct

4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

_ First Quarter (10/1-12/31) _ Second Quarter (1/1-3/31) X Third Quarter (4/1-6/30)

_ Fourth Quarter (7/1-9/30)

5.Name of person completing this report: Bill Brumm

6.Position of person completing this report: Project Manager

7.Telephone number: (606) 376-5323

8.Fax number: (606) 376-3734

9.e-mail address (if available):

10. Members and Service Hours **[Insert data into table]**

	FULL TIME	PART TIME
No. of Members allotted to your sites	2	
No. of Members enrolled on last day of 3rd Qtr.	2	
No. of Members who served entire 3rd Qtr.	2	
No. of Members who left sites during the 3rd Qtr.	0	
No. of Members who joined sites during 3rd Qtr.	0	
Total Members service hours during the 3rd Qtr.	1002	
Total Members service hours to date	3078.5	

11. Please provide estimates of the following:

(a) Total **number** of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities this quarter: 39

(b) Total **hours** of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers this quarter: 105

12. **Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:**

In each section below, **briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.** Where available, describe relevant evaluation data. Note evaluation activities in which you have engaged.

(a) Direct Service Objectives:

Justin Schul - I'm currently working with the McCreary County Fiscal Court, primarily with the County Road Supervisor.

My initial objectives were two-fold:

1. Take initial steps for a (911) System

2. Start a road inventory and management system

Working from the road department's garage, I've been very successful in both objectives. Cooperation and acceptance by the Road Supervisor has increased my ability to perform the necessary tasks to complete each objective.

In Objective 1, signs are being constructed and posted in the proper locations. The county has had a problem with tending to information needed to keep sign production aligned and productive. I have organized all the information for the signing and implemented a strategic plan for the future to safeguard against such problems as: What signs are up?; Is the road name the same as the sign?; If the road name has changed, has the sign?; How many times has the sign been replaced?; When was it posted?.

To construct signage for 965 roads with more than half needing 2 signs requires a coordinated system. McCreary County now has the ability to keep track of information and hopefully eliminate future problems.

I've contacted representatives for enhanced 911 software and gathered information for discussion among county officials for their decision to purchase a 911 system.

Objective 2, one quad out of 4 has been surveyed. All collected data has been entered in a computer generated road inventory and management system. Surveyed items include: signs, minor structures, culverts, flexible pavement roads, and gravel roads.

The road inventory and management system has been altered and adapted to meet the desired needs of the road department and the fiscal court. The system is functioning as intended and has since been utilized to help in various tasks.

Melissa Vanover - I currently serve as the Assistant Director of the McCreary County Economic Development Council and as the Executive Director for the McCreary County Chamber of Commerce.

Some of my accomplishments this quarter have been:

Ordered and received Christmas Decorations to decorate Whitley City. This not only gives something to the community but fosters the tourist industry.

Assisted in the preparation of a "Newcomers Packet" for the Chamber of Commerce, which will be sent to anyone interested in relocating to the county.

Administrative duties for the $16 million dollar Historic Building Renovation Project.

Wrote a grant proposal to the Kentucky Arts, Education and Humanities Cabinet for $1,000 to do planning and research. This information will be used to create a cultural plan for the county.

Wrote a grant proposal for $5,000 to the Ky Arts council for the preparation of the cultural plan.

(b) **AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:** Briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.

(c) **Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:** Briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.

13. **Other Accomplishments this Quarter:** (Make note of any accomplishments or things gotten done not described above.)

14. **Unique successes or great stories :** (Include stories that would best communicate to the public how AmeriCorps service gets things done. Particularly helpful are stories that include numerical results and creative solutions.)

Justin Schul - The University of Kentucky Transportation Center Staff visited the county garage to do a report of the road management system for their newsletter. I've been working with some of their employees trying to gather information. The head of the department heard of our activities and thought it would make a perfect story for the newsletter. McCreary County is the first county in the state to have a computer road management system.

Melissa Vanover - Received a grant for the Chamber of Commerce for $12,000 for purchase and installation of "Welcome to McCreary County" signs at each of the five major highways leading into the county.

I had the honor of representing the citizens of McCreary County at the Enterprize Community Awards Ceremony, held in Tennessee.

15. **Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter**: (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.) Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs this Quarter:

Attached to this quarterly report form is a separate Training and Technical Assistance Request form. Should you have training or technical assistance needs, complete the attached form and submit it along with your quarterly report. It will be directed to the Training and Technical Assistance Office.

Technical assistance is available in many program-related areas, including, among others, organizational development and management issues, fundraising, diversity, and best practices in site-specific skills.

Justin Schul - One of the road management programs that covered the county bridges did not work. After a long duration of trying to gather the correct information from Kentucky's Transportation Department, the programer tryed to input the information into the system and found out that it would not work. The Kentucky coding of bridge information would not match the programs. I did, however, create a database with an application to retrieve and manipulate data on request. It will serve a basic function for the county, though the bridge program would have been better.

Melissa Vanover - Additional funding is needed for the Economic Development Council to continue. I have been searching for additional funding sources.

The cluster meetings at times prove to be an obstacle. Each meeting requires travel time and meeting time which can take away time from other important work. Perhaps more telephone interaction would be more beneficial.

16. **National Identity Activities this Quarter**: (Report on activities this quarter that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. Examples could include new uniforms, signage or publicity materials; projects with other AmeriCorps programs; coordination with State Commissions or Corporation state offices; training members in national skill areas (communication/conflict resolution or CPR/first aid); participation in national service projects (HIV/AIDS awareness training, environmental audits, or citizenship education); graduations or swearing-in ceremonies, use of national recruitment, use of AmeriCorps Member Handbook.)

Justin and Melissa - The best National Identity activity this quarter was working with fellow R-8 Americorps members and staff to help paint and repair a homeless shelter in Atlanta Ga. This project made Americorps more wellknown because of the television coverage and proved exactly that Americorps is a definite asset to the American citizens, and that we GET THINGS DONE.

17. **Significant Program Changes this Quarter**: (Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board membership, AmeriCorps Member attrition etc.)

AmeriCorps*USA

Operating Site Quarterly Report

National Direct, Federal, Tribal, and Territorial Programs

1.Operating site: REDBIRD RANGER DISTRICT FS KENTUCKY
Name Location

2.Operating Site ID # : 4047E25B

3.Corporation Grantee Name: USDA National Direct

4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:
_ First Quarter (10/1-12/31) _ Second Quarter (1/1-3/31) X Third Quarter (4/1-6/30)
_ Fourth Quarter (7/1-9/30)

5.Name of person completing this report: DENNIS DANIEL

6.Position of person completing this report: DISTRICT RANGER

7.Telephone number: (606) 598-2192

8.Fax number: (606) 598-3648

9.e-mail address (if available): R08F02D17A

10. Members and Service Hours **[Insert data into table]**

	FULL TIME	PART TIME
No. of Members allotted to your sites	1	
No. of Members enrolled on last day of 3rd Qtr.	1	
No. of Members who served entire 3rd Qtr.	1	
No. of Members who left sites during the 3rd Qtr.	0	
No. of Members who joined sites during 3rd Qtr.	0	
Total Members service hours during the 3rd Qtr.	520	
Total Members service hours to date	1587	

11. Please provide estimates of the following:

(a) Total **number** of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities this quarter: 15

(b) Total **hours** of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers this quarter: 135

12. **Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:**

In each section below, **briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.** Where available, describe relevant evaluation data. Note evaluation activities in which you have engaged.

(a) Direct Service Objectives:

To provide assistance to rural communities interested in implementing urban forestry programs.

Member is still in process of assisting CanDo, Inc. with a project to plant trees and shrubery in the city of Booneville. Grant funds are being pursued, and funds from the Owsley County Fiscal Court, the City of Booneville and CanDo, Inc. are being pooled to aid in this endeavor.

(b) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives: Briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.

To serve as a resource.

Member has met this objective by obtaining and distributing information to individuals and groups; by serving the Action Team as coordinator of meetings and services; by writing grants; by coordinating activities with other groups, including Eastern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky; and Kentucky River Area Development District.

(c) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives: Briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.

To seek sustainable economic development opportunities.
To conduct leadership development programs.

Member has served on a Job Opportunities Work Group with the Kentucky River Area Development District, helping develop a job creation project for the district.

Member has conducted grant writing and effective meeting skills workshops, training 11 people.

13. **Other Accomplishments this Quarter:** (Make note of any accomplishments or things gotten done not described above.)

Member has helped develop by-laws for the Owsley County Fund for Excellence, a foundation dedicated to helping the youth of Owsley County stay in school.

Member has attended conferences and workshops regionally for the purpose of networking with other development groups and individuals.

Member has helped spin-off groups of the Owsley County Action Team (Eastern Kentucky Goat Producers Association and Eastern Kentucky Vegetable Producers Association) with budgets and plans of work.

Member has served on the advisory boards of Adult Education and Workers of Rural Kentucky and has been appointed to the Ethics Committee of the

Owsley County Fiscal Court.

Member helped Owsley County Action Team begin paperwork on 501(c)3 status.

14. **Unique successes or great stories :** (Include stories shat would best communicate to the public how AmeriCorps service gets things done. Particularly helpful are stories that include numerical results and creative solutions.)

The Eastern Kentucky Vegetable Producers Association (a spin-off group of the Owsley County Action Team) has become a very successful cooperative of farmers, including members from a seven county area. They currently have 76 acres under contract to grow cabbage, with a gross profit of $20,000 to $25,000 expected for fall in Owsley County alone. They are currently working on developing a green bean and pepper market, with plans for processing those crops next year. Americorps member is helping these producers obtain funding for new equipment and marketing.

15. **Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:** (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). Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs this Quarter:

Member does not report significant problems this quarter.

16. **National Identity Activities this Quarter:** (Report on activities this quarter that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. Examples could include new uniforms, signage or publicity materials; projects with other AmeriCorps programs; coordination with State Commissions or Corporation state offices; training members in national skill areas (communication/conflict resolution or CPR/first aid); participation in national service projects (HIV/AIDS awareness training, environmental audits, or citizenship education); graduations or swearing-in ceremonies, use of national recruitment, use of AmeriCorps Member Handbook.)
Member received Americorps sweatshirt and wore uniform to public meetings.
Member worked with other Americorps worker assigned to K.R.A.D.D. to develop proposals.
Member participated in citizen education.
Member served on detail to Regional Office in Atlanta.
Member did presentation at Americorps regional conference.

17. **Significant Program Changes this Quarter:** (Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board membership, AmeriCorps Member attrition etc.) None.

KANSAS USDA/AMERICORPS TEAMS

Through June 30:

Hours of direct community service:

Environmental Corps	= 23,817
Rural Development Corps	= 26,685
Total.....	50,502

Total community service hours equaled 2,400 hours

These figures are a combination of service from both corps.

Over 21,150 trees were planted.

236 hours spent fixing and building items for parks and cities.

174 hours spent at storm damage repair.

406 hours spent helping municipalities

37 hours helping the public..i.e., red cross, etc

687 hours spent teaching to students and special interest groups, i.e wildflower tours.

8 hours of safety (hunter safety)

727 hours helping in the parks...non direct service hours

Examples of the afore:

18 presentations on wildlife habitat to 550 sixth graders

Served as guides for 240 people on wildflower tour

Gave wildlife program to 250 girl scouts

Total of scouts worked with exceeded 325.

Students worked with exceeded 910.

Over 463 signs made

Over 16,200 ft. of trails built

Over 112,000 ft of fence built or fixed

Kansas USDA/AmeriCorps Member Information

Ryan Webster:

-AmeriCorps Service: Milford Parks and Wildlife Area. Restoration Team, Milford State Park and Wildlife Area, 2nd Congr District.
-Hometown: Oxford, Sumner County, Ks; 4th Congr District.
-20 years of age.
-Has worked as a cook, laborer, and construction worker.
-Received CPR and First Aid training through a companion AmeriCorps team (Kansas Health and Safety Extension Corps).
-Plans to use educational award at Wichita State University or Emporia State University to complete his education.

Chris Newton:

-AmeriCorps Service: Kanopolis State Park and Wildlife Area Restoration Team, Kanopolis State Park and Wildlife Area, 1st Congr District.
-Hometown: Hutchinson, Reno County, Ks; 1st Congr District.
-41 years of age.
-Has worked as a laborer and construction worker.
-Received CPR and First Aid training through a companion AmeriCorps team(Kansas Health and Safety Extension Corps).
-Plans to use the educational award to obtain a 2nd degree. He will be attending Wichita State University to obtain a degree in education.

Kurt Grimm:

-AmeriCorps Service: Kanopolis State Park and Wildlife Area Restoration Team, Kanopolis State Park and Wildlife Area, 1st Congr District.
-Hometown: Conway Springs, Sumner County, Ks; 4th Congr District.
-23 years of age.
-Received CPR and First Aid training through a companion AmeriCorps team (Kansas Health and Safety Extension Corps).
-Has been active in state and national fisheries society activities.
-Hopes to one day become a lake or park manager.
-Plans to continue his education with the use of the educational award.

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KHaSEC

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The KHaSEC provides an expanded response capability for community education efforts to reduce health and safety risks for children and adults and emergency situations while building the capacity of the community and the civic responsibility of its citizens to address unmet health and safety needs.

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The strength of KHaSEC is built on a partnership of these agencies:

Kansas State University
Kansas Cooperative Extension Service
Region III EMS Council
American Red Cross
Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Department
Office of Local and Rural Health
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment
County Emergency Preparedness Offices
Agencies concerned with health and safety

KHaSEC Staff

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Program Director

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Office Assistant

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Kansas State University
Umberger 10B
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(913) 532-6935-Fax

All Extension educational programs and materials available without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability.

KHaSEC

AmeriCorps:
Kansas Health and Safety Extension Corps (KHaSEC)

A federally funded program through the Corporation for National Service to Kansas Office for Community Service promoting health and safety education throughout Kansas.

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From: To: Jim Meierdiercks

KHaSEC Goal

The goal of the Kansas Health and Safety Extension Corps is to provide community health and safety education to prevent risks and promote safe health practices by addressing prominent risk factors associated with the major causes of death through three health strategies:

- Health promotion
- Health protection
- Preventive/interventive services

These strategies will:

- Improve health
- Reduce risk factors
- Increase public/professional awareness
- Improve services and protection
- Improve surveillance and evaluation systems

KHaSEC Corps Members may (based on community needs)

Provide direct instruction on:

First Aid
Adult CPR
Infant/Child CPR
Basic Aid Training (youth 8-10)
First Aid Training for Children Today (youth 5-8)

Develop first aid skills to the 1st Responder level for bleeding, shock, choking, CPR, and poisoning to respond to medical emergencies as they arise in the community, as needed and as is appropriate.

Teach and promote the proper use of a safety restraint when riding in a moving vehicle and the proper use of a helmet when operating a motorcycle, bicycle or ATV.

Promote stickers for home and farm use of emergency telephone numbers and support agencies.

Take part in the county Emergency Preparedness system in the event of disaster (flood, fire, tornado, and chemical spills).

Organize farm safety exhibits and conduct seminars for women, men and children.

Educate the community regarding the effects of pesticides and herbicides on human and animal health.

Promote and provide volunteer staffing for Health Department immunization clinics and for health checks and screenings.

Conduct babysitting clinics stressing safety, first aid and appropriate activities for children.

Teach appropriate reactions for specific dangerous situations for children such as "stranger danger", clothes on fire, choking on food, and ingestion of poison.

KHaSEC
HELP IS ONLY A
NEIGHBOR
AWAY

United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service

760 South Broadway
Salina, Kansas
67401-4642

Subject: PER - USDA/AmeriCorps - Kansas
Second Quarterly Report

Date: April 5, 1995

To: Lloyd Wright, Director, Community Assistance and Resource Division, NRCS, Washington, D.C.

File Code: 360-5

Enclosed for your information is the second quarter report for the USDA AmeriCorps Projects in Kansas.

By copy of this letter, I am sending all of our AmeriCorps teams the report. We are proud of the accomplishments they have made and want to share this information with all of them.

James N. Habiger
State Conservationist

Enclosures

cc:(w/enclosures)
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SECOND QUARTER AMERICORPS REPORT

TIME PERIOD: September 12 - March 31, 1995

1. **NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED AT LAUNCH:** 0

2. **NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED AT END OF QUARTER (March 31):** 38

3. **TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS OF DIRECT SERVICE PERFORMED:** 32444

4. **TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS OF TRAINING:** 2848

5. **PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES:**

Landowners and operators are learning about the benefits of wetlands and riparian areas. Recreational uses of state parks are being restored. Members are providing community service in many aspects of the areas where they live and work. Community service activities are (hours of community service):

- volunteered as a hunter safety instructor (4)
- worked with County Sheriff Department Volunteer Reserves (28)
- refurbished picnic shelter damaged by vandals (120)
- assisted in preparation of display for sport and travel show (8)
- assisted with construction of Boy Scout Shelter (32)
- assisted with Heritage Village Community Development Project (32)
- provided outdoor classroom training (150)
- designed and planned a parking lot and boat ramp (60)
- presented to Lyons Middle School a program on the importance of wetlands (4)
- installed fish habitat using recycled Christmas trees (16)
- worked with the City of Hutchinson zoo (30)
- assisted local residents cleanup ice storm damage debris (100)
- worked with a rest home to cleanup storm damage debris (7)
- helped at a wildlife refuge by cleaning bird houses and conducting a wildlife survey (34)
- assisted with a paper recycling project (12)
- worked with forestry team to build a stream channel restoration project (54)
- stenciled storm drains with "no dumping" signs for the City of Topeka (100)
- assisted local conservation groups with information booth at area farm show (16)
- assisted local conservation groups with information booth at local lawn and garden show (16)
- escorted blood donors to the bloodmobile (1)
- assisted state and federal agencies with mapping for public use areas (8)
- presented wildlife program to Cub Scouts (3)
- presented career day program to Jefferson High School students (4)
- helped City of Valley Falls remove ice storm damage debris from city park and adjacent area (30)

- helped state conservation group with streambank stabilization demonstration at state farm show (5)
- worked with Emporia area Boys Scouts for natural resource project training (67)
- worked with Emporia Middle School to plant trees (30)
- gave a talk on wetlands to the Chapman 5th grade class (3)

Total community service hours add up to over 900 hours.

6. PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Members are learning the value of doing things as a team. Their improved team work skills have been observed on numerous occasions.

State park managers have stated they are very pleased with the state park restoration teams and the significant progress they are making toward park restoration.

During recent wetland oversight reviews, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) area wetland team leaders praised the contributions made by the AmeriCorps members in support of the Kansas Wetland and Riparian Inventories. Wetland oversight or quality control is carried out by representatives of the four federal agencies (Environmental Protection Agency, Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, and NRCS) that have the lead in wetland activities.

A good network has been developed with non-USDA AmeriCorps projects in the State. The Kansas Commission for National Community Service (Pat Kells) and the state program director for the Corporation for National Community Service (Jim Byrnes) have been helpful in getting our program up and running. We meet quarterly with these two groups to compare notes and learn from other experiences.

Specific project accomplishments are:
Wildlife and Parks Teams:

Kanapolis Reservoir:
- installed 163 international signs
- installed 2 wind warning devices
- cleaned and painted park workshop
- planted 150 cedar trees
- installed 6 fishing regulation signs
- placed fish structures (cedar trees) in the lake
- cleaned and repaired 25 bluebird boxes
- pulled flight feathers and banded 60 geese
- built 24 wood duck boxes
- rebuilt 30 picnic tables
- installed drain pipes in 4 beaver dams
- trapped and relocated beaver causing damage to the park
- built two information shelters
- assisted high school student with research project
- assisted with snow removal
- repaired park vehicles
- assembled and transported 24 geese nesting structures

Kanapolis Reservoir: (Continued)
- repaired and modified 8000 feet if fence
- repaired water crossing
- cleared 16,000 feet of trail
- captured and relocated prairie dogs to flood damaged areas
- dug and transplanted 40 trees

Wilson State Park:
- removed protective wire and support ropes from transplanted trees
- assisted fisheries biologist with walleye netting and egg collection
- assisted with tree and flood debris removal
- transplanted numerous cedar trees in campgrounds
- rebuilt fee collection booth

Webster Reservoir:
- installed 60 feet of fence and gate to control hunting access
- installed barrier posts to control access to 4 wildlife areas
- repaired damaged gates and fence at Sheridan Wildlife Area
- cleaned flood debris from 106,000 feet of reservoir shoreline
- repaired park maintenance equipment
- cleaned campsites and support facilities and stocked with firewood in preparation for hunting season
- mulched new trees
- cut and removed over 150 flood damaged trees
- placed cut trees in reservoir for fish habitat
- assisted fisheries biologist with trout stocking
- constructed over 100 brush piles for wildlife habitat
- assisted wildlife biologist with deer survey
- rebuilt 6 damaged picnic shelters
- repaired boat docks
- removed damaging trees from Rooks State Fishing Lake Dam
- assembled gill nets for fishery biologist
- picked up debris at Rooks State Fishing Lake shoreline
- refinished 20 picnic tables
- cleaned, organized and inventoried park supply storage facility
- repaired 10,500 feet of fence

Glen Elder Reservoir:
- repaired 79,000 feet of fence
- assembled and finished picnic tables and shelters
- cleaned camp grounds
- completed deer survey
- prepared fire break
- repaired road
- repaired and maintained park vehicles and equipment
- assisted with computer input of park agricultural permits
- cleaned up and burned trees at the camping sites
- installed 45 stone posts
- installed fish habitat (cut trees) at Lovewell Reservoir
- installed fish habitat (cut trees) at Glen Elder Reservoir
- repaired 15 gates
- conducted two wildlife surveys
- installed 300 signs
- rebuilt a toilet facility
- prepared 25 bags of grass seed

Perry Reservoir:
- installed 15 people control signs
- erected one large informational kiosk
- repaired one informational kiosk
- updated 6 informational kiosks

Perry Reservoir: (Continued)
- cleared trees and brush from 22,000 feet of marsh dikes
- constructed over 100 brush piles for wildlife habitat
- removed ice storm tree debris from 26,000 feet of roadway
- repaired marsh outlet control structure
- conducted two deer surveys
- conducted four waterfowl surveys
- conducted two hunter surveys
- cleaned and repaired 4 geese nesting structures
- repaired 100 picnic tables
- painted 40 trash containers
- removed two courtesy docks
- planted two park flower plots
- installed 200 Christmas trees in reservoir for fish habitat
- repaired 18 rest rooms
- assisted fishery biologist set nets at Atchison State Lake
- repaired 1300 feet of fence at Green Wildlife Area
- cleared 5000 feet of hiking trail at Green Wildlife Area
- repaired and cleaned bluebird houses
- constructed boat ramp at Brown State Fishing Lake
- cleared limbs from 1300 feet of road at Brown State Lake
- constructed .200 feet of fish habitat at Brown State Lake
- cleaned and organized workshop at Shawnee State Lake
- cleaned Shawnee Lake shoreline and camp grounds of brush and debris
- planted 8 trees at Shawnee State Lake
- repaired a floating dock
- repaired and repainted 4 rest rooms
- removed 6 tons of scrap iron from park
- repaired one bridge

Milford Reservoir:
- cleaned up ice storm debris from Pott. 2 SFL
- cleaned up Pott. 2 SFL shooting range
- preparing sites for building 3/4 of a mile of fence on Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area
- opened 1 1/2 miles of roads from ice storm debris at Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area
- helped fisheries division put in trout habitat at Tuttle Creek State Park
- replaced directional and boundary signs at Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area
- put up bird feeders at 4 nursing homes in Marshall County
- cleared the trees off 1/2 mile of the Nemaha Dam
- helped build wall extensions for lift stations in the state park
- picked up trash along shoreline of Rocky Ford Fishing Area and Pott. 1 fishing area
- applied stain to 20 benches for the chapel in the state park
- put 2 new seats on pit toilets at the Nemaha Wildlife Area
- made mulch out of Christmas trees for the state park

Milford Reservoir: (Continued)

- general maintenance of the chain saw and tree planter and other wildlife area equipment
  established 200 feet of walkway along bank of trout stream for better fisherman access in the Tuttle Creek State Park
- aided fisheries biologist in stocking 1400 rainbow trout in streams below Tuttle Creek Dam
- applied 2 loads of sand to 2 miles of icy roads at Pott. 2 SFL
- put 4 loads of rip-rap into wash-out on the Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area to help prevent soil erosion
- planted 2 acres of new waterways to brome and native grass on the Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area
- cleared trees, prepared sites and planted 10 acres of native grass west of Blue Rapids
- helped the parks clean out the beach house to get ready for the summer concession stand
- helped wildlife biologist prepare 4 floating nest structures to be placed at Tuttle Creek State Park
- retrieved plow from TCRR wildlife area and prepared it for operation
- picked up pallets and trash from Pott. 2 SFL
- received defensive driving training and conflict and resolution training
- assisted in placing boat dock in the Tuttle Creek River pond area
- helped build a staircase in the park office
- made approximately 105 cement patties for sinking fish habitat in Tuttle Creek Reservoir

Wetland and Riparian Area Teams:

Dodge City:

- completed remote sensing for Ford County
- remote sensing underway for Meade County with 6 townships completed

Topeka:

- wetland inventory completed for Douglas County
- riparian inventory completed for Douglas County including 105 transects covering 800 miles of riparian habitat
- gathered, identified, mounted and verified 80 wetland plant specimens for use by the NRCS area staff
- started wetland inventory for Shawnee County
- riparian inventory started for Osage County
- riparian inventory completed for Shawnee County including 102 transects

Manhattan:

- competed 390,000 acres of remote sensing for Riley County
- assisted with 50 on-site wetland field reviews
- completed riparian inventory Riley County including 80 transects
- completed 23,000 acres of remote sensing for Republic County
- completed 25 percent of the riparian area inventory for Geary County

Emporia:

- completed the riparian area inventory for Lyon County including 50 transects and all points marked with GPS
- riparian area inventory completed for 125,000 acres in Morris County
- completed the remote sensing for Lyon County (360,000 acres) and Morris County (450,000 acres)

Hutchinson:
- completed remote sensing for Rice County (330,000 acres)
- remote sensing is underway in Harvey County
- assisted staff biologist and soil scientist develop resource information

Hays:
- held informational meetings with producers in Rooks County to explain the work of the team
- completed 75 transects for Rooks County riparian inventory
- completed all off-site determinations for Rooks County wetland inventory
- discovered 262 potential wetlands in Rooks County
- completed riparian mapping for 25 townships in Ellis County
- completed off-site determinations for Ellis County
- sent all of riparian inventory access letters to owners
- completed 12 riparian inventory transects for Ellis County
- completed over 70 road checks of signatures/potential wetlands
- all Ellis County data entered into wetlands program
- started Trego County inventories

Watershed Area Delineation Team:
- thirty-one 8-digit hydrologic unit area delineations have been completed using 600 USGS quadrangle maps
- drafted 8-digit hydrologic unit area maps used for the delineation of the 11-digit and 14-digit hydrologic unit areas
- traced, scanned and filed the completed 8-digit, 11-digit, and 14-digit hydrologic unit area boundaries
- checked the finished 8-digit hydrologic unit areas incorporated in the hydrologic unit area database

Abilene Livestock Waste System Team:
- provided cost estimates for 10 waste storage ponds and waste storage structures
- drafted plans for 8 waste management systems
- performed engineering operations such as planimeter measurements, calculating cuts and fills, and developing hydrology information
- assisted with surveying 8 waste management systems
- assisted with stake out of 5 waste management systems
- assisted with checkout and spot-check of diversions, pipe outlets, terraces, and waterways
- assisted with checkout of 5 waste management systems

7. PROJECTED OUTCOMES FOR NEXT QUARTER:

Even better progress is expected the next quarter. Members have identified additional areas where community service can be achieved. The teams expect to be able to spend more time outdoors with warmer weather approaching.

8. PRIMARY CHALLENGES:

Diversity was a challenge during recruitment. While the overall diversity of our teams is comparable to the diversity of the communities served most efforts to achieve greater diversity were unsuccessful. More lead time in recruitment will help some; however, the need to recruit locally in order to reduce attrition makes achieving greater diversity even more difficult.

Recruitment and getting 45 members on the roles was just about more than we could do in the limited time needed to accomplish it. Without the "outstanding" effort from our personnel staff and our AmeriCorps facilitator we could not have begun to accomplish it.

We are disappointed at having lost several members to resignations. As job opportunities with much better pay becomes available, members are making the decision to forego the educational award for greater economic security.

There continues to be a significant lack of communications between the state corporation and the national corporation. The state group tends to want to do things without involving the national. We have been working closely with both, but they do not talk much to each other, if at all.

We ordered and purchased our own sweat shirts, since none have been made available as promised by USDA. Other things such as notices of events have been forwarded to us in an untimely manner. We received notice of AmeriCorps service award nominations via FAX from Joel Berg's office on March 21, 1995, but the deadline for nominations was February 24, 1995. These are just a couple of examples.

9. PRIMARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS:

Without much guidance from the national office, we have developed our own training program for members. The following training has been provided:

- General Program Orientation
- CPR (provided by AmeriCorps extension team)
- First Aid
- Defensive Driving
- Conflict Resolution

HIV/Aids training is scheduled for mid-April.

10. MEDIA COVERAGE:

The following media coverage information is provided:

- Shawnee County NPS News Release, undated (first quarter report)
- Wichita Eagle, November 1, 1994 (first quarter report)
- Kansas AmeriCorps Information Tape, October 30 or November 6, 1994 (previously provided)
- Kansas AmeriCorps Kickoff News Tape, October 19, 1994 (previously provided)
- McPherson Sentinel, October 20, 1994 (first quarter report)
- Salina Journal, September 24, 1994 (first quarter report)

10. **MEDIA COVERAGE: (Continued)**

- Salina Journal, September 24, 1994 (first quarter report)
- Topeka Capital, September 24, 1994 (first quarter report)
- AmeriCorps News Tape WIBW, September 23, 1994, (first quarter report)
- McPherson Sentinel, State Park Write up, September 22, 1994 (first quarter report)
- USA Weekend, September 16, 1994 (first quarter report)
- USA Today, September 12, 1994 (first quarter report)
- Salina Journal, September 5, 1994 (first quarter report)
- SCS News Release, September 2, 1994 (first quarter report)
- SCS News Release, July 12, 1994 (first quarter report)
- Salina Journal, March, 18, 1995 (attached)
- KSNC Channel 3 Wichita, Mid-February (Park members in action, copy not available)
- Herington Times, February 1995 (attached)
- NRCS News Release, February 21, 1995 (attached)
- NRCS News Release, March 15, 1995 (attached)

11. **OTHER DOCUMENTATION:**

Our AmeriCorps Facilitator, with assistance from the members, has published two newsletters (attached).

the Salina Journal

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Salina, Kansas Saturday, March 18, 1995

Working for an education

AmeriCorps offers chance to learn

By DAVID CLOUSTON
The Salina Journal

Sweating over a brush fire or building nesting boxes for birds aren't typical jobs thought of as a way to pay for college.

Kurt Grimm and Troy Hurlburt are hoping their work leads to more than just a paycheck.

"I've been working for them for three years. I'd like to get on full time," said Hurlburt, speaking of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, with whom he, Grimm and other participants in the AmeriCorps Program are working.

AmeriCorps is a federal program designed to help students pay for college by completing a set number of hours of public service work. For 1,700 hours of service — about nine months — workers receive a $7,660 stipend for living expenses and $4,725 for college.

Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. Money can pay for accumulated college debts for those already graduated, or help pay tuition for those just entering college or going on to pursue a master's or doctoral degree.

AmeriCorps workers are assigned to different federal agencies. Hurlburt and his co-workers are assigned to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but being directly supervised by Wildlife and Parks officials, with whom they're working at state parks.

During February, the four members of the AmeriCorps/USDA team at Kanopolis Reservoir, Hurlburt, Grimm, Chris Newton and Scott Morris, developed fish

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Tom Dorsey/Salina Journal

Todd Lovin, Lindsborg, a participant in AmeriCorps, starts a head fire for a controlled burn in the Langley Point area of Kanopolis Reservoir.

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AmeriCorps members perform varied tasks

habitat, built and installed waterfowl nesting structures, fixed water crossings on trails, and performed other chores, such as maintaining buildings and picnic tables.

The AmeriCorps members placed Eastern Cedar trees eliminated from rangeland, recycled Christmas trees, and old tires wired together, into the lake, supplying habitat and cover for small fish to grow to a catchable size. They also built 16 wood-duck nesting boxes. The nests will enhance the reproduction of waterfowl in the area.

Friday, the crew was helping park manager Rick Martin and other park workers do controlled burning of grassland areas in the park.

Three of the four workers in the crew have their degrees and have worked for Wildlife and Parks before as interns or summer employees.

"It is nice to get a work force that all have their degrees in this field," Martin said. "There's a lot of these projects that these guys already have some experience at, either at this state park or another state park. Plus they've got the schooling and a degree. We can give them some real basic instruction and they go and do it."

Newton is from Hutchinson, Morris is from Great Bend, Hurlburt is from Emporia and Grimm is from Conway Springs. The USDA has 38 AmeriCorps members working across the state at state parks.

"The community service, the stipend, the experience with Kansas Wildlife and Parks," are the reasons Grimm ticked off for his participation in the program. "I've already got a degree in environmental biology and I want to get a little more experience in the department and get to know people, and hope it pays off in the long run."

Jim Meisenheimer, Salina, is the Kansas AmeriCorps/USDA regional facilitator. He said the program has been successful and is pleased with the caliber of applicants.

"We've got excellent people. We're just lucky, we've had a very good response," he said.

Volkman serving with AmeriCorps

SALINA — Chad Volkman, the son of Sharon and Jerry Volkman, Woodbine, has become a member of the AmeriCorps National Service Program. Chad is headquartered at the Natural Resources conservation Service (NRCS) state office in Salina. The NRCS, formerly the Soil Conservation Service, is a branch of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Volkman's job involves cartography and geographic information systems. He is mapping the natural drainage areas of watersheds in the state of Kansas. The completed maps will be used by county, state and federal agencies.

AmeriCorps combines the success of the GI Bill providing opportunity for upward mobility, with the success of the Peace Corps in building a connection to community and a commitment to service. After a minimum of 1700 hours of work, of which 20 percent is devoted to community service, AmeriCorps members will earn an educational award of $4,725. The award which will be paid directly to a financial institution for the repayment of student loans or to be institution of higher lea ning for the purpose of furthering one's education.

Volkman is a May candidate for graduation from Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Herrington Time

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For immediate release February 21, 1995

AMERICORPS MEMBERS CLEANUP VANDALISM

"Getting Things Done" is the slogan of AmeriCorps, the national service program, according to Jim Meisenheimer Kansas AmeriCorps/USDA Regional Facilitator. That is what the members of the AmeriCorps Environmental team, stationed at Webster State Park, near Stockton, Kansas, did recently after being alerted to damage at a picnic shelter at the Rooks State Fishing Lake.

When the AmeriCorps members arrived at the shelter they were amazed at the destruction they found. Of the vandals Member Vickie Owens said, "We could not imagine what kind of people could be so destructive, especially when the graffiti on the rock walls spoke of peace and love." They found the picnic table shoved into the shelter's fire place where a fire had been built. The fire was so large that it scorched the shelter's rafters. Broken bottles and trash covered the shelter's floor.

The picnic table was taken to the Kansas Wildlife and Parks shops at Webster Reservoir and was restored. The glass and debris were collected and the walls were scrubbed with a hand wire brush. The members resorted to cleaning the walls by using hand brushes, paint and stain remover. The use of a sand blaster or grinder were ruled out due to the fear of damaging the shelter's natural limestone walls. The Members spent a week away from their work at Webster State Park, cleaning up destruction that must have taken only a few hours to do. Member John Rosendale, from Wichita said, "With all of the hard work we have put into restoring the shelter, it is rather sad and frustrating to think this could happen again."

The members of the AmeriCorps team, working at Webster Reservoir under the auspices of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, are Cindy Ochs, Victoria Owens and Bill Plante from Hill City, Kansas and John Rosendale from Wichita, Kansas. The normal work of the members at Webster

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State Park is to help restore damage to the park caused by the 1993 flood.

AmeriCorps is the national service program setup to meet the critical local needs in education, public safety, human services, and the environment. The AmeriCorps members earn a small living allowance, receive limited health care benefits, and an educational award.

For additional information about AmeriCorps/USDA, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at 760 South Broadway, Salina, Kansas 67401.

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MARCH 15, 1995

AMERICORPS MEMBERS AT KANOPOLIS WILDLIFE AND PARKS RESERVOIR ARE "GETTING THINGS DONE" BY AMERICORPS MEMBER CHRIS NEWTON

"Getting things done" is the slogan of the national service program, according to Jim Meisenheimer Kansas AmeriCorps/USDA Regional Facilitator. During February the four members of the AmeriCorps/USDA Kanopolis Reservoir, State Park and Wildlife area team, Chris Newton, Kurt Grimm, Troy Hurlburt, and Scott Morris, developed fish habitat, built and installed waterfowl nesting structures, fixed water crossings on trails, constructed public information shelters, and maintained park buildings and picnic tables.

Little fish need habitat that supplies food and escape cover to survive. The members placed Eastern Cedar trees eliminated from rangeland, recycled Christmas trees, and old tires wired together, into the lake supplying habitat. The benefits to fishermen are greater survival of little fish which attract larger predator fish to the habitat. The habitat will allow more fish to reach a catchable size. AmeriCorps Members have created six new brush piles in Kanopolis Reservoir.

Members have also built sixteen wood duck nesting boxes. Seven have been installed at the Kanopolis State Park Wildlife Viewing Area and the others will be placed at wildlife areas. The construction and placement of nests will enhance the reproduction of waterfowl in the area.

An increase of beavers at the lake has caused the water level to rise at crossings on the Kanopolis trail system causing hikers to get wet and horses to spook, increasing the chance of injury to riders. AmeriCorps Members have installed drain pipes through the beaver dams in order to lower the water level.

Two information shelters have been constructed by Members in order to provide the public with information about the Park and user rules. Facility maintenance is an ongoing service for people to use and enjoy our State Park. As our tour of service continues we look forward to completing other tasks that benefit the community and to demonstrate what AmeriCorps is about, GETTING THINGS DONE.

Questions concerning the AmeriCorps Members' work at Kanopolis State Park can be answered by calling Chris Newton at 913 546 2565.

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NEWSLETTER

January 30, 1995

KAYLA DOWNEY INTERACTS WITH ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

On December 19, 1994 AmeriCorps Member Kayla Downey working with Agricultural Waste Management Systems, and Judy Barten, the District Manager of the Dickinson County Conservation District, visited 5th graders at Chapman Elementary School to talk about soil and water conservation. After explaining the program that she is directly involved in, Non-Point Source Pollution, Kayla spelled out the purpose and goal of AmeriCorps. She also told them that conservation and environment were part of the nation's need as set up by the President.

During her interaction with the students she was surprised to learn that these "5th graders knew a lot about wetlands" and "they did an excellent job of telling her what was in a wetland." As evidenced by the drawings received by Kayla and her description of the students, her day was well spent.

A TAXIDERMIST, A HUNTER, A BIKER

What do a taxidermist, a hunter, and a biker have in common?They are members of the Emporia wetlands and riparian team. Jim Peterson is the taxidermist, the tick expert, and the "older statesman" of the team. A graduate of Emporia State University, he is working evenings on his M.S. degree in environmental biology. Other than taxidermy, he builds Indian sweat lodges and invites willing team members to join him in a "bodily out pouring." Jim is also known to have eaten many types of animals and fowl. Starlings, muscovy duck, raccoon, beaver, rattle snake, and squirrel are a few of the delicacies he has eaten. Jim is renown for his expertise on ticks.

Jason Sawyer, the hunter, is a graduate of Kansas State University, Manhattan. Jason has lived in such unique haunts as Hawaii, San Diego, and Plains, Kansas. His degree in forestry and park resource management fits with his desire to hunt and fish. He does not miss a hunting season.

The biker on the team is Kneel Bass. The bike he rides is a mountain bike and he rides it in rain or snow. If he is not riding, he is running or hiking. He is a Florida native who found his way to Southwestern College, Winfield, to play football. He will finish his M.S. in biology from Fort Hays State University this summer. Notable experiences include accidently killing a buffalo with his pickup truck, and leaving a female friend in a high mountain area, infested with bears, while he went fishing. It was only when he became concerned about the safety of his friend and that she might disappear with his coat and cold weather gear did he return to the camp site. Who says chivalry is dead?

All three of members joined AmeriCorps for the experience, the community service, and the benefits it could bring those with biology degrees.

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A HUSKER CO-EXISTS WITH TWO WILDCATS

Ryan Tompkins, a Nebraska-Lincoln graduate, has managed to temper his pride in "Big Red" while working with the K-State alum of Jean Nutsch and Galen Wiens on the Manhattan team. Ryan has concentrated on the riparian inventory after having helped with the identification of wetlands.

The team has completed remote sensing on about 65% of Riley County. The members plan on performing community service by helping the Kansas State and Extension Forestry do some tree planting and tree revetments. Some of the revetments will be used in research to indicate how valuable they are to bank stabilization, fish and invertebrate populations, and water quality.

TOPEKA WETLAND AND RIPARIAN TEAM NOTED IN MEDIA

Members of the Topeka team consisting of Arlen Flax, forester, Kevin Feleay, Craig Johnson, and Cody Lind lead the AmeriCorps wetland's teams in media coverage. Due to their location and work in Topeka and Lawrence, they have had the opportunity to appear on Topeka's WIBW TV station and in newspaper articles printed in the Topeka Capitol Journal and the Lawrence Journal-World. Craig and an assisting member of the Topeka Youth Corps have been interviewed and Arlen was shown on WIBW during a community service activity of stenciling, "No Dumping - Drains to River," signs on storm drains in the Shunganunga creek area of Topeka. On February 16 Kevin is scheduled to appear on an afternoon TV show promoting community service work in the area.

The members participated in the Topeka Farm Show in January by assisting the Shawnee County Conservation District with their non-point source pollution display. Members helped inform the public about various issues of non-point source pollution and erosion control. We are thankful that the Members have not spent time informing the public about the story on how Topeka got its name. The story goes as follows: Supposedly an Indian chief, who resided on a hill on what is now downtown Topeka, once or twice a week would hook his donkey to its cart, and go to an inn near the river to socialize. The donkey became so familiar with the route to and from the chief's residence that all the chief had to do when he was ready to go home was to just get in cart and relax. One day after socializing too much, he got in the cart, laid down allowing his moccasin, which had a hole in it, to hang over the cart's edge and the donkey began the trip home. A settler and his daughter on their way to a new home saw the chief's foot hanging out of the cart and the daughter exclaimed, "look, to(e) peka!"

KANOPOLIS MEMBERS BUSY IN JANUARY

The Kanopolis AmeriCorps team, consisting of Kurt Grimm, Troy Hurlburt, Chris Newton, and Scott Morris, were busy with everything from burning to cleanup. Items that Members constructed or helped build included: fish habitat structures from cedar trees, a boat for putting the habitat in the lake, a containment wall inside the shop area to contain oils and antifreeze in the event of a spill or barrel rupture, buoy weights, and cages to protect newly planted trees.

Scott worked with Park Ranger Todd Pesch in the wildlife area burning brush piles and putting in refuge signs. They too have spent evenings conducting deer surveys.

The Members have also been active in eagle surveys and helped prepare an eagle observation day at the park. They also helped prepare for a Buckmasters competition. It is hoped that one or more of the presenters at the eagle obsevation day can give their presentation to all of the AmeriCorps/USDA members. Their stories and slides about bald and golden eagles in Kansas will interest each one of you.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MISSED BY SEVERAL TEAMS

The next edition of the Kansas AmeriCorps/USDA newsletter will include stories from teams about their work and members who missed the January deadline. A focus story will be on the Webster team and its community service of cleaning up a recently vandalized county park.

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NEWSLETTER

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WEBSTER TEAM DEMONSTRATES "GETTING THINGS DONE"

The Environmental team at Webster Reservoir consisting of Ciny Ochs, Vicky Owens, Bill Plante, and John Rosendale show the citizens of Rooks county that AmeriCorps Members are good at "Getting Things Done."

When the Members discovered that a shelter at Rooks State Fishing Lake had been trashed by vandals, they went to work cleaning up the debris, fixing the burnt picnic table, and removing the graffiti from the shelter's limestone walls.

A week was spent cleaning the walls and fixing the picnic table. Due to the fear of damaging the shelter's limestone walls, hand brushes instead of a sandblaster were used in the cleanup. Vicky Owens said, "We could not imagine what kind of people could be so destructive." After all of the work repairing and cleaning up the area, John Rosendale said, "It is rather frustrating to think this could happen again."

ALL IS SAFE IN DODGE CITY

Emporia State University graduate Mike Houck is the team leader of the Dodge City wetlands team. Mike has been the sole AmeriCorps/USDA Member, off and on, at Dodge City since November. His former sidekick Jason Vajnar accepted a position with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife. Like other wetlands team members Mike has found himself spending more time working in a county office than originally expected. Community activities have included teaching hunter safety classes and working with the Finney County Sheriff's Auxiliary Patrol.

In January, Mike was involved in teaching a Kansas Hunters Education course at the Garden City Community College. After some intense law enforcement training with the Finney County Sheriff's Department, he will be on patrol with the Auxiliary at fairs and other events. Other community endeavors will include planting trees and building nesting structures at Ford County Lake.

MILFORD AMERICORPS MEMBER WELL TRAVELLED

Doris Hankins, a member of the Milford State Park Environmental Team, has lived in various states from Alabama to Washington with stops in Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan and Kansas. Doris has three children and two grandchildren. She likes singing and enjoys participating in her church choir. She also likes the serenity of Milford State Park where she has been able to enjoy observing bald eagles and other wildlife while she works to restore the lake area to pre-1993 flood conditions.

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Doris will use her educational award to pay off college loans and to pay for future educational expenses.

WETLAND VIDEO BEING DISCUSSED

The Hays AmeriCorps wetland and riparian team consisting of Tracy Beach, Kami Legere, Craig Curtis and Lance Hocket have finished their work in Rooks county and have moved to Ellis county. Lance completed 75 riparian transects in Rooks County.

The team is reported to be discussing plans for an educational yet "provocative" and still to be rated wetland video. The video, it is hoped, will blend the intelligence of The Discovery Channel with the dynamics of an "Up With People" performance. The plan is to put together an informative video that shows the public exactly what is seen on the slide compared to what is seen in the field. The video would provide a look at a wetland compared to nonwetland in terms of soil, hydrology, and plants. Hopefully the video will be used at upcoming information meetings.

HUTCHINSON TEAM IS BUSY

On January 6, AmeriCorps Members Dean Krehbeil and Scott Allen, accompanied by Randy Clark, Biologist, presented a talk to Lyons Middle School on endangered, threatened, extinct species and how they coincide with wetlands.

Scott talked about AmeriCorps and the procedures used for wetland inventory in Kansas. Dean talked about the importance of conserving and preserving wetlands, and the impact wetlands have. Additional community service work has included constructing fish habitat by sinking discarded fur trees in Cheney Lake Reservoir.

CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER

On February 3, Jennifer Krehbeil presented her husband, Dean, an AmeriCorps Member, with a son, they named Colter. In reference to his new role in life, Dean said, "Everyone ought to have the experience at least once."

WETLANDS TEAMS ON THE MOVE

Wetland and Riparian teams at Dodge City, Topeka, Emporia, Hays and Hutchinson have completed work at their initial sites and have moved. Two of the teams are returning to the counties of their Area Offices: Topeka team to Shawnee county and the Hays team, Ellis county. The Emporia team has moved to work in Chase county, the Hutchinson team is now in Harvey county, and the Dodge team is now working in Meade county.

DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER

AmeriCorps Members are reminded that the deadline for each team to submit stories for the April newsletter is March 30.

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Fourth Quarter Report

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File Code: 360-5

Enclosed for your information is the fourth quarter report for the USDA/AmeriCorps Projects in Kansas.

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MEMBER INFORMATION

PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of members authorized:	1
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	1
Number of members enrolled at end of quarter:	1
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	1
Number of members at beginning of quarter:	1
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	1
Total hours of direct service for previous quarters:	0
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	0
Total hours of direct service for this quarter:	0
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	0
Total hours of direct service to date:	516
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	516

VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT

NON-AMERICORPS MEMBER VOLUNTEERS	
Total Number of non-AmeriCorps Volunteers: (Involved in AmeriCorps service activities in this quarter)	420
Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities: (Completed by non-AmeriCorps member volunteers in this quarter)	3,580