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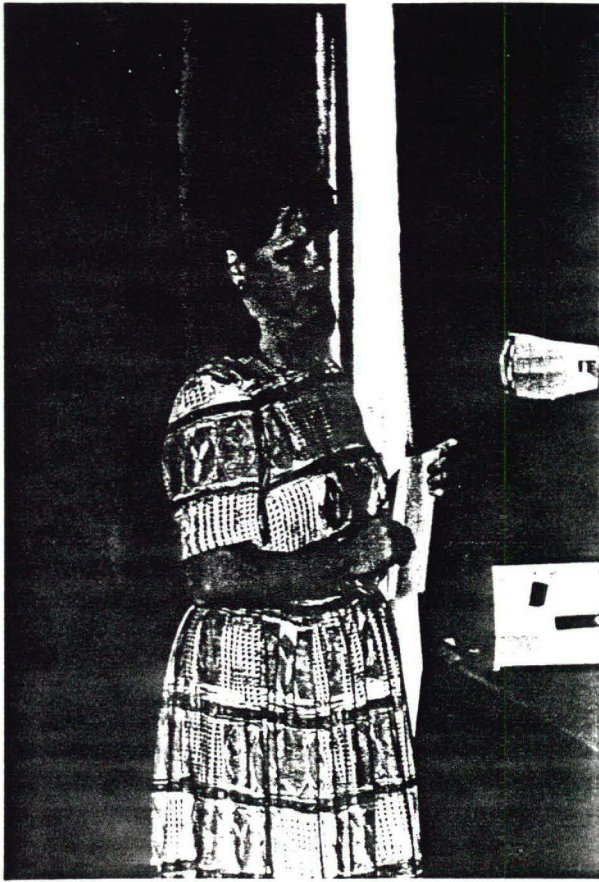
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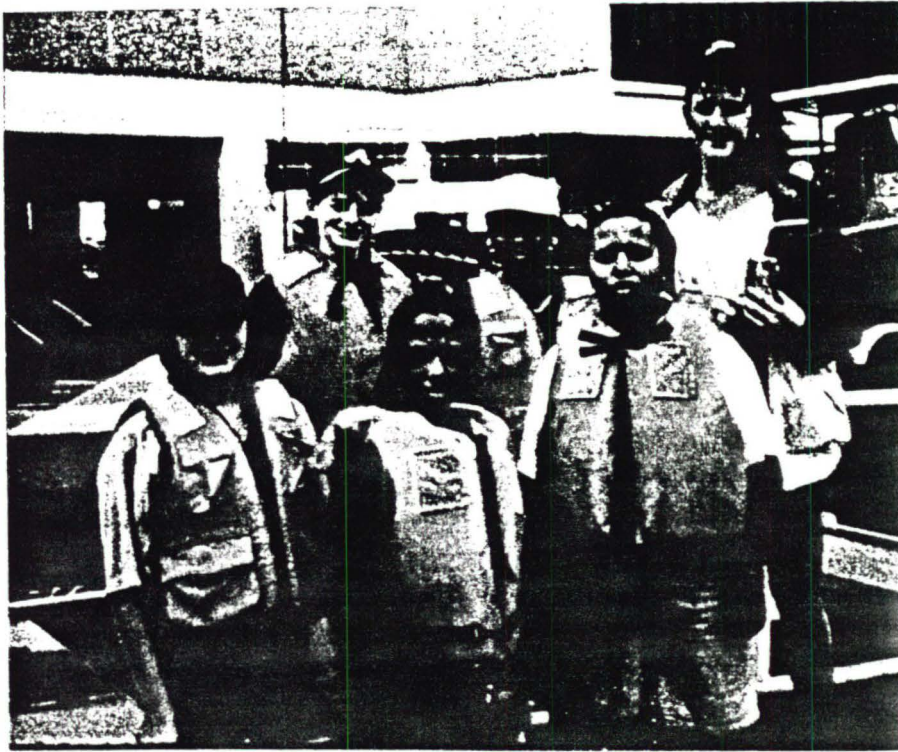
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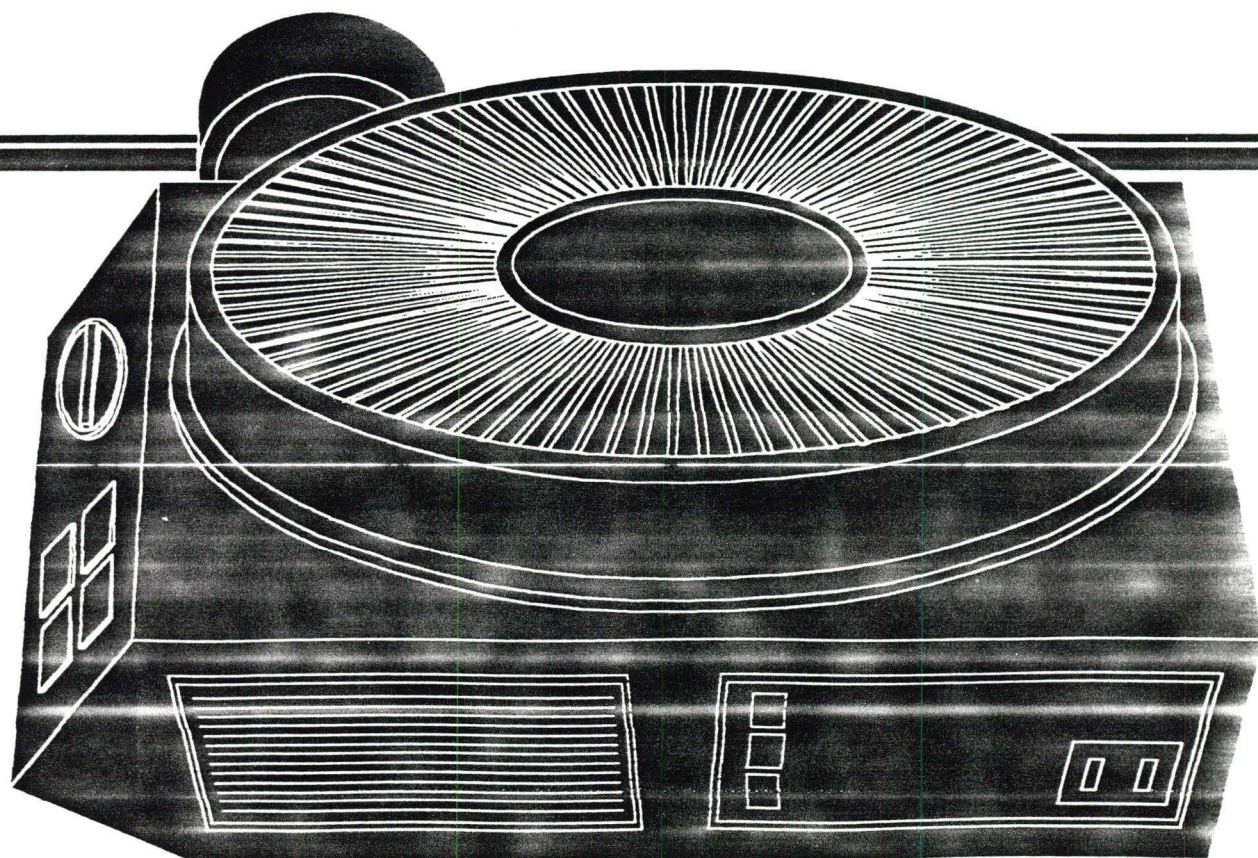
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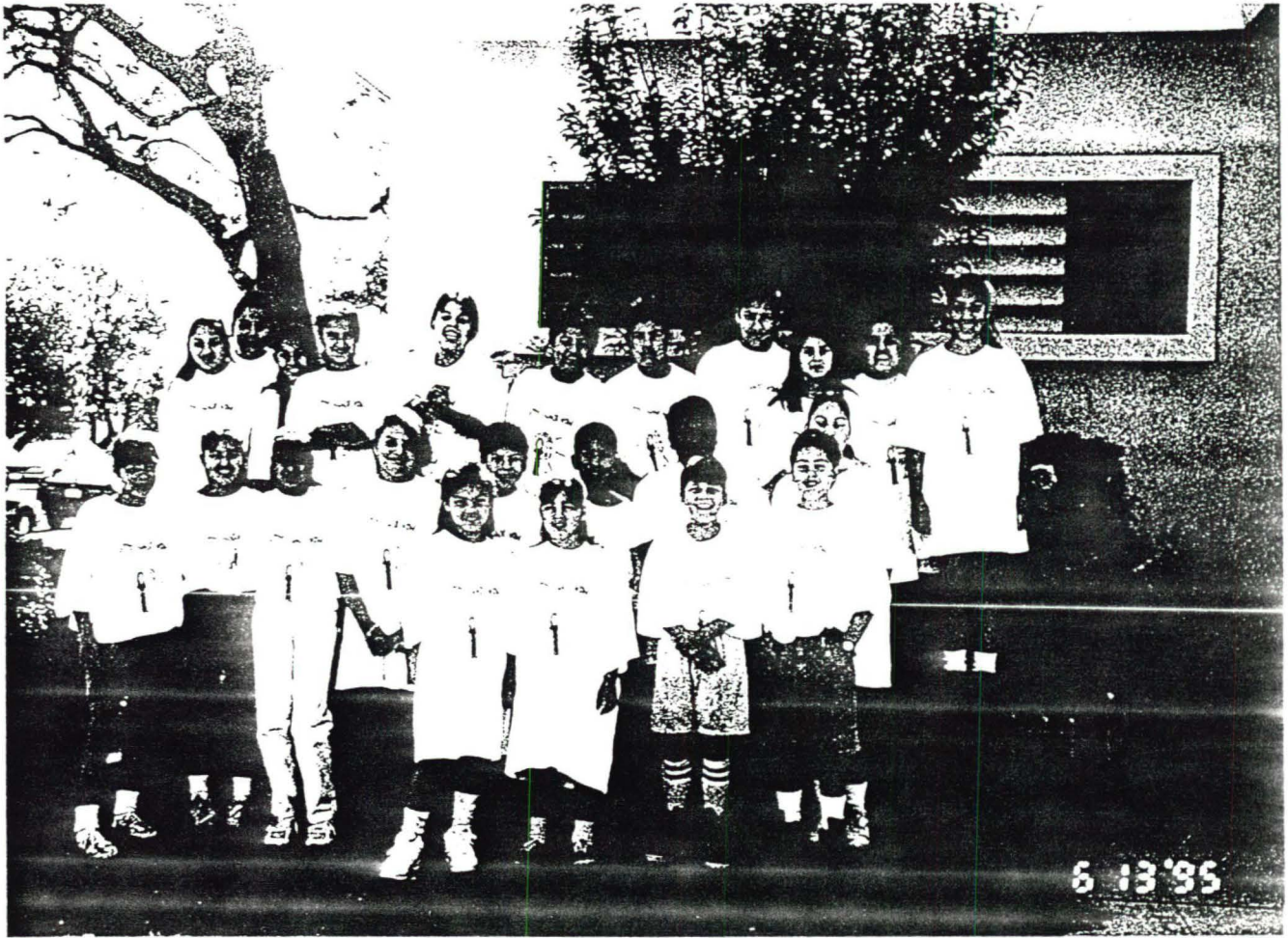
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Farmers Can Assess Groundwater Threat

System Viewed As Valuable Tool to Reduce Contamination

By Robert J. Moreau and Jennifer B. Armand

FARMERS ACROSS LOUISIANA NOW HAVE THE opportunity to learn more about how their farming practices may affect drinking water supplies. They

can also help to determine the benefits of a federal program aimed at preventing pollution from agricultural activities.

The Farmstead Assessment System (Farm A Syst) has been accepted in many states as a valuable and welcomed tool to help farmers identify and reduce the risk of groundwater contamination. The program was developed and expanded nationally as part of a cooperative effort by three federal agencies: the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Cooperative Extension Service, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

As part of the Louisiana Farm A Syst pilot program, farmers in the nine Louisiana parishes of Acadia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Lafayette, Madison, Natchitoches, Sabine, Tensas, and Vermilion are now being given the opportunity to take a closer look at their farming practices from an environmental protection point of view.

The program assists participating farmers in quantitatively evaluating groundwater contamination risk from their farming practices. It also helps to reduce this risk by providing guidance on actions, called best management practices, that can aid in pre-

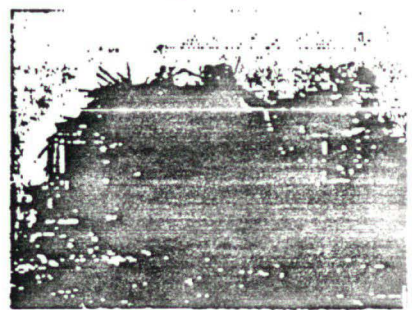
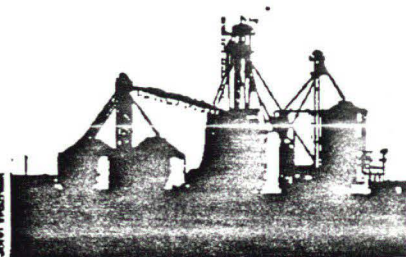
venting pollution.

During the risk assessment process, the farmer, either alone or with the help of his parish agent, is asked to fill out a series of worksheets on various topics. These include the condition and location of wells, pesticide and fertilizer storage and handling, petroleum product storage, hazardous waste management, wastewater treatment, livestock waste management, the soil characteristics of the farm, and other subjects.

As part of the pilot implementation of Farm A Syst in Louisiana, Extension Associate Bill Carney and others from the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service will conduct farmer workshops held in conjunction with other agricultural meetings and will schedule one-on-one sessions with farmers to help them assess their farm.

The NRCS is offering support to the Farm A Syst implementation in Louisiana through its district conservationist agents. Meanwhile, three volunteers from AMERICORPS, President Clinton's national service program, who are also participating in the Louisiana Farm A Syst project have set a goal to conduct 30 personal visits each with farmers to assist them with the farmstead risk assessment.

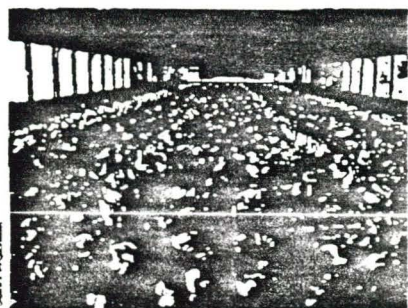
Significantly, Louisiana's participation in the national risk assessment and farmstead pollution pre-



vention project has an interesting twist. In addition to identifying potential sources of groundwater contamination on farms, information gathered from participating Louisiana farmers will be used by researchers at the University of Wisconsin in Madison to provide an understanding of the benefits and costs associated with the Farm A Syst program.

One of the benefits that will be evaluated is the money spent by farmers to reduce pollution risks to groundwater once these risks are identified through the Farm A Syst worksheets. In other words, money spent to correct a potential environmental problem is viewed as a benefit to the farmer, since contaminated groundwater would be viewed as a liability. This may be thought of as a farmer's "willingness to pay" to reduce his risk of contaminating groundwater resources.

Other benefits that will be examined, but are not



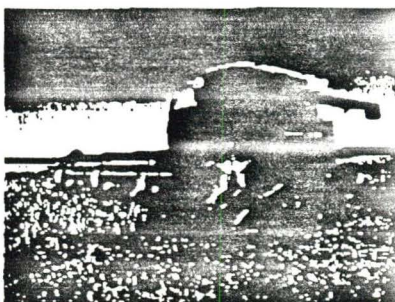
measured in economic terms, are increased knowledge of environmental protection and changes in perceptions of how farming activities can affect

groundwater supplies. To obtain this information, participating farmers will complete a set of surveys, issued before and after they assess the condition of their farm, that will determine how much they have learned about environmental issues by participating in the program.

The Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation has volunteered to serve as a third-party clearinghouse entity responsible for collecting the surveys and ensuring confidentiality.

Costs of the program will be measured in terms of the funds utilized by national, state, and local government agencies to develop, implement, and administer the program. These figures will be gathered from the participating agencies.

This benefit/cost study is the first of its kind for any Farm A Syst program in the country and will provide



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Louisiana with national recognition for its role in this important research. Other states may choose to use the study to evaluate the effectiveness of their Farm A Syst programs.

A final report on the results of the Louisiana Farm A Syst benefit/cost study is anticipated in August 1995.

Extension Service, NRCS, and AMERICORP'S volunteers are currently distributing the Farm A Syst packets, including pollution risk assessment worksheets and evaluation surveys, and have a tentative goal to issue 1,300 of the packets by April 30, 1995.

Farmers interested in participating in the Louisiana Farm A Syst program are asked to contact Bill Carney of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service in Baton Rouge at (504) 388-6998, or Billy Moore of the NRCS in Alexandria at (318) 473-7768.

For more information on the benefit/cost study itself, individuals may contact Gary Jackson, National Farm A Syst Program Director, at (608) 265-2775, or Professor John Strasma of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Department of Agricultural Economics, at (608) 262-6974. ■

Robert J. Moreau [(608) 259-0313] is a Research Assistant at the University of Wisconsin in Madison's Institute for Environmental Studies. Jennifer B. Armand [(504) 389-2886], formerly DEQ Press Secretary, now works in public affairs for a Louisiana chemical manufacturing facility.



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Third Quarter Report
(April 1, 1995 - June 30, 1995)



Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman meeting with one of the many USDA AmeriCorps Members who have performed flood relief service recently in Missouri. (Photo by Ken Hammond).

"The USDA AmeriCorps program is obtaining concrete, measurable results that are making a significant difference in communities across the nation."

- Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman



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SUMMARY

AMERICORPS SOLID WASTE SPECIALIST (One member sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service)

Accomplishments (4 months)	Cost to Community If Service Purchased on Open Market*	Cost as Provided Through AmeriCorps	Savings to Community Through AmeriCorps
Assist Hancock County with Convenience Center Design, Permitting and Funding Grant	\$3,400		
Assist Hancock County with completion of 10 year Solid Waste Management Plan as required by state law.	\$8,500		
Preparation of Bid Specs and package for Recycling Equipment for the City of Harrogate.	\$1,700		
Preparation of Bid Specs and Package for Transfer Station for Claiborne County.	\$2,550		
Preparation of Bid Specs and Package for Grainger County Recycling Center	\$2,125		
Design and Layout of Solid Waste Education Brochure	\$1,400		
Preparation, development and writing of four grant proposals for outside funding of important solid waste projects.	\$4,000		
TOTAL	\$23,975 (estimate)	approx. \$7,272	\$16,703

* Estimated costs based on the known 'going price' in the RC&D region.

SPECIALTY RECREATION AND TOURISM INITIATIVE (three members sponsored by the Natural Resources Conservation Service)

Accomplishments (4 months)	Cost to Community If Service Purchased on Open Market*	Cost as Provided Through AmeriCorps	Savings to Community Through AmeriCorps
Inventory, Development of Regional Committee, Setup of Tourism Network, Preliminary Funding Search, Eco-Tourism Feasibility Study, Wilderness Road Draft and Design of Regional Tourism Database	\$50,400 (estimate)	approx. \$20,000	\$30,400

* Estimated costs based on the known 'going price' in the RC&D region.



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LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Janel Decker
795 Weehawken Avenue
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

April 5, 1995

The White House
The AmeriCorps Program
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C., 20502

Dear President Clinton,

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to participate in the AmeriCorps Program. I am currently serving with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Burlington County, New Jersey.

The work assigned to me here has dealt with environmental education and a variety of field work. The biggest challenge I face is attempting to explain to people why the Earth's resources are so vitally important to protect. I have visited landfills, construction sites, and farms. I can look with sad eyes at all the erosion and waste of our natural resources that people fail and refuse to protect. In my efforts to relay the importance of this message, I have organized all the informational pamphlets and mailed them to farmers. I also arranged them on an access shelf where they are visible for the many people who visit the office to take. I am assisting with the NJ Envirothon in May. The Envirothon asks questions about environmental issues to students in grades 9-12. In addition, I am writing articles for "NRCS This Week", planning a project for the "Celebration of the Land" promotion, and assisting the Soil Conservation Districts in numerous endeavors.

The work I have helped complete has assisted the community by letting them know that the Natural Resources Conservation Service exists and has a purpose. I have made useful information more visible and easier to access. Through the informational booths I have staffed, I provided the public with answers to any questions they may have. In summary, there have been many direct and indirect ways that my service in the AmeriCorps has helped the community.

The AmeriCorps Program has changed me as an individual in several ways. First, this program came along at a time when I desperately needed a change and a sense of purpose. Through this opportunity, I

have an increased respect for our government and the many jobs it tries to achieve. I also feel proud of myself. Second, this program has given me the chance to improve my self esteem, meet excellent people, and do something that has purpose everyday. The AmeriCorps Program has also had profound impacts on me as a citizen. I have come to realize that there are many things we can do to improve our country together, as citizens. It is important that we join together in cooperative efforts to make every aspect of our communities, country, and world better. The AmeriCorps Program is useful, helpful, and vital to many communities in our country.

I would like to thank you again for this opportunity. It has made a great difference in many aspects of my life.

Sincerely,

Janel Decker
AmeriCorps Volunteer

cc: Senator Bill Bradley
Senator Frank Lautenberg
Congressman James H. Saxton

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ctorScott Handerson
Assistant Director

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission



June 16, 1995

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NATURAL
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COMMISSION

Mr. Jody Pagan
Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission
1500 Tower Building
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Jody:

It has been a pleasure working with you on the various fish and wildlife coordination activities, and more particularly, your efforts to organize endangered species data for Arkansas.

Your participation in the AmeriCorps Program seems to have gone by much too quickly. Your conscientious attitude is certainly appreciated as well as your hard work on the County-by-County endangered species notebooks which contain extremely valuable information for our fish and wildlife review and evaluation process of the many development proposals which occur in our State.

The opportunity to work cooperatively with you, Bob Price of the Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Cindy Osborne of the AR Natural Heritage Commission is very much appreciated. I am hopeful this community service will be of some help toward your environmental career goals. I wish you much success and keep up the good work. Feel free to call me if I can assist you in any way.

Best Wishes,

Craig K. Uyeda, Chief
River Basins Section

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cc: Bob Price
Cindy Osborne
Karen Yaich



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Phillip D. Sam, AmeriCorps Member
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
44811 North Date Ave., Suite G
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Phil:

On behalf of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in California, I am honored to present this Special Act of Volunteer Service Award for the outstanding service you have provided to the residents in the Kinneloa and Laguna fire areas.

Robert Dean, District Conservationist from the Lancaster Field Office, has kept me informed on the conservation mitigation plans you and your AmeriCorps team members prepared in order to better protect the residents and their personal properties from possible mud and debris flows due to winter rains in Southern California. Bob has also made me aware of the countless hours you have contributed in the evenings and weekends working side by side with fire victims for the purpose of putting the mitigation plan in action. Your generosity in sharing your time and expertise is greatly appreciated--you have made a significant contribution in controlling future damage and in furthering the recovery efforts from these tragic fires.

We know that hundreds of Californians affected by these events join us in our gratitude. You have demonstrated by your actions the true intention of the AmeriCorps program.

Sincerely,


HERSHEL R. READ
State Conservationist

cc:

William J. Gradle, Area Conservationist, NRCS, Salinas, CA
L. Robert Dean, District Conservationist, NRCS, Lancaster, CA



SCHOOLS' INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

State of California • 48th District Agricultural Association

June 8, 1995

Mission

To promote an understanding of, and appreciation for, the role of agriculture in contemporary society through classroom education, community events and distribution of information through a public information program.

Mr. Phillip Sam
Americorps
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
4811 N. Date Avenue, Ste D
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Mr. Sam:

Agriculture is alive and well in urban Los Angeles, as I am sure you noticed as you judged plants and later student pilot projects at the 1995 Schools' Involvement Exposition at the Puente Hills Mall. Our Expo clearly demonstrated that students in the city really can learn by using agriculture, even if they have never seen real farms.

The 48th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors and our staff want to thank you for a job well done. It is important to the success of this project that our judges come from the agriculture world, so your time and expertise were appreciated. While every student receives a ribbon just for participating, many classrooms won \$\$\$ for what they taught.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,


Carol Spoelstra-Pepper
Executive Director

Antelope Valley Allied Arts Association

April 28, 1995

Mr. Bob Dean, District Conservationist
United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
44811 N. Date Avenue, Suite G
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Mr. Dean:

The Executive Board of Allied Arts Association would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the AMERICORPS volunteers who gave so freely of their time and muscle to clean and paint at the Cedar Centre. "Thank you" just cannot convey how much we appreciate all the things they accomplished in such a short time.

The main crew - SANDY HAYNES, PHILLIP SAM and APRIL JURGEN - were there faithfully each work day. Others who helped were: CHRISAND GILES, PRISCILLA GUERRERO, DAVID MACIAS and SHANNON PERKINS. We will be forever grateful for your help.

We of Allied Arts want to make the Cedar Centre a showcase of fine art to benefit the entire Antelope Valley, children and grownups alike. With the help of your outstanding AMERICORPS organization, our dreams are much closer to being realized.

Again, thank you for your invaluable help. If we can do anything to help your organization, please call us at (805) 726-0655.

Sincerely,



Betty Midkiff,
President

BM/mt

OES COMMUNITY DISASTER RECOVERY & PREPAREDNESS CENTER
3746 Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107
(818) 583-7245; FAX: (818) 583-7288

April 20, 1995

Bob Dean
District Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
44811 North Date Ave. Suite G
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Bob:

Thank you so much for the certificate of appreciation and kind words delivered by Phillip Sam of AmeriCorps. I was surprised and thrilled by the recognition. This effort to support recovery from the firestorm and prevent future disasters has been a true public-private partnership.

Recovery from a firestorm is very slow, and only 66 of the 115 completely burned private homes have entered the permit process, with about 20 of those complete. Still, at this point almost all of the fire veterans, as they prefer to call themselves, are moving forward. Our second mission, to prevent a second disaster, has been accomplished -- with your help. Through the placing of 60,000 sandbags, dozens of k-rails, enlarging and frequent cleaning out of the debris basins, installation of block walls and other barriers, the Altadena Kinneloa area avoided serious damage to property.

Your agency provided immeasurable help through the survey and identification of homes which needed mitigation measures, the door-to-door and face-to-face contacts, and your leadership in bringing all the affected agencies together to discuss the threat. AmeriCorps volunteers Phillip Sam, Sandy Haynes, and April Jurgen have been extremely helpful, and I believe that the entire fire-impacted community realizes it. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such an outstanding group of people, from the public and private sectors, and together, we have accomplished a great deal. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Virginia Kimball
Manager

Dear Americorps,

The Shrimp Club thanks you for helping us with the planting. We couldn't have done it without you. You did all of the preparation work for us before we even got there. Thanks for showing us how to plant everything and giving us the poster of Stemple Creek. All of you worked so hard planting and directing.

Together as a team we helped to restore Stemple Creek and save the shrimp. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

The Shrimp Club

Chris Pen
and
Stacey Goto



Mike Jensen and Nancy Scolori
1301 Redwood Way, Suite 170
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On behalf of Public Counsel and the Los Angeles County Bar Association Barrister's Homeless Committee, please accept our deepest thanks for lending us the wonderful assistance of Americorps Volunteers, Jennifer Whitcomb and Hope Rivera in connection with this year's Cold/Wet Weather Advocacy Program. As you know, this is a program in which we recruit attorneys, law students and other volunteers to conduct clinics at shelters and armories that open up to the homeless and indigent during the coldest months of the year.

Several attorneys singled out Ms. Whitcomb and Ms. Rivera for praise because of their dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work on behalf of the impoverished persons we were serving. In particular, the attorneys praised the assistance Ms. Whitcomb and Ms. Rivera offered in conducting follow-up with clients needing assistance with General Relief and Food Stamps.

I cannot overemphasize how invaluable their generous assistance was both to the poor and underrepresented persons we serve and to the viability of the Cold/Wet Weather Shelter Advocacy program.

Sincerely,


Paul L. Freese, Jr.
Directing Attorney,
Homeless Advocacy Program
for Youth and Adults

GOOD HEALTH FAMILY FAIR

AD HOC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE TEMPLE-BEAUDRY/PICO UNION AREA

May 17, 1995

Quy-Huong Bao
Project Manager
Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition
2449 Hyperion Avenue, #108
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Dear Quy-Huong,

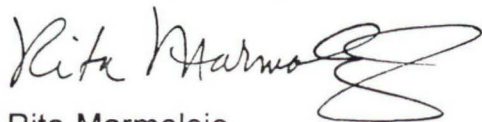
I am writing on behalf of the Good Health Family Fair Ad Hoc Committee to thank you for your organization's participation in the event.

As you may know, the family health fair was the first of its kind ever to be organized in the community. The committee is already talking about organizing the 2nd annual family health fair and I look forward to the possibility of working with you on the next one!

Again, thank you for helping us make this event possible.

In the Spirit of Peace,

Good Health Family Fair
Ad Hoc Organizing Committee



Rita Marmolejo
Coordinator

Participating Organizations: American Red Cross • ASOSAL • California Hospital Medical Center • Central Health Center • Centro de Niños • Centro Latino de Educación • Clínica Para Las Americas • Clínica Monsignor Oscar Romero • Communities for Accountable Reinvestment • Councilman Mike Hernandez • El Centro Del Pueblo • El Rescate • GLOMAR Enterprises • Inquilinos Unidos • Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles • Los Angeles Commission on Assault Against Women • Los Angeles Community Design Center/Clark Residence • New Economics for Women • Operation Smile • Planned Parenthood • Retired Senior Volunteer Program • Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition • St. Vincent Medical Center • Youth Fair Chance • YMCA •

June 12, 1995

Elizabeth Riley, Executive Director
Interfaith Hunger Coalition
2449 Hyperion Suite 100
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Dear Ms. Riley:

Sondra Trudeau, a member of Americorps, has been working as my Social Services Director since February. Sondra is extraordinarily talented and has boundless energy and compassion for the poor and others who need her assistance. She walked in and took over our very busy office with less than a week of orientation.

Sondra coordinates the House of Yahweh transitional housing program and the food outreach program. She manages the office skillfully and has the enviable leadership qualities of delegating and directing people so they become involved and work for her. She does "in service on the job" training while still conducting her own work.

Sondra assesses client situations carefully and clearly working with each person closely. She knows what to do and designs a personalized plan with each client that requires action and accountability on their part. Clients really see their progress and gain confidence in themselves. They like Sondra and trust her and pretty much do what she suggests.

Our Social Service Department continues to grow, especially our transitional housing program. Sondra has plans for a 5 person Americorps team if we can get them assigned to the House of Yahweh in the September. This team would be assigned to do the following: 2 persons would be involved in starting the South Bay Coalition of Homeless Providers, attend meetings regarding the homeless and housing, as well as family and hunger issues. These same 2 persons would assist the Coalition in planning a comprehensive continuum of care which is the future thrust that all non-profits must take. They would be a liaison between the South Bay, House of Yahweh and LAHSA in order to integrate their planning into the total picture for the greater Los Angeles area. They would also research and prepare a comprehensive practical referral hand book for non profits in the South Bay.

The second team of two would be intake/outreach workers, manage the mail service, bus tokens and telephone calls and messages. Their responsibilities would include but not be limited to providing referrals for specific social services for our soup kitchen clients i.e. job training programs, drug rehab, psychological counseling, etc. They will set up transportation to SSI, DMV and DPSS and act as advocates to the clients at these locations.

Classes and workshops will be conducted/facilitated by this team. The topics will include-- Earned Income Credit workshops during the tax season, money management and health care.

The last team person will work directly under the supervision of the Social Service Coordinator/Team Leader--Sondra Trudeau. This team member will assist in managing the House of Yahweh's Transitional Housing Program including intake and case management. The job will also consist of interviews for our Food Outreach Program and preparing the take out food baskets for transitional shelter clients.

Nothing can happen without your approval and trust in what we hope to accomplish. Sondra Trudeau is the catalyst needed to develop and refine our present Social Service Department. You, however, are the key for the success of our Plan by re- assigning Sondra and allocating the necessary 5 person Americorps team to the House of Yahweh this Fall. Will you please do this for us and our clients and Americorps? Thank you for any consideration you give to my request.

Sincerely,

Sister Michele Marie Morris

*Sister Michele Marie Morris, csj
Executive Director*

*cc: Dione Kyle
Quey Huong Boa*



TEACHING KIDS TO NEVER TAKE DRUGS

P.O. Box 2090 Los Angeles, California 90051-0090 (800) 223-DARE

June 7, 1995

Mr. Will Glenn
Americorp
2449 Hyperion Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90027

Dear Will:

I want to thank you for your time and help with our D.A.R.E. +PLUS program this spring semester at Marina Del Rey Middle School.

Without the support of people like you, our volunteer program would not be the success that it is.

I look forward to working with you again. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Nella Charles, Program Director
D.A.R.E. +PLUS - MDR



TEACHING KIDS TO NEVER TAKE DRUGS

P.O. Box 2090 Los Angeles, California 90051-0090 (800) 225-DARE

June 7, 1995

Mr. Herbert Hernandez
Americorp
2449 Hyperion Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90027

Dear Herbert:

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Nella Charles, Program Director
D.A.R.E. +PLUS - MDR



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P.O. Box 2090 Los Angeles, California 90051-0090 (800) 225-DARE

June 7, 1995

Ms. Kim Gaines
Americorp
2449 Hyperion Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90027

Dear Kim:

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I look forward to working with you again. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Nella Charles
Nella Charles, Program Director
D.A.R.E. +PLUS - MDR

Dear Jennifer,

5/30/95

I appreciate your concern for me. I think you're a terrific person. I appreciate you taking an interest in me. Sometimes I feel bad about myself. And you seem to make me feel good about myself. I hope you will continue coming here to help me + others.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Ben-Zeir

DownTown Womens Center
Resident

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To Whom it may concern, May 5 1995

House of Yahweh has been a godsent in my life. It has provided housing for me and my ~~two~~ children. When we were evicted from our home. We had no other family, none, and nowhere to go. It has provided us better and more food than we have been able to afford in a long time. It was able to make arrangements for car repairs at no cost to us. It provided work clothes so that I could work in a office setting. It obtained a TKN credit report which we are attempting to repair. It provided the funds to renew my license when I could not afford to. It has basically helped to repair our lives in more ways than I can think to write.

God Knows.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

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5-10-95

To America-corp,

This is to let you know that Sandra, who works out of house of Yahweh has been a great help to me and my family - we were down and out and at our last unit I was so confuse and almost at a giving up stage - I was just, felt like I had no one to turn to, and then I met Sandra, she took me and my family under her wing and made me realize that the end was not near & only felt like it - I had no food - she feed us, we had not enough clothing for the cold season she clothed us - I was having problems with the Public Social Services office - she help me and refer me to the right person who could, if she could do no more. But the best part of her kindness was when she found out that I'm a diabetic and was losing control of myself and the will to go on - she sat me down allowed me to cry - and told me to do something about it. She told me to learn about the disease - learn what I can, learn all that I can and I can beat it. Instead of letting it beat me. I stop feeling sorry for myself.

This is 3 wks later and I now know how to live with diabetes - I go to the doctor now and instead of just sitting there and taking med's after med's I now ask questions after questions. I'm fighting back and it's all because Sandra has help me

to understand that I don't have to take anything ~~in~~
life lying down - because if I don't get up and
fight for what I want I will not get it. She took
the time to listen & talk and not just give you
what you want and then get you out of ~~your~~ her
hair. God knows we need more people like her
because there are so many mothers (family) that
felt like I do/did and they need someone to talk
to, to understand not just to be told - go here - do this
and that's it. we need more than that - we need
a support group. and she is my support group
I have yet a long way to go - to get back on my feet
but you know what - I'm not going at it alone
I have a friend by my side - besides my husband

Love


María de Jesús Herrera

To: Whom it may concern.

This letter is to let you know how helpful this program is been, to me, and my community.

When it comes to do the incomes since this is a very difficult thing to do by ourselves, is nice to have friendly people like Sandra Trudeau. To help us.

Sincerely

María de Jesús Herrera

María de Jesús Herrera
10322 Burin Ave
Inglewood, CA 90304

5/3/95

My name is LeMonica Watson. I used to live in a trailer provided by the House of Yahweh. I moved here from out of state. I was staying with friends and I came home with my belongings outside. My Counselor at El Camino College called around to find me a place to stay. He called the House of Yahweh and reached a woman by the name of Sandra Tradeau told him to bring me in to talk to her. When I first came into the House of Yahweh I felt so uncomfortable, but Sandra changed that right away. She gave me a place to stay and food to eat, and anytime I needed someone to talk to she was always there. Now I am living in my own apartment. I am still "

~~School. I really appreciate~~

School. I really appreciate the help Sondra
has given me and anytime she needs a
volunteer she can call on me.

Sign
LeMonica Watson

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5/10/95

To Whom it may concern

My name is

(b)(6)

I live at the House of Yahweh shelter in a trailer. This program has helped me and my children tremendously without it I would not know where I'd be. February 15, 1995 I left the house my boyfriend and I lived in for three years. He was abusing drugs and was out of control so I picked up everything I could one day and left. I stayed with my sister for awhile but could not stay there because she was on Section 8 my mother could not let me stay with her either because she stayed in a single apt so I was homeless and I came to House of Yahweh and they have helped me tremendously in every way imaginable. I am so grateful for all there help beyond words Sandra has been a wonderful person for all the things she went out of her way to do. I am finally getting my life together because of House of Yahweh. Thank You

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[002]

ATTN: AMERICORPS

To whom it may concern;

I came to the House of Yahweh as an addict seeking help and rehabilitation. Since I have been working with Sonda Trudeau, she has helped and motivated me in a positive direction. Now I am working and living in a sober living home.

When I thought there was no hope Sonda has turned my life around, without her help I would not be where I'm at today.

(b)(6)

M.A.S.H. LA



***MORE ADVOCATES FOR SAFE HOMES OF LOS ANGELES
BURLINGTON AVENUE GARDEN PROJECT***

**1725 West Sixth Street, 3rd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
6/17/95**

**SENATOR CHRISTOPHER BOND
ATTENTION: LEE ANN JEROME
293 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510**

H.R. 1158

Dear Ms. Jerome:

I am writing to you about H.R. 1158 because I know it would seriously affect the stature of the Burlington Avenue Garden Project sponsored by MASH-L.A. (More Advocates for Safe Homes in Los Angeles), our community empowerment and beautification project as well as have a negative effect here in our community and other areas of Los Angeles.

I am a community volunteer and concerned citizen in the Westlake/MacArthur Park area of Los Angeles. I was a founding member of the Burlington Avenue Garden Project last year which is a work in progress. This is a very depressed and blighted area with numerous vacant lots and other problem areas that bring nothing but trouble to the community.

Formerly havens for drug, gang and other criminal activities these lots are becoming a real blessing to the community and an indication that we can make a difference. L.A. USDA Anti-Hunger AmeriCorps members have become an integral part of this project and we could not have accomplished what we have done without them. This garden project will feed the soul as well as the body of our participants.

AmeriCorps member Harvey Fazio was assigned to this project as a liaison/coordinator in addition to many other community projects he works on. He has given his heart and soul to our project, working many, many hours on his own time and coordinating AmeriCorps work crews frequently to assist us. These Americorps members are dedicated, hard-working people providing us an invaluable service. They bring a special sense of commitment since they are of this city and plan to remain a part of it. They

are true role models and deserve great praise and many things for what they are accomplishing for themselves, their communities and the country. I only wish I had a list of the names of all of the AmeriCorps members who have worked hand-in-and with us to take back this little part of Los Angeles and give something of value to the local residents.

I urge Senator Bond and others in the U.S. Senate to consider the importance of the USDA AmeriCorps Projects to Los Angeles. Effective, cost efficient programs such as the Los Angeles - USDA Anti-Hunger AmeriCorps MUST be allowed to continue. The USDA AmeriCorps projects have already shown their worth to community activists like me and I urge Senator Bond to please remove the restrictive language that the H.R. 1158 is written in so that community based programs and the young people who serve in them are not penalized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nola-Marie Mott". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Nola" and last name "Mott" being more prominent than the middle name "Marie".

NOLA-MARIE MOTT
Member/Project Coordinator
MASH-L.A.

DOROTHY KIRSNIS
1725 West 6th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 20, 1995

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER BOND
293 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

ATTN: LEE ANN JEROME

Dear Ms. Jerome:

I own business property in the Westlake/MacArthur Park area in Los Angeles . There have few resources and the Los Angeles USDA Anti-Hunger AmeriCorps program has been a real benefit to this area. Not only are they helping to improve some existing services to the community, they work with school children and in school gardens here. They also have a coordinator assigned to a community garden project which is being developed by community volunteers . In addition to technical assistance from the AmeriCorps coordinator they often provide additional help in both the planning and actual physical aspects of the garden.

I am writing to you about H.R. 1158, the Rescission Bill that is now being considered at this moment. This bill would seriously affect the stature of community empowerment and beautification projects as well as have a negative effect here in the community of Westlake/MacArthur Park and more specifically the Burlington Avenue Garden Project of MASH-L.A. (More Advocates for Safe Homes in Los Angeles).

The Los Angeles USDA Anti-Hunger AmeriCorps Project has been a great asset to the community here. The members in the AmeriCorps are great role models for our local youth and adults. They do so much and can and should continue to serve our community and our nation.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE LOS ANGELES USDA ANTI-HUNGER AMERICORPS PROJECT. WE KNOW THEY HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. Kirsnis

MAY 31 1995

James G. Birney Elementary School
Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue & Sumner Road, SE
Washington, DC 20020

May 30, 1995

Ms. Laura Woods
Americorps Team Coordinator
901 Newton Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Dear Ms. Woods:

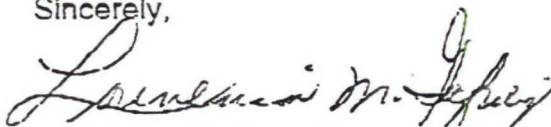
On behalf of the sixth grade students from Birney Elementary School, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the wonderful assistance that Americorps members provided on our field trip to the Izaak Walton League Conservation Center in Gaithersburg, MD on May 26th. The students were kept actively engaged in exciting learning activities throughout the entire day. This was a very rich experience for them. All of the students were excited about the entire day. The wide use of hands-on activities and the interactive nature of the entire experience made it especially rewarding for our students.

Additionally, our science program has a very strong environmental flavor here at Birney, and the students had an opportunity to experience in nature many of the concepts that we discussed in the classroom and experienced in other natural locations.

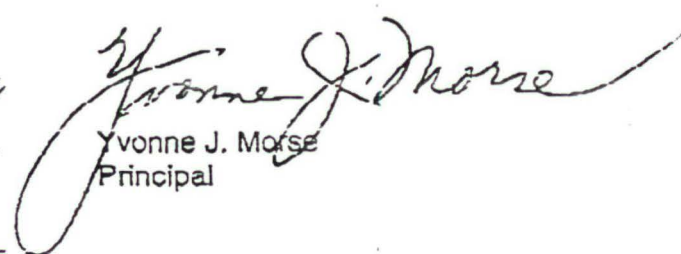
You are to be commended for your interest in, concern for, and contribution to the education of youngsters in the schools of our nation's capital. Through collaborative efforts between schools and such wonderfully supportive organizations as Americorps, we can more effectively accomplish our mission of providing a world class education for each student enrolled in our school.

Again, I thank you for your assistance and support.

Sincerely,



Louvenia Magee Gafney, Ed. B.
Science Resource Teacher



Yvonne J. Morse
Principal

MAY 18 1995

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
1549 SIXTEENTH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20010



REPLY TO:
3149 SIXTEENTH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20010

May 12, 1995

Ms. Susan Jolley
Amoricorp
D.C. Environmental Team
901 Newton St., N.E.
Room 306
Washington, D.C. 20017

Dear Sir:

This letter is in reference to the meeting that you attended on Tuesday, April 18, 1995 at Fort Lincoln Park with several other community organizations. Your interested efforts are greatly appreciated in this community project to beautify our park.

We are very grateful for your commitment of bringing your group to clean the park. The people in the community can make a difference and your commitment is an example of what we can do together.

Thank you for taking the time to work with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kimberly Moore", written over a horizontal line.

Kimberly Moore
Unit Manager
Fort Lincoln Recreation Center



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH TAMA COUNTY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

201 SOUTH GREEN
TOLEDO, IOWA 52342

TELEPHONE
(515) 484-4121

Equal Opportunity Employer

May 28, 1995

Michelle Wilson
515 N. Jefferson, STE G
Indianola, Iowa 50125-1700

Dear Mrs. Wilson,

It is really difficult to know where to start with this thank you note. You have provided us with an incredible amount of information, time, materials, resource people, and support. With your assistance we were able to take the unit beyond the focus of the river to cover a much more important concept--the whole watershed.

We really appreciate the assistance that you gave us before and during the field trips. Thank you so much for bringing the watershed model to us. We do feel badly that we couldn't get it to work. The pelts and feathers that you brought to wetlands really excited the students.

We thank you for helping bring together community resources and education. We believe that more of this needs to be done to help children see the connections between what they are learning and what is out in "the real world."

We hope that you will be willing to work with us again next year. Again, thank you for all of your assistance.

Sincerely,

Nancy Russell
Reading

Beth Neff
Math

Roger Avery
Science

Jerry Zeihan
Social Studies

Larry Fletcher
Language Arts

Margaret Happe
Resource



STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

MELINDA SCHWEGMANN
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
AND
COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE,
RECREATION AND TOURISM

R.O. BOX 44243
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804
(504) 342-7000
FAX (504) 342-1949

July 7, 1995

Mr. Richard B. Hoffpauir
RECD
3727 Government Street
Alexandria, LA 71302

Dear Mr. Hoffpauir:

On behalf of the Louisiana Serve Commission and AmeriCorps, I would like to extend my thanks for your assistance with helping the victims of floods in the New Orleans area. Your contribution to the flood recovery efforts was invaluable.

I trust your experience with helping all those in need was as rewarding for you as it was to the victims you assisted. You are truly an example of AmeriCorps' pledge of "getting things done."

Thank you for your continued dedicated service to our country and state.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melinda Schwegmann".

MELINDA SCHWEGMANN
Lieutenant Governor

Office of the Mayor

Metairie, Louisiana

Proclamation

WHEREAS, national service is a part of our history as people, on this day, our nation has come together to celebrate the spirit of service; and

WHEREAS, the Civilian Conservation Corps, the G. I. Bill, the Peace Corps, and VISTA have helped set the stage for a service movement in the country and its response to environmental concerns in the 1970's and 1980's, a grassroots youth movement known as groups, focusing on service and supported by national and community foundations; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the success of the rapidly expanding volunteer service movement generated bipartisan support for the passage of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, followed by the National and Community Trust Act of 1992, as amended, and the state of Louisiana, through the Governor's office, initiated the first national and community service program in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, programs of the Louisiana State Commission have had an impact on communities throughout Louisiana, today, we recognize those who have answered the call to serve our national community, service, and those who serve, make a difference in America; and

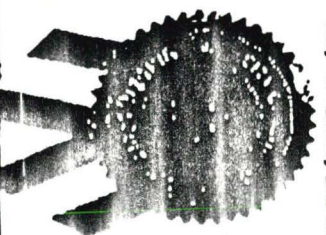
WHEREAS, volunteers throughout Louisiana have fearlessly accepted all aspects of life for our citizens, I ask all Louisianians to join me in commending them for completely the spirit of service through their actions in our community and in finding ways in which each of us can contribute to the effort to foster the feeling of civic responsibility and create the spirit of service that calls us all to serve; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism are "giving things done" through this service movement, together, we can make a difference in the lives of our citizens, and in doing so, give something back to our country which has provided us with so much.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL ROBERTSON, Mayor of the City of Metairie, State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 25, 1995, as

*** NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE ***

In the City of Metairie, Louisiana.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this proclamation to be attested.

Bill Robertson

Mayor, Metairie, Louisiana

April 25, 1995

Mayor Bill Robertson presented me with a Personal Proclamation.

VILLAGE OF DOWNSVILLE

Reggie G. Skains
Mayor

Official Statement

WHEREAS, national service is a part of our history as people, on this day, our nation has come together to celebrate the Spirit of Service; and,

WHEREAS, the Civilian Conservation Corps, the GI Bill, the Peace Corps, and VISTA have helped set the stage for a service movement in the country and in response to environmental concerns in the 1970's and 1980's, a grassroots youth movement began to emerge, focusing on service and supported by national and community foundations; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the success of the rapidly expanding grassroots service movement generated bipartisan support for the passage of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, followed by the National and Community Trust Act of 1993, as amended, and the state of Louisiana, through the Lieutenant Governor's office, initiated the first national and community service programs in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, programs of the Louisiana Serve Commission have had an impact on communities throughout Louisiana, today, we recognize those who have answered the call to serve our national community. Service, and those who serve, makes a difference in America; and

WHEREAS, volunteers throughout Louisiana have favorable impacted all aspects of life for our citizens, I ask all Louisianians to join me in commending those who exemplify the Spirit of Service through their actions in our communities and in finding ways in which each of us can contribute to this effort to foster the feeling of civic responsibility and renew the Spirit of Service that call us all to serve; and

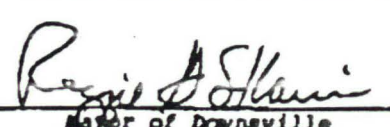
WHEREAS, Louisianians are "getting things done" through this service movement, together, we can make a difference in the lives of our citizens, and in doing so, give something back to our country which has provided us with so much.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REGGIE G. SKAINS, Mayor of the Village of Downsville, Louisiana do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 25, 1995 as

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

in the Village of Downsville.

Given under my hand and seal
this the 25th day
of April A.D. 1995



Mayor of Downsville

TOWN OF DUBACH

STEPHEN HARRIS

MAYOR

Official Statement

WHEREAS, national service is a part of our history as people, on this day, our nation has come together to celebrate the Spirit of Service; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the success of the rapidly expanding grassroots service movement generated bipartisan support for the passage of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, followed by the National and Community Trust Act of 1993, as amended, and the state of Louisiana, through the Lieutenant Governor's office, initiated the first national and community service programs in Louisiana; and

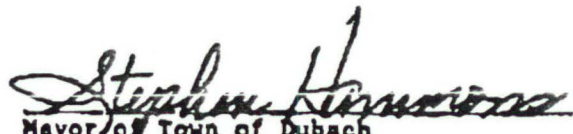
WHEREAS, volunteers in Dubach have favorably impacted all aspects of life for our citizens, I ask all citizens to join me in commending those who exemplify the Spirit of Service through their actions in our community and in finding ways in which each of us can contribute to this effort to foster the feeling of civic responsibility and renew the Spirit of Service that calls us all to serve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 25, 1995 as

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

in the Town of Dubach.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Town of Dubach, on this the 21st day of April
A.D. 1995


Mayor of Town of Dubach

Office of the Mayor
Ruston, Louisiana

Proclamation

WHEREAS, AMERICORPS STRENGTHENS COMMUNITIES AND IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES, AND

WHEREAS, THE LEADERSHIP CORPS MEETS LOCAL NEEDS BY USING LOCAL STRATEGIES, AND

WHEREAS, AS A PROGRAM OF THE LOUISIANA SERVE COMMISSION, PEOPLE THROUGHOUT OUR LOUISIANA COMMUNITIES HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL TO SERVE OUR NATIONAL COMMUNITY, MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN AMERICA, AND

WHEREAS, NATIONAL SERVICE IS A PART OUR HISTORY AS PEOPLE AND LOUISIANA'S ARE "GETTING THINGS DONE" THROUGH THIS SERVICE MOVEMENT, AND

WHEREAS, TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR CITIZENS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HILDA TAYLOR PERRITT, MAYOR OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 28, 1998 AS:

National Day Of Service

IN THE CITY OF RUSTON, AND URGE ALL OF OUR CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL TO SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHICH FOSTERS THE FEELING OF CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY AND CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE MOVEMENT.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed:

ATTEST: Hilda Taylor Perritt
Hilda Taylor Perritt-Mayer
DATE: April 21, 1998

*Mayor Hilda Perritt
presented me with
a plaque*

TOWN OF MARION

MARION, LOUISIANA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, national service is a part of our history as people, on this day, our nation has come together to celebrate the Spirit of Service; and

WHEREAS, the Civilian Conservation Corps, the GI Bill, the Peace Corps, and Vista have helped set the stage for a service movement in the country and in response to environmental concerns in the 1970's and 1980's, a grassroots youth movement began to emerge, focusing on service and supported by national and community foundations; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the success of the rapidly expanding grassroots service movement generated bipartisan support for the passage of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, followed by the National and Community Trust Act of 1993, as amended, and the state of Louisiana, through the Lieutenant Governor's Office, initiated the first national and community service programs in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, programs of the Louisiana Serve Commission have had an impact on communities throughout Louisiana, today, we recognize those who have answered the call to serve our national community, Service, and those who serve, makes a difference in America; and

WHEREAS, volunteers throughout Louisiana have favorably impacted all aspects of life for our citizens, I ask all Louisianians to join me in commending those who exemplify the Spirit of Service through their actions in our communities and in finding ways in which each of us can contribute to this effort to foster the feeling of civic responsibility and renew the Spirit of Service that calls us all to serve; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Marion, Louisiana are "getting things done" through this service movement, together, we can make a difference in the lives of our citizens, and in doing so, give something back to our country which has provided us with so much.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH W. FRANKLIN, Mayor of the Town of Marion, Louisiana do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 25, 1995 as

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

in the Town of Marion, Louisiana.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Town of Marion, Louisiana, on this the 24th day of April, 1995.

Kenneth W. Franklin

Town of Farmerville

Wille Davis, Jr.
MAYOR

Gey Nell McInosh
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

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Jerry L. Taylor
Theodore E. Wallace
Zella E. Stansbury
Tammie J. Johnson
Kenneth W. Dixon

PROCLAMATION

By the Mayor

WHEREAS, national service is a part of our history as people, on this day, our nation has come together to celebrate the Spirit of Service; and

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WHEREAS, Louisianians are "getting things done" through this service movement, together, we can make a difference in the lives of our citizens, and in doing so, give something back to our country which has provided us with so much.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIE DAVIS, Mayor of the Town of Farmerville
do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 25, 1995 as

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

in the State of Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and
caused to be affixed at the Town Hall in the Town of
Farmerville on this the 25th day of April, 1995.

signed

Willie Davis
Mayor, Town of Farmerville

SEAL

attest

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TMC, Town Clerk

AMERICORPS PLEDGE

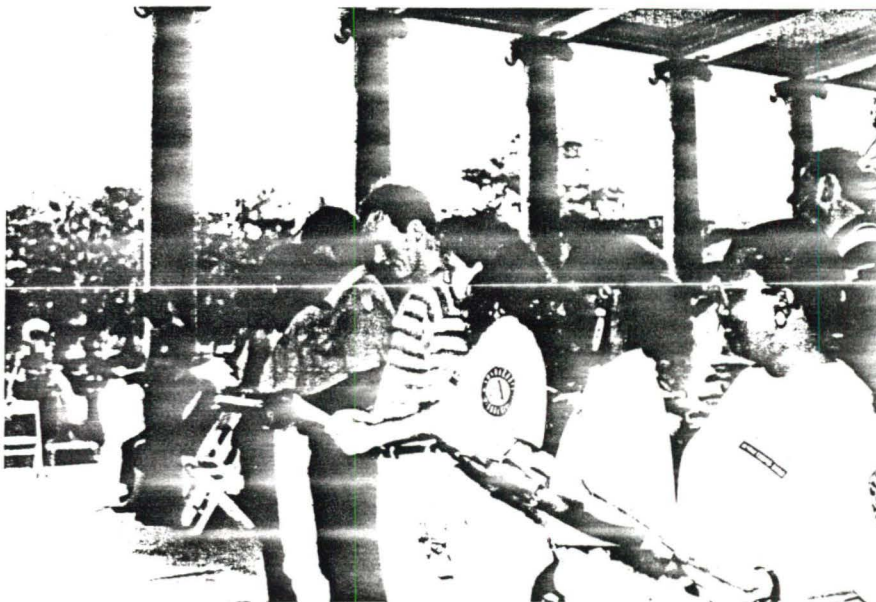
I will get things done for America--to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.

I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities.

Faced with apathy, I will take action. Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground. Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps Member. And I'm going to get things done.



Welcome to USDA/AmeriCorps

When President Lincoln signed into law the act of Congress establishing the United States Department of Agriculture on May 15, 1862, he did so with a vision of USDA as the "People's Department." With the purpose as stated by Congress, "to acquire among the people of the United States useful information on subjects connected with agriculture...and to procure, propagate, and distribute among the people new and valuable seeds and plants," one clerk, four assistants and a gardener set out to bring their services to the farmers of America.¹

As America has changed in over one hundred years since, so has the USDA, which now reaches the lives of 260 million Americans. Today, the Department continues to provide assistance to the nation's 2 million farmers while helping 69 million rural residents, protecting the environment, ensuring better nutrition for women and infants, managing 191 million acres of national forest and grassland, and ensuring healthy school lunches for 25 million children.²

As a new member of AmeriCorps® — you are joining an entity which is based on a principle of American society that is as old as the republic itself: the idea that, not only does the democracy have the duty to protect and nourish the well-being of its citizens, but that citizens have an equal duty to protect and nourish the well-being of democracy.

It is most fitting then, that the "People's Department" is leading the effort to bring the President's national service program to fruition. USDA/ AmeriCorps members will be planting the seeds in America for a future built upon volunteerism and community. Working together, we have the opportunity to help Americans more than ever before. As President Clinton stated:

"Working together we can ensure that the world we leave to the future holds the same promise and opportunity as the one we inherited from the past."

President Clinton, April 14, 1994

Welcome to USDA/AmeriCorps.

¹ Century of Service, Gladys L. Baker et al. pg. 1, (1963)

² "A New Attitude" 1993 Report of the Secretary of Agriculture, pgs. iii-vii.

USDA/AmeriCorps New Member Orientation

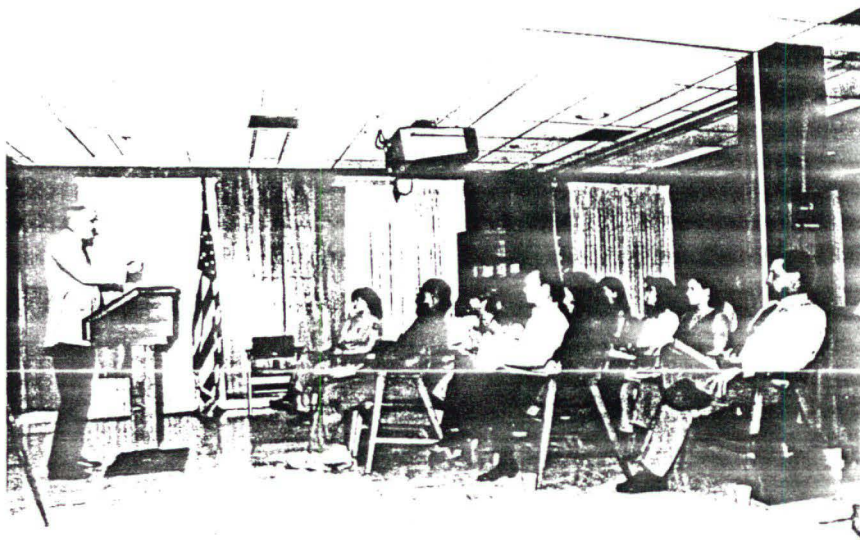
Mission

The purpose of the AmeriCorps program is to "get things done"™ using the concept of national service as a vehicle. It offers opportunities to Americans to serve their country and earn education awards in return. It is a grassroots effort to solve the problems facing communities across the nation.

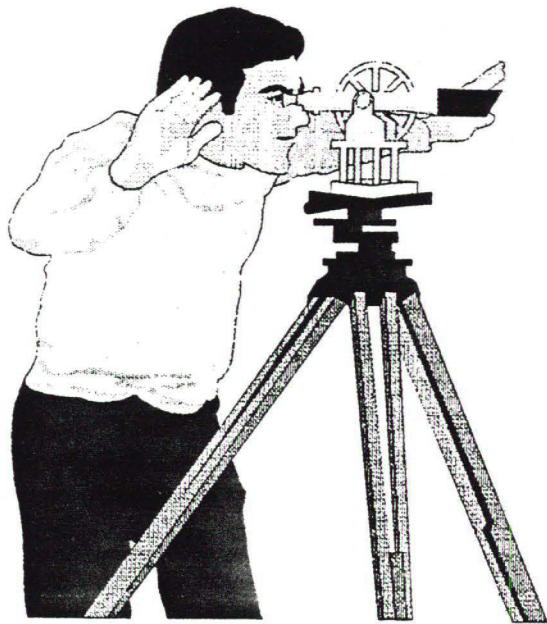
AmeriCorps Ethic

The AmeriCorps Ethic is:

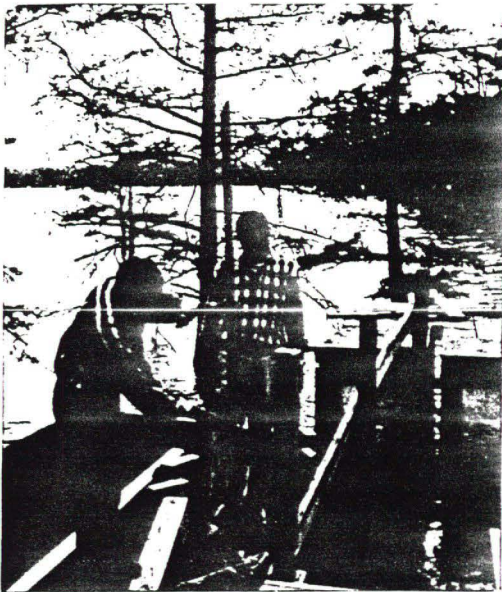
- *Getting things done.* Our primary goal is to improve communities by meeting their educational, nutritional, human, and environmental needs.
- *Strengthening communities.* AmeriCorps brings together individuals from different backgrounds and incomes, with different missions and cultures, in the common effort to improve our communities.
- *Encouraging responsibility.* AmeriCorps encourages members to explore and exercise their responsibilities toward their communities, themselves and their families — in their service experience and throughout their lives.
- *Expanding opportunity.* AmeriCorps members receive awards to further their education or pay back student loans, as well as valuable job experience, specialized training, and life skills.



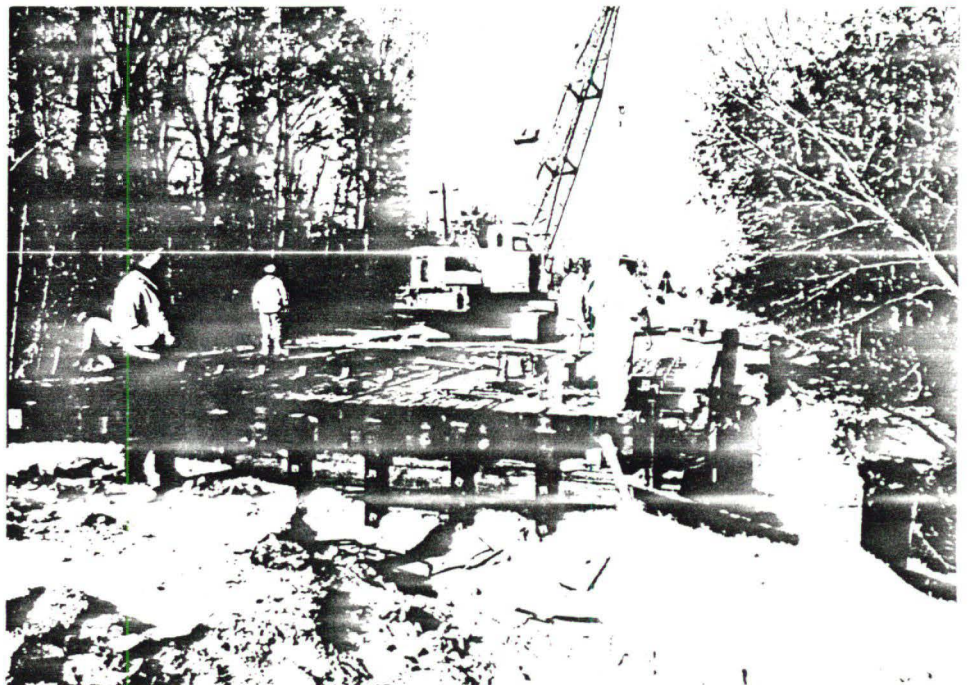
Don Gohmert, NRCS State Conservationist, addresses the new AmeriCorps members during orientation activities held at the U.S. Forest Service office in Pineville.

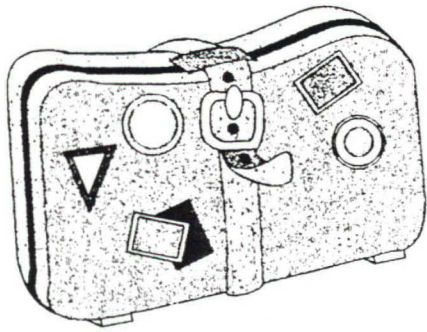


TIMBER BRIDGE PROJECT



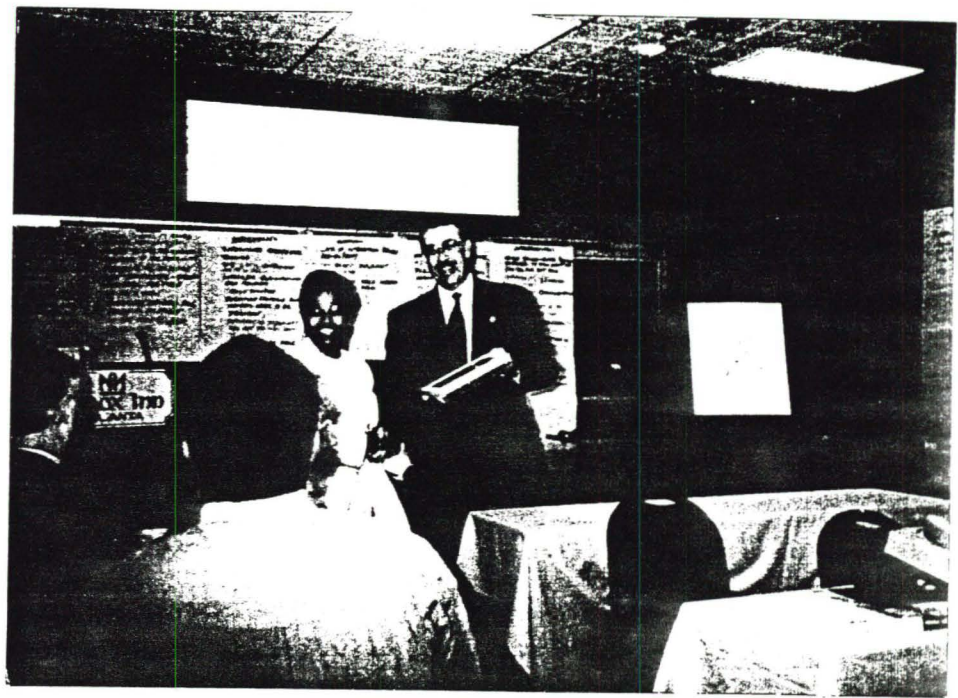
Aminul Mahfuz is working in a 17-parish area to assist local communities to provide the technical assistance necessary to promote timber bridges as one solution to transportation problems in economically depressed areas.





TOURISM & COMMUNITY PLANNING





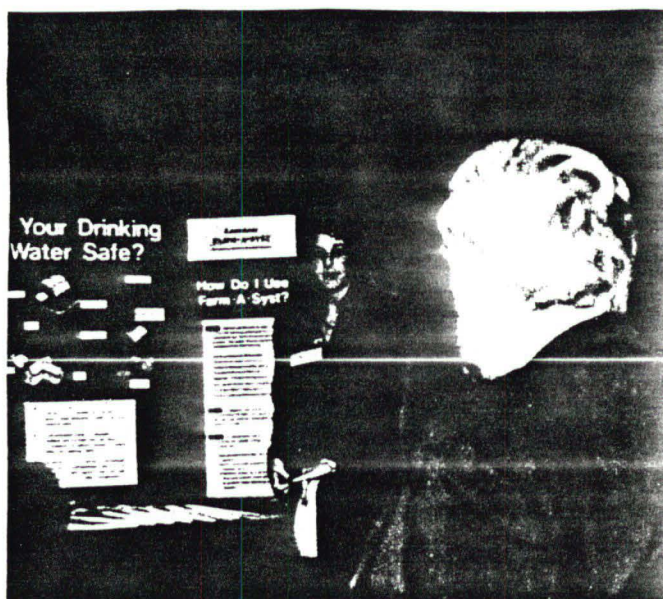
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October 19, 1994



Alicia Trissler is serving as liason for promotion of tourism in Winn Parish. She is with Americorps and will be working closely with the museum, chamber of commerce and other groups. She is seen here with Bill Poe, director of volunteers at the museum and George Harrel.

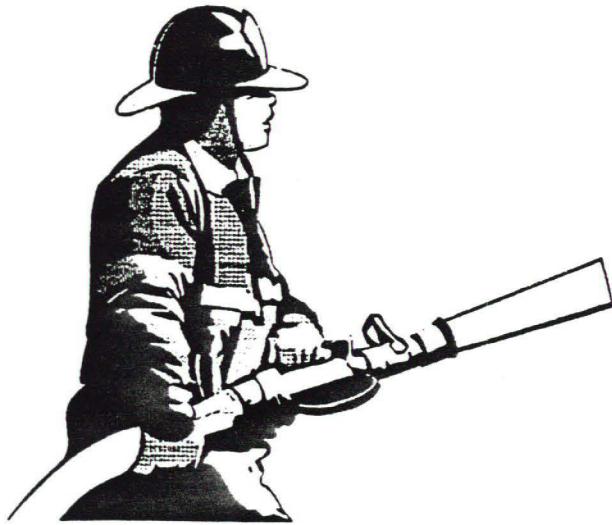


FARM*A*SYST PROGRAM



Farm*A*Syst is a voluntary program designed to educate rural residents on well water about potential sources of groundwater contamination. AmeriCorps members Carl Collins, Christie LeBleu, and Sobrena Lewis introduced this program to approximately 700 people in nine Louisiana parishes.





DRY FIRE HYDRANTS PROGRAM

AmeriCorps Participants

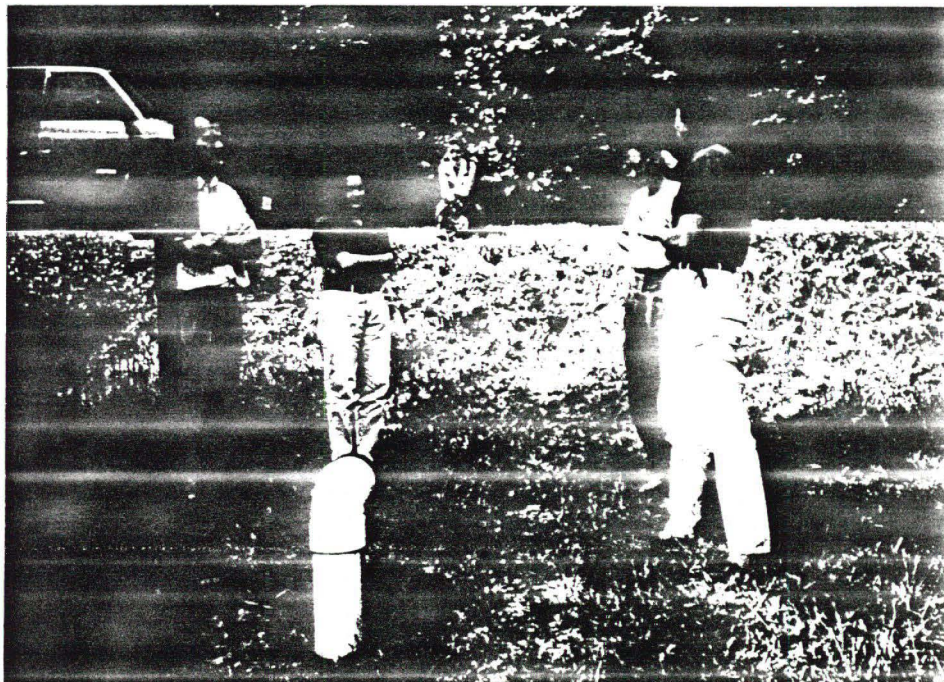
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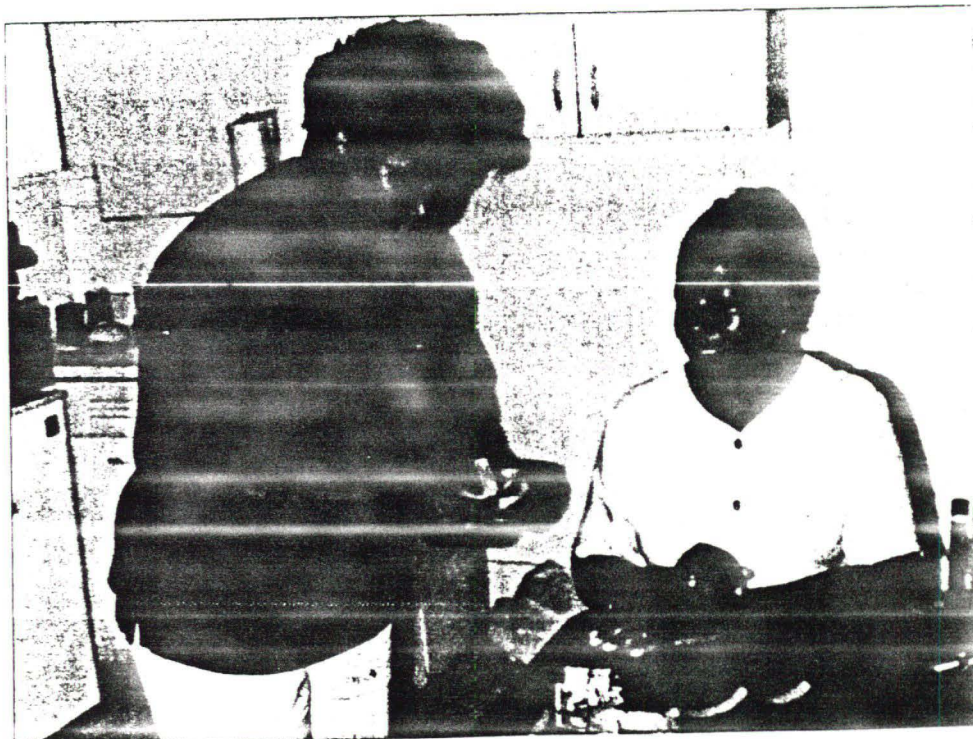
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Imperial Calcasieu

RC&D: Dominic Beggan

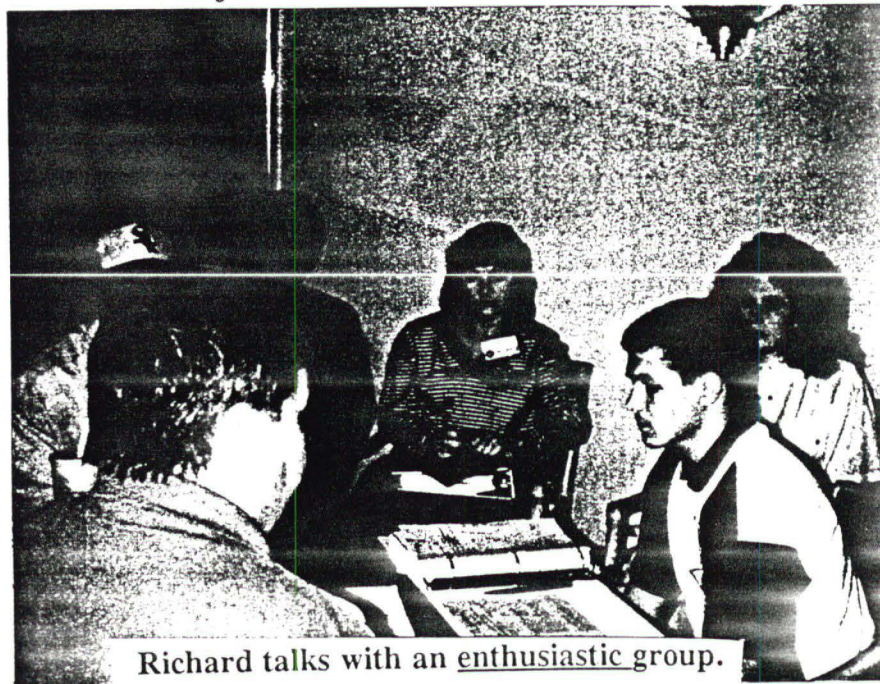


RURAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT





Marjorie Bethea talks to a local 4-H Club.



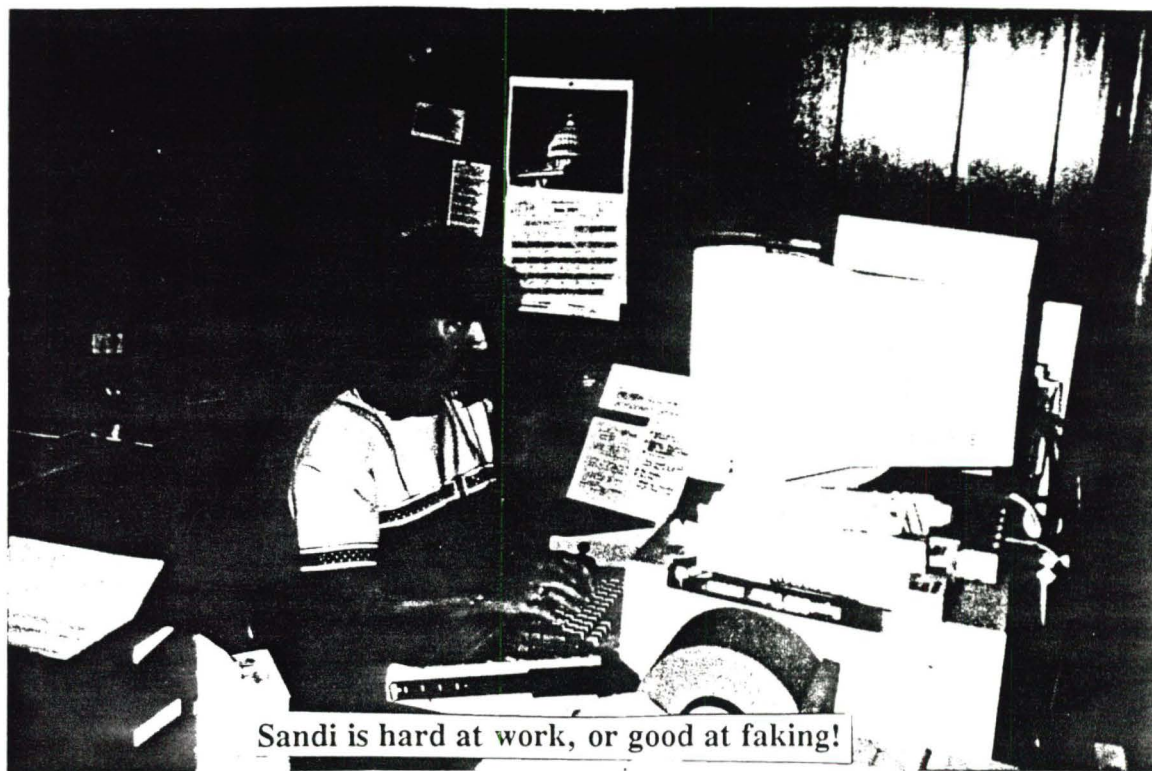
Richard talks with an enthusiastic group.



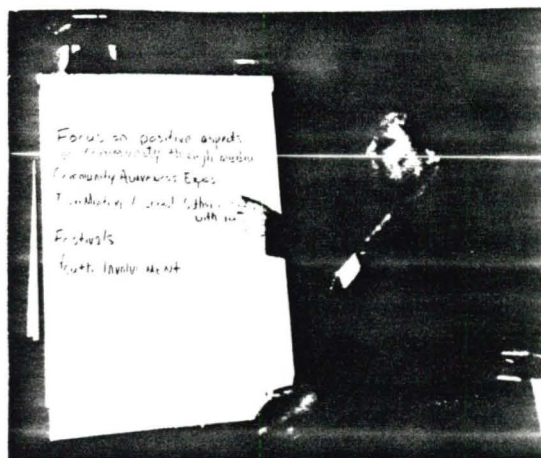
Clean up your desk, Zelma!



Wooldridge with a 504 Grant Applicant and Joel



Sandi is hard at work, or good at faking!

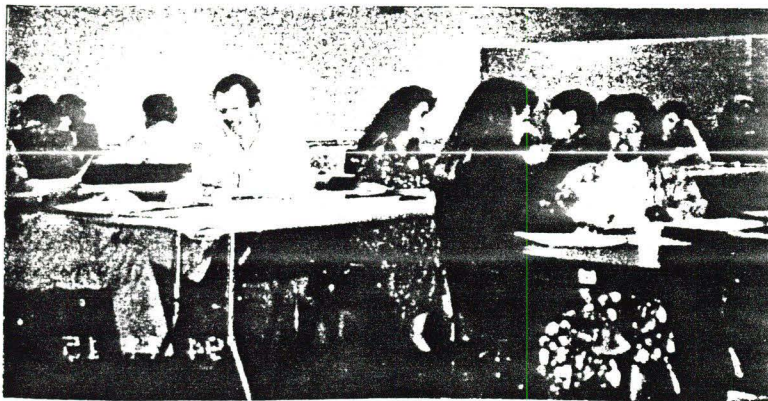
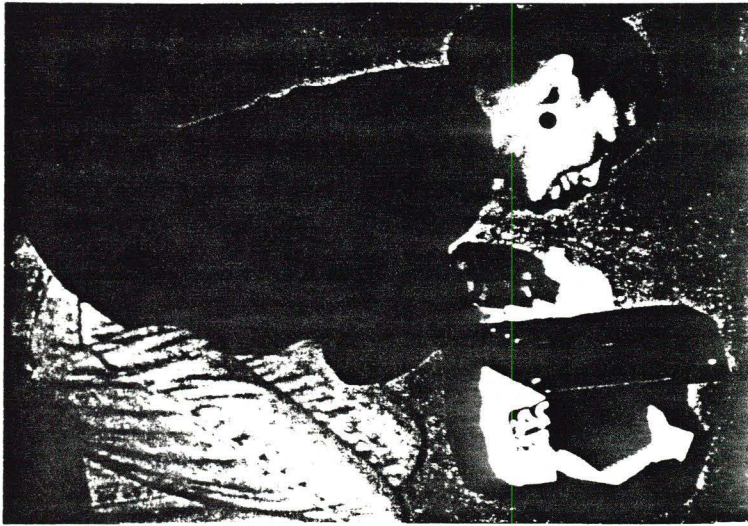


Naomi Boley points out
her ideas for communities.



Bobbie Ignont with the Council on Aging.

TRAINING SESSIONS



Grant Writing
Defensive Driving
Photography

First Aid/CPR
Self-Esteem
Ethics

Sexual Harassment Prevention
Effective Presentations
HIV/Aids Awareness

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Subject: PER - AmeriCorps Quarterly Report - Louisiana
1st Quarter
September 12-November 30, 1994

Date: December 15, 1994

To: Lloyd E. Wright
Director
Community Assistance and
Resource Development
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Washington, DC

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Attached are the first quarter reports for the USDA/AmeriCorps dry fire hydrant and Farm*A*Syst projects in Louisiana. This first quarter has been very productive for both programs, and we look forward to accomplishing even more as the year progresses.



Billy R. Moore
Assistant State Conservationist/Programs
AmeriCorps Project Director

Enclosures

cc: Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, NRCS, Alexandria, LA

First Quarter AmeriCorps Report

Dry Fire Hydrant Project

Louisiana

Time Period: September 12-November 30, 1994

1. NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED AT THE TIME OF THE LAUNCH

4

2. NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED AT THE END OF THE QUARTER
(NOVEMBER 30)

4

3. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS OF DIRECT SERVICE PERFORMED

884 Service Hours Recorded

4. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS IN TRAINING

Of the 884 hours of service time, approximately 264 were spent in training (30 percent of service time).

5. PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

- A. *Develop the knowledge and skills of four AmeriCorps members within six weeks in order to provide technical assistance necessary to carry out the dry fire hydrants program.*

AmeriCorps members have received extensive on-the-job training to develop skills to coordinate the dry fire hydrant program in Louisiana. AmeriCorps members understand the fire protection problems of rural homeowners and have developed working relationships with Natural Resources Conservation Service district conservationists, landowners, state and federal agencies, and local police juries and fire departments.

- B. *Complete planning activities for the installation of 35 dry fire hydrants per parish.*

AmeriCorps members have worked with RC&D councils, soil and water conservation district personnel, police juries/parish councils, volunteer fire fighters, Natural Resources Conservation Service

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employees, state and local governments, and concerned citizens in the coordination of the State Dry Hydrant Program. Several parishes have located possible sites for dry fire hydrants.

6. PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The first quarter of this program was primarily devoted to training and development of a network of contacts to aid in coordination of the dry fire hydrants project.

During the first quarter the following accomplishments were achieved: brochures were developed to educate the public on the benefits of dry fire hydrants; preliminary work was accomplished on development of a video to support the dry hydrants program statewide; assistance was provided to area fire chiefs performing needs assessments for rural fire fighting; support was provided to the Trailblazer Associate Sponsor/Resource Distribution Program; assistance was provided in planning activities for the dry hydrants field day; preliminary development of a dry hydrants field manual was accomplished; development and manning of an RC&D exhibit was accomplished for the state agricultural fair to inform the public about all RC&D activities in Louisiana including information on the dry fire hydrants program and AmeriCorps; members attended council meetings to promote the dry hydrant program; members organized current dry fire hydrant information to help each parish track their progress; six-member dry hydrant committees were established in 13 parishes composed of an RC&D council representative, a soil and water conservation district supervisor, a police jury/parish council representative, volunteer fire fighters, and Natural Resources Conservation Service employees; and USGS quad sheets were secured for each parish.

Other accomplishments of these AmeriCorps members include: assistance was provided to the Rural Community Giving Program in the Northeast RC&D area; assistance was provided to the Franklin Guest Home for their annual Fall Festival; assistance was provided to the Louisiana Shiitake Association with their annual meeting; and assistance was provided to the Louisiana State Association of RC&D Councils' for their trade show.

7. PROJECTED OUTCOMES FOR NEXT QUARTER

Parish meetings have been scheduled with local fire departments, police juries, and local concerned citizens to discuss the dry fire hydrants program.

Additional brochures, a video script, and the field manual will continue to be developed and completed during in the next few months.

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Additional news releases will be developed and published to promote the various activities of the dry fire hydrant program.

Planning activities for the installation of 35 dry hydrants per parish within the Capital RC&D area will be accomplished.

8. PRIMARY CHALLENGES

Implementation of the statewide dry fire hydrant program administered by the Trailblazer RC&D Council has been delayed because of negotiations between the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and the Trailblazer RC&D Council. Until the contract for this program is signed, no dry hydrants can be installed. It is anticipated the contract will be signed in January 1995. Our members have used this first quarter to publicize the dry hydrants program, form dry hydrant committees, coordinate federal/state/local involvement in the dry hydrant program, and located dry hydrant sites. As soon as the contract is signed, dry hydrants will be installed. Because of this delay, work on the dry fire hydrant program will carry over into fiscal year 1996.

In Louisiana, we have Natural Resources Conservation Service AmeriCorps members working side-by-side with Forest Service AmeriCorps members. The USDA/AmeriCorps program in Louisiana has been a great Team USDA effort. However, the Team USDA concept has not always been clear to AmeriCorps members especially when one agency requires one method of accomplishing something and another agency has another method. Agency differences in travel authorizations have caused some problems. Although members are receiving good information from both agencies, it sometimes appears contradictory because the methods/availability of funds differ. Employees of both agencies have learned to work through the differences in agency policy to get things done, and AmeriCorps members are learning to accomplish this also.

Some supervisors of AmeriCorps members feel the number of cluster meetings the members are required to attend should be reduced. This would lead to more productive time in the field to achieve the required goals and objectives.

Organizing parish committees is difficult at times for our AmeriCorps members. Recommendations are sought from district conservationists and police jury/parish councils for committee memberships, and then each member is contacted by phone to set a suitable meeting time and place for the committee's first meeting. Most committee members require contact after normal working hours. With persistence, our AmeriCorps members have been able to make follow-up phone calls and establish parish committees.

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9. PRIMARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS

Training has been received by AmeriCorps members in: grant writing, effective presentations and instruction skills, defensive driving, sexual harassment prevention, soils, landleveling, map reading, basic surveying, computer skills, and ethics. Also, extensive on-the-job training on dry hydrants has been provided.

Additional training is scheduled for coordination and installation of dry fire hydrants, first aid/CPR, photography skills, and safety.

Because dry fire hydrant AmeriCorps members are required to conduct public meetings and be "marketing agents" for the statewide dry hydrants program, it would be helpful if more presentation skills training could be scheduled for our members.

10. MEDIA COVERAGE

Newspaper articles were published covering the AmeriCorps Launch in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Natchitoches Soil and Water Conservation District newsletter printed a photo and article on the dry fire hydrants program and AmeriCorps. A news article was printed in the Bogalusa Daily News detailing the statewide dry fire hydrant program.

11. OTHER CREATIVE DOCUMENTATION

AmeriCorps Quotes:

Comment on AmeriCorps member Tressa Lantz: *"She is an excellent worker who is both enthusiastic and well organized. She is a vital link between the council and the implementation of the dry fire hydrants program."* Benny Dobson, AmeriCorps Supervisor

Journal Entry Number 1, Tuesday, September 13, 1994: *"Today was my first day working as an AmeriCorps member. I arrived at my site at 8:00 a.m. and by 8:30 a.m. Mr. Clement had 4 manuals in front of me. The manuals contained information on the dry hydrant program that I'm working with. The shocker was when Mr. Clement informed me that he was sending me to Covington, Louisiana to meet with the soil and water conservation district members to brief them on our program. Needless to say that entire day was spent reading those manuals."*

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A few days later, a soil scientist by the name of Jeanette Bradley, who had attended the meeting, phoned to tell me that everyone who attended the meeting thought that I had done a great job of presenting the information about our program.

My participation in the AmeriCorps program will serve as a valuable learning experience that I will carry with me for the rest of my life." Robin Torrence, AmeriCorps Member

11/10/94 - Daily News Boardman

Parish firemen named to serve on statewide dry hydrant project

FRANKLINTON — A committee consisting of parish firemen will participate in a statewide dry fire hydrant project that recently got off the ground.

The Washington Parish Police Jury has asked each fire district to appoint a fireman to a parish committee that will represent Washing-

ton Parish interests on a regional committee.

The focus of the project is rural areas of the state not covered by professional fire departments; the goal is to "reduce loss of life and property, improve personal security and reduce fire insurance rates" in the rural areas.

Each of the 13 parishes in the Capital Resource Conservation and Development District will get enough material for the installation of up to 35 dry fire hydrants, a hydrant that accesses water in a nearby water source instead of from a water supply pipeline.

In rural areas a dry hydrant is typically a pond or a large tank located at a close distance to a protected structure.

Parish committees are

being formed by the district which will work to determine how many hydrants can be utilized. The Police Jury must make a decision whether to participate.

Other representatives working with the district a parish representative include representatives several related state and federal agencies.

Robin Torrence and Dan Clement are coordinator the program and expect have a district meeting soon. The Police Jury will form names from the individual fire departments as they received.

The district serves the parishes generally designated as the Florida Parishes along with West Bayou, Iberville, Ascension and Assumption parishes.

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Farm*A*Syst Project

Louisiana

Time Period: September 12-November 30, 1994

1. NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED AT THE TIME OF THE LAUNCH

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2. NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED AT THE END OF THE QUARTER
(NOVEMBER 30)

2

(A new member was enrolled on December 1, 1994, to replace a member who dropped on November 18.)

3. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS OF DIRECT SERVICE PERFORMED

578 Service Hours Recorded

4. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS IN TRAINING

Of the 578 hours of service time, approximately 254 were spent in training (44 percent of service time).

5. PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

- A. *Develop the knowledge and skills of three AmeriCorps members within six weeks in order to provide technical assistance necessary to carry out the Farm*A*Syst Program.*

Members have attended a Farm*A*Syst satellite training session and a training session conducted by the University of Wisconsin on pre- and post-assessment surveys. The members have performed over 100 pre-assessment surveys. The majority of these surveys were conducted independently with no supervision. Over 100 rural landowners have benefited from the pre-assessment surveys conducted during this quarter. The University of Wisconsin is incorporating the results of these pre-assessment surveys in their analysis of the program.

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- B. ~~Create public awareness of farmstead pollution problems in a nine-parish area resulting in a broad-based knowledge of groundwater pollution risks.~~

Newspaper articles were published covering the AmeriCorps Launch in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Natchitoches SWCD Newsletter printed a photo and article on the AmeriCorps team and the Farm*A*Syst program. Local radio stations were given public service announcements regarding the Farm*A*Syst Program.

A presentation on Farm*A*Syst was given to 115 high school students in Acadia Parish and 125 high school students in Vermilion Parish.

An exhibit was set up at both the Sabine and Natchitoches Parish fairs to inform the public about the program. AmeriCorps members have attended parish police jury meetings, 4-H club meetings, and addressed school children concerning the Farm*A*Syst Program.

Over 100 farmsteads directly benefited from assessments conducted during this quarter.

6. PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The first quarter of this program was primarily devoted to training and developing a network of contacts for distribution of information on the Farm*A*Syst Program. AmeriCorps members worked with the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service to promote the Farm*A*Syst Program in Natchitoches, Sabine, and DeSoto Parishes and federal, state, and local agencies in Madison Parish were contacted and given packages to review. From these visits support was gained for the Farm*A*Syst Program from the following organizations: Farm Bureau, Department of Public Health, soil and water conservation districts, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, Farmers Home Administration, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, state and local governments, and local school systems.

Over 100 Farm*A*Syst folders and pre-and post-assessment surveys have been issued. All of the pre-assessment surveys were completed and turned in to the Farm Bureau to be forwarded to the University of Wisconsin.

Also, during the first quarter an ownership map for Madison Parish was prepared which can be used for locating and identifying landowners to be contacted regarding the Farm*A*Syst Program.

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7. PROJECTED OUTCOMES FOR NEXT QUARTER

Next quarter, our AmeriCorps members will meet with a representative of the University of Wisconsin to receive additional Farm*A*Syst training. Also, AmeriCorps members will conduct additional assessments with area landowners.

Farm*A*Syst has been introduced to district supervisors in Acadia, Vermilion, and Lafayette Parishes, and appointments have been made to assist them with assessments at December and January board meetings.

Arrangements have been made to conduct 10 more Farm*A*Syst presentations during December and January in Acadia, Vermilion, and Lafayette Parishes.

Articles have been prepared for the Farm*A*Syst program to be released next quarter.

8. PRIMARY CHALLENGES

Member drop-outs have been the primary challenge in the administration of the program. Two members left the program to accept other employment. We recently recruited a new member to work with the Farm*A*Syst Program. This member is very excited about national service, and she is very interested in providing information and assistance to landowners regarding the Farm*A*Syst Program.

A problem encountered by AmeriCorps members conducting Farm*A*Syst pre-assessments is refusal by landowners to complete their names and addresses for follow-up. Landowners are concerned with who will see the information and what will happen if a groundwater problem is identified. The AmeriCorps members have explained that there is no connection between the survey and the follow-up, but the landowners still have problems with identifying themselves.

9. PRIMARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS

Training has been received by AmeriCorps members in: conducting Farm*A*Syst pre- and post-assessment surveys, effective presentations and instruction skills, defensive driving, sexual harassment prevention, soils, landleveling, map reading, basic surveying, computer skills, and ethics. Also, extensive on-the-job training has been provided.

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Additional training is scheduled for conducting Farm*A*Syst assessment surveys, first aid/CPR, photography skills, and safety.

Because Farm*A*Syst AmeriCorps members are required to conduct public meetings and be "marketing agents" for the Farm*A*Syst program, it would be helpful if more presentation skills training could be scheduled for our members.

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11. OTHER CREATIVE DOCUMENTATION

AmeriCorps Member Quotes:

"There is a higher concern with the younger population about well water quality more so than the older population." Christie LeBleu, AmeriCorps Member

*"I'm having a great response to the Farm*A*Syst program, most people are really open to the idea of performing a self-assessment on their own well."* Christie LeBleu, AmeriCorps Member

October 26, 1995

Ms. Paula Cole Jones
 AmeriCorps Program Leader
 Natural Resources Conservation Service
 PO Box 2890
 Washington, DC 20013-2890

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Dear Paula:

Here is the fourth Quarterly Report for the USDA-Boston AmeriCorps Project. It covers the period from July 1, 1995 to September 30, 1995.

- 1) Number of Members enrolled at the time of the launch: 20.
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cc: Cecil Currin
Jamiese Martin, Healthy Boston Coalition
Matthew Goode, Suffolk County Conservation District



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NONE

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

NONE

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter.

6

Total-to-date

8

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

2



MEMBER ASSESSMENT
as of end of this quarter

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TOTAL	<u>13</u>

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Other	<u>0</u>
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BOX 4 - OTHER

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30

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CONTRACT FOR SITE SUPERVISION
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Non-Federal Funds Spent
(Explain) _____

October 26, 1995

Ms. Paula Cole Jones
AmeriCorps Program Leader
Natural Resources Conservation Service
PO Box 2890
Washington, DC 20013-2890

Dear Paula:

OPTIONAL FORM 98 (7-90)

FAX TRANSMITTAL

of pages = 7

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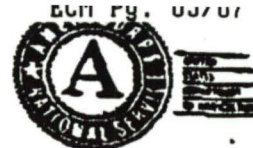
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(Explain) _____

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Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter.

2

Total-to-date

6

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AmeriCorps Service

0

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as of end of this quarter

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

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

41

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

310

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**MEMBER INFORMATION****FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION**

Number of Members authorized for your site:	
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>18</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>2</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>12</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>9</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>3</u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>14</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>12</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>2</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	5426.00
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>4537.25</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>888.75</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	6631.75
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>5252.75</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>1379.00</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	20519.00
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>16849.00</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>3670.00</u>

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AMERICORPS
FOURTH QUARTER RE...

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA/MARYLAND NRCS

State: MARYLAND

Site ID #

Your Name: Linda S. Elben-Adams

Your Position: Program Coordinator

Telephone number: 410-757-0861 X347

Fax number: 410-757-0687

e-mail address
(if available)

Date report completed October 9, 1995

Reporting Period: July 1, 1995 - September 30, 1995

Program Start-up date: November 14, 1995

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District of Columbia/Maryland AmeriCorps Sites
Third Quarter Report
April 1 - June 30, 1995

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Primary Accomplishments

Seventeen (17) members completed Fire Suppression training.

Five (5) members completed basic orientation including CPR/First Aid training; preventing sexual harassment and discrimination; basic team building; defensive driving; introduction to AmeriCorps, NRCS, Districts, and other agencies; work site and job safety.

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NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
US DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

AMERICORPS PROJECTS

1996

STATE: Maryland

Name Centreville AmeriCorps

Phone: 410-758-3245

Code	Project	Measurement
SCD	Soil Conservation Districts	no. of district sponsored projects no. of AmeriCorps members
RCD	Resource Conservation & Development areas	no. of projects no. of AmeriCorps members
NA	Native American	no. of projects name of reservation no. of AmeriCorps members working on reservations
AW	Adopt-A-Watershed	no. of organizations no. of tributaries no. of projects
CE	Conservation Education	no. of participants K-12 no. of participants general public 1000
CP	Conservation Planning	no. of acres
CPR	Coastal Protection	no. of acres miles
CR	Cultural Resources	no. of sites acres
CU	Clean Ups	no. of sites type of clean up
DH	Dry Hydrants	no. of hydrants installed no. of sites identified no. of fire departments involved
FA	Farm*A*Syst	no. of assessments no. of practices changed
FC	Forestry Conservation	no. of acres
FP	Fire Protection	no. of acres
FPR	Flood Prevention	no. of acres other
FR	Flood Recovery	no. of acres
FS	Fish Stock	no. of locations no. of fish and species
GIS	Geo Information	
GL*	Grasslands	no. of assessments no. of acres needing treatment no. of acres treated

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NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
US DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

AMERICORPS PROJECTS

1996

STATE: Maryland

Name Centerville Ameri Corps

Phone: 410-758-3245

Code	Project	Measurement
HA	Home*A*Syst	no. of assessments no. of practices changed
HC	Handicap Access	no. of feet restored new no. of miles restored new
HS	Housing	no. of units
IPM	Int. Pest Mgt	no. of sites no. of acres
IR	Irrigation	no. of acres gallons of water saved no. of users
NM	Nutrient Mgt	no. of plans completed no. of acres treated other
NT	Nature Trails	no. of feet restored 800 new 800 no. of miles restored new
OC	Outdoor Classroom Installed	no. enhanced no. of new sites installed
PM	Plant Materials	no. of plants propagated no. of trees planted no. of other plants planted 200 no. of greenhouses installed other
PR	Park Restoration	no. of parks restored 2 no. of acres restored other
RCY	Recycling	no. of projects amount and type of recyclables
REC	Recreation	no. of sites 1 no. of plans no. and types of activities conducted
RF	Reforestation	no. of acres no. of trees planted
RI	Road Improvement	no. of miles no. of linear feet
RR	Riparian Restoration	no. of acres
RT	Rails to Trails	no. of miles

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AMERICORPS PROJECTS

1996

STATE: Maryland Name Centreville AmeriCorps

Phone: 410-758-3245

Code	Project	Measurement
RW	Rural Water	no. of projects no. of people served
SA	Sustainable Agriculture	no. of acres no. of projects
SH	Salmon Habitat	no. of sites improved other
TB	Timber Bridge	no. of bridges installed no. of feet
TR*	Tourism	
UF	Urban Forestry	no. of trees
UG	Urban Gardens	no. of sites / no. of square feet no. of plants
WE	Wind Erosion	no. of trees planted no. of miles no. of acres
WI	Wildlife Improvement	no. of acres other description <u>5 DAYS OF INVENTORY</u>
WP	Well Protection	no. of wells sealed other
WR	Wetland Restoration	no. of acres

* Use the best unit of measuring your work.

Please note: This is the first attempt to quantify the work NRCS accomplished through the AmeriCorps program. Your information will be entered into a data base that we can sort and cross reference by projects, geographic locations, activities, etc. After reviewing our results and your comments, we will revise our approach.

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United States
Department of
Agriculture

Natural Resources
Conservation
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FAX TRANSMISSION HEADER SHEET

NUMBER OF PAGES (INCLUDING HEADER SHEET): 20

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USDA

FAX NUMBER: *202-720-4614*

FROM: *Linda Elken-Adams*

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339 BUSCH'S FRONTAGE ROAD
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401-5534
(410) 757-0861 *X347*

FAX NUMBER: (410) 757-0687

SUBJECT: *3rd ; 4th Qtr Centreville) Report*
(Eastern Shore)

REMARKS:

Only FAXing Centreville parts of report

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

Total Number of non-AmeriCorps Volunteers: involved in AmeriCorps service activities in this quarter	<u>3,167</u>
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Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities: completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers in this quarter.	<u>15,744</u>
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**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER****1. Staff changes made this quarter:**

Lillian Woods was named Project Director for the D.C. site.

Tracy Davenport was named Project Director for our new Centreville, Maryland, team.

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

In a move away from the structure of our D.C. and Beltsville teams, the new Centreville team is using a rotating format for assistant crew leader, publicist, administrative officer, and safety officer.

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter.

3

Total-to-date

4

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

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Objectives Section

Centreville Community Service Objectives:

1. Implement a habitat structure in German Branch to improve fish and wildlife habitat. A site for streambank planting will be identified and planted.
2. Utilize cost-share and incentive programs to develop and implement innovative best management practices.
3. Continue monitoring 12 wells within German Branch to evaluate the effectiveness of the conservation practices. Develop an educational program to showcase success of the HUA.

Progress towards meeting these community service objectives:

1. Completed over 100 hours of construction on a wildlife trail. This trail will enable the community of Centreville to have access to an existing stream. The project is in cooperation with the Town of Centreville.
2. Spent 70 hours planting marsh grass to stabilize slopes. Cleared two (2) miles of hiking trails and learned the history of Wye Island.
3. Assisted the Queen Anne's County Cooperative Extension Service to prepare for the County Fair.
4. Tuckahoe State Park received 40 hours of time to improve the park. They built fences, cleared trails, and improved a future visitor center.
5. Provided 21 hours of work at Adkins Arboretum to improve the areas and reduce soil erosion on steep trails.
6. Cleared trails and assisted with other improvements at Pickering Creek Environmental Education Center for 30 hours.
7. Worked with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to inventory five (5) sites for fish habitat and diversity of species.

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4. Constructed approximately 2,000 feet of a wildlife trail which will provide access for the community of Centreville to an existing streambank. This project is in cooperation with the Town of Centreville.

Note: One (1) member resigned within the first three (3) weeks. She decided to change her plans and begin college this fall instead of postponing further education.

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Objectives Section

Centreville, Maryland Community Service Objectives:

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2. Utilize cost-share and incentive programs to develop and implement innovative best management practices.
3. Continue monitoring 12 wells within German Branch to evaluate the effectiveness of the conservation practices. Develop an educational program to showcase success of the HUA.

Progress towards meeting community service objectives:

This AmeriCorps team (originally five members) began their term of service on June 5, 1995. They spent their first week of service in orientation which included, among many topics, CPR and first aid training, work site safety, sexual harassment and discrimination, team building, meeting community project sponsors, and goal setting.

During their first brief quarter, just four weeks, they have accomplished much. Although they have not yet begun work to meet the objectives above, they are learning to work together through new situations, with new people, and in a new work environment. To practice and perfect these skills, the team, with guidance from their Project Director Tracy Davenport and various project sponsors, has completed the following projects. It is our goal to solidify this team before embarking on more difficult projects. With this approach, we expect great success in the months to come.

1. Completed 40 hours of work at the Queen Anne's County Museum to prepare for visitors and learn about the history of Queen Anne's County.
2. Built four (-) bird boxes to improve wildlife habitat in cooperation with the Maryland Eastern Shore Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area.
3. Assisted the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service by taking soil samples and scouting for pests on five (5) farms in the German Branch Watershed.

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MEMBER ASSESSMENT
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 20 **TOTAL EMPLOYED:** 14

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 12
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 2

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

Box 1 - GENDER

Number of Males 7
Number of Females 7
TOTAL 14

Box 2 - RACE

Number of Caucasians 9
Number of African Americans 5
Number of Native Americans
Number of Hispanics
Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander
Other
TOTAL 14

Box 3 - EDUCATION

Number w/out High School Diploma or GED 1
Number with High School or GED 4
Number with some college 3
Number with college degree 6
Number with Graduate degree
Number w/Professional or Trade School
TOTAL 14

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

BOX 4 - OTHER

Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS 11
Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps 0
Number of children
Number w/Disabilities 0

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Primary Accomplishments

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

Nine (9) members completed Safe Food Handling.

Fourteen (14) members including the National Arboretum team attended a tour of Butler's Orchard Farm to see conservation practices.

Twelve (12) members attended a career day session at the Maryland NRCS State Office. Topics included Water Quality, Hydrology, Biology, and GIS.

Seven (7) members including the National Arboretum team attended a seminar on Financial Management presented by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Six (6) members participated in an Interviewing Techniques seminar provided by a small business owner.

Two (2) members completed a Resume Writing workshop conducted by the Maryland NRCS Personnel Management Specialist.

Four (4) members received six (6) hours of watershed training provided by the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources.

Two (2) members participated in a one-on-one session on resume writing.

A member of the Beltsville Team (Gloria Chatman) produced a booklet of the three (3) team's AmeriCorps experience. (See attached color copy).

Seven (7) members of the Beltsville/D.C. team and four (4) members of the Arboretum celebrated graduation exercises on September 22, 1995, at the National Arboretum. Sponsors, mentors, local dignitaries, USDA representatives, family and friends attended (50 people). Lorn Hill, Chief of the Environmental Services Division, D.C. Department of Recreation and Parks, was the keynote speaker. The day included a tour of three (3) sites, one (1) chosen by each team. An AmeriCorps display as well as photo albums and the booklet indicated above were presented to management. (See attached information).

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