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Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: 4/10/95

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of person completing this report: Debra Nesbitt

Position of person completing this report: State Rural Development Coordinator, RECD - USDA

Operating Site ID # (Please refer to attached list): Waynesville, NC, James Bradley

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Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Waynesville, NC James Bradley
2. Program name: RHCDS
3. Corporation grantee name: USDA
4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:
- ☐ First Quarter (10/1—12/31) ☒ Second Quarter (1/1—3/31) ☐ Third Quarter (4/1—6/30) ☐ Fourth Quarter (7/1—9/30)
5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? Sept. 30, 1994
6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

	Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours or Required Service
Full-time	1	413.5
Part-time	0	0

60 training

7. Please provide estimates of the following:
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Operating Site ID#

James Bradley, Waynesville, NC

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

Provided information on Rural Economic and Community Development programs to community residents, with special emphasis on housing programs.

Continued to develop working relationship with Tribal leaders on the Cherokee Indian Reservation to let them know about housing programs of RECD. *NOTE*

Met with banks to encourage guaranteed housing loans on the Cherokee Reservation. Many banks are hesitant to make housing loans use to Possessory Land Holdings. This unique situation needs to be explained to banks. *5*

Compiled directory of local resources for use on the Reservation. The directory includes information on housing programs and Indian-owned businesses that could contract with the agency.

Operating Site ID#

James Bradley, Waynesville, NC

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

James' work on the Cherokee Indian Reservation was highlighted in the tribal newspaper *The Cherokee One Feather*.

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Summary of Progress the Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

Performed 8 housing inspections.

Took four applications for housing programs.

Met with banks to increase interest in guaranteed loan program.

Worked with Cherokee Housing groups to gain interest in housing programs.

Operating Site ID#

James Bradley, Waynesville, NC

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Attended 3 day customer service training.

Received 31 hours of Community Development Process and Methods Training.

Received training on media relations, USDA administrative issues, Internet, and AmeriCorps vision/member roles.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Held meetings with Indian Housing groups to discuss RECD guaranteed loan programs.

Operating Site ID#

James Bradley, Waynesville, NC

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

Is still trying to get more interest from the public in the guaranteed loan program.

Operating Site ID# James Bradley, Waynesville, NC

National Identity Activities this Quarter:

Participation in week long training session of all USDA AmeriCorps members in Memphis.

Cluster meetings with other USDA AmeriCorps members.

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

none

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Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

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Part-time	0	0

40 training

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Operating Site ID#

Darwin Wolfe, Jefferson, NC

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

Provided information on Rural Economic and Community Development programs to community residents, with special emphasis on housing programs.

Operating Site ID#

Darwin Wolfe, Jefferson, NC

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

Developed brochure for distribution that explains how RECD home improvement loans and grants can be used.

Summary of Progress the Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

Over 36 individuals/organizations were made aware of housing repair loans and grants and home ownership programs offered by RECD.

Assessed housing needs in low-income areas of county to determine how programs can assist.

Examined conditions of over 110 homes financed by RECD to determine home repair needs. Will follow-up with homeowners to let them know of RECD home repair programs.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Attended 3 day customer service training.

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(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Met with and distributed materials to four senior citizens organization to explain RECD housing programs for the elderly.

Met with six elected officials/town managers to explain housing programs for low-income and elderly.

Met with two non-profit agencies to obtain referrals for housing program.

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Operating Site ID#

Darwin Wolfe, Jefferson, NC

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

none noted

Operating Site ID#

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National Identity Activities this Quarter:

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Cluster meetings with other USDA AmeriCorps members.

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

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Operating Site ID#

Craig McKinney- Hendersonville, NC

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

see below

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

While working with the Housing Assistance Corporation, Craig became aware of a single mother who was living in a home with no heating system during the winter. Upon further inspection of the home, he realized the entire living space was not insulated. A group of volunteers, including Craig, a Vista volunteer, another AmeriCorps member, and several others, were able to insulate and provide a heating system for the mother and her child with one day's time.

Summary of Progress the Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

Completed three applications and budgets for housing loans and grants.

Assisted in inspections of several homes.

Helped replace water lines for Housing Assistance Corporation applicants.

Coated mobile home roofs with winter sealant.

Insulated a home for a Housing Assistance Corporation applicant.

Helped install a handicapped shower stall.

Gathered and stocked donated paint to be used on Housing Assistance Corporation applicants.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Attended 3 day customer service training.

Received 31 hours of Community Development Process and Methods Training.

Received training on media relations, USDA administrative issues, Internet, and AmeriCorps vision/member roles.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Inspected homes to assess the level of need in the community.

Worked with Housing Assistance Corporation's Self-Help housing program.

Supervised individuals working community service hours.

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Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

Slow response from AmeriCorps insurance company.

Doing outreach for housing loans was difficult with the budget cuts.

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Operating Site Quarterly Report

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of person completing this report: Debra Nesbitt

Position of person completing this report: State Rural Development Coordinator, RECD - USDA

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Operating Site ID #: _____

Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Boone, NC Andrea Eanes
2. Program name: RBCDS
3. Corporation grantee name: USDA
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Full-time	1	488
Part-time	0	0

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Operating Site ID#

Andrea Eanes, Boone, NC

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

Compiled application for All-America City Award Program for the Town of Boone.

Worked on grant applications for Enterprise Community.

Helped with implementation of strategic plan for Enterprise Community, particularly in establishing a Community Development Corporation to serve residents.

Operating Site ID#

Andrea Eanés, Boone, NC

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

Handled publicity and press for the town of Boone's first annual clean up day. Over 130 people attended.

Operating Site ID#

Andrea Eanes, Boone, NC

Summary of Progress the Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

Prepared and distributed announced regarding earned income credit for families in the area.

Researched information for All-America City Award Program. Met with Chamber of Commerce and elected officials to gather information for application. Spoke with area citizens to decide what issues and projects to focus on in the application.

Operating Site ID#

Andrea Eanes, Boone, NC

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Attended 3 day customer service training.

Received 31 hours of Community Development Process and Methods Training.

Received training on media relations, USDA administrative issues, Internet, and AmeriCorps vision/member roles.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Worked on grant applications for Enterprise Community.

Provided publicity for Town's annual clean-up day.

Helped with start up and organization of Community Development Corporation to serve Enterprise Community.

Operating Site ID# Andrea Eanes, Boone, NC

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

none

Operating Site ID#

Andrea Eanes, Boone, NC

National Identity Activities this Quarter:

Participation in week long training session of all USDA AmeriCorps members in Memphis.

Cluster meetings with other USDA AmeriCorps members.

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

none

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Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: 4/10/95

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of person completing this report: Debra Nesbitt

Position of person completing this report: State Rural Development Coordinator, RECD -USDA

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Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

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3. Corporation grantee name: USDA
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Full-time	1	432
Part-time	0	0

40 - training

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Operating Site ID#

Regina Lynn, Marshall, NC

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

Opened family resource center to serve residents of Madison County (see below for details).

Operating Site ID#

Regina Lynn, Marshall, NC

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

Opened "Listening to Families," a family resource center in Marshall to provide families with information on social assistance and human services in the area. It helps bridge the gap between families, schools, churches, government agencies and businesses.

Summary of Progress the Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:**(1) Direct Service Objectives:**

Located resources to assist mother of six to avoid eviction.

Assisted one family to find clothing.

Organized opening of family resource center which included:

- identifying advisory committee and holding meetings
- staffing parent committee
- getting building ready to house center, including making wheelchair accessible
- planning for open house attended by over 150 people
- ~~securing volunteers~~ from community and local college to assemble furniture, set up computer, and clean facility to house center
- ~~assembled volunteers~~ door prizes and information displays for open house.

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Operating Site ID#

Regina Lynn, Marshall, NC

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Attended 3 day customer service training.

Received 31 hours of Community Development Process and Methods Training.

Received training on media relations, USDA administrative issues, Internet, and AmeriCorps vision/member roles.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Opened family resource center, which has been planned since service began in September.

Met with faculty from Mars Hill College and received permission to access Internet and E mail through their computers. This will provide valuable information to the resource center.

Contacted Chamber of Commerce and local Economic Community Development Team to brief them on the resource center.

Operating Site ID#

Regina Lynn Marshall, NC

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

Lack of transportation for those in the remote parts of the county.

Maintaining volunteer interest from individuals not associated with any agency.

Multiple meetings, abundant reading material, and other activities make it difficult to plan workshops, classes, etc. Coordination of interested persons, needed resources, and targeted population is also difficult.

Operating Site ID#

Regina Lynn Marshall, NC

National Identity Activities this Quarter:

Participation in week long training session of all USDA AmeriCorps members in Memphis.

Cluster meetings with other USDA AmeriCorps members.

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

none

Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Morgantown Area Chamber of Commerce
2. Program name: USDA Rural Economic and Community Development Services - WV
3. Corporation grantee name: USDA Rural Economic and Community Development Services - WV
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Part-time		

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

The goals of the ~~Vision 2000~~ project with which I am placed are long term goals intended to be accomplished over the next five years. Therefore, it is difficult to quantify progress towards them.

EXPLAIN

In this quarter, some of the Vision 2000 groups that I work with have made significant progress.

- The Childhood Immunization Project was granted \$40,000 to hire an immunization coordinator for the ~~county~~. This position will begin in April.
- The Government Coordination Initiative has put a new tax ticket in place which will inform the residents of Morgantown as to how their dollars are being spent.
- A Common Interest Group has formed to develop a museum complex along the riverfront. They plan to incorporate as a 501.c3 in the next two months. This is concrete action toward an idea which has been discussed in this area for years.
- The Transportation Steering Common Interest Group has succeeded in implementing a trial bus consolidation and putting in place a Transit authority to help alleviate traffic problems in the city. A comprehensive transportation/land use study will be conducted this summer.

AFFECT

Within the organization of Vision 2000, there were also some accomplishments:

- We have published a document outlining our plan of action for the next year, as well as the structure for Vision 2000 and its continuing process. This provides the groups with a road map to guide their action for the next year. I wrote and edited portions of this publication. We held a press conference to announce this project to the City.
- We will soon begin sending out a newsletter to all the volunteer who participate in Vision 2000. The hope is that this will help the volunteers to understand the magnitude of the Vision project and how valuable their work is to its continuance.
- All the documentation which has been held at the Chamber in a haphazard fashion has been organized in such a way that is much more accessible and understandable to the casual observer. I have assisted the Chamber with this task. I feel this was important for the continuation of the project from year to year.
- A celebration of Vision 2000 involving all of our 250+ volunteers has been scheduled for June. The purpose of this event will be to heighten public awareness of our

program, and to keep our volunteers motivated by showing them the larger scheme in which their work is being accomplished.

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

Tracey Munza and I have spent time this quarter talking to different service and civic clubs about the value of service work. Our talks were based on a 2-minute video called "The Power of One". This short public service announcement delivers a powerful message about the significant impact one individual can have on the course of history. This message is delivered through images including Gandhi, a young black girl entering a segregated school in Alabama, and the student standing in front of a tank in Tiananmen Square. After showing this video, it is not difficult to convince our audiences that what we are doing really matters and that the work they do also makes a difference. We plan to begin making our presentations in high school classrooms in the near future.

Summary and Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

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

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

The Childhood Immunization Project was granted \$40,000 to hire an immunization coordinator for the county. This position will begin in April. This is a direct result of a cooperative effort with the Mon Health Department. The committe that I provide assistance to wrote the grant for this process.

(2) AmeriCorp Member Development Objectives:

On January 16-17, the Corporation for National Service held a state-wide Americorps meeting. The purpose of the meeting was celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, to receive training and to communicate on the highs and lows of the Americorps program in West Virginia thus far. We attended the "Living the Legacy Forum" where we took part in a panel discussion of conflict resolution and non-violent solutions. A member of the panel, Rick Wilson, later conducted a training session on non-violence for the Americorps members in attendance.

A second state Americorps meeting was held on March 10. This meeting was used to plan service projects for National Youth Service Week, to receive training on public relations and to discuss the possibility of an electronic communications system for Americorps workers.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

The Vision 2000 project encourages Morgantown area residents to believe in the potential of their community and to donate their time to work towards making that potential a reality. Close to 300 volunteers participate in the work of Vision 2000 and as more Vision projects happen, this number will continue to grow. Vision 2000 builds not only specific areas in the community, but also builds the self-esteem of the community. There are many positive changes taking place in Morgantown and Vision allows the members of the community to maintain ownership of those changes.

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

I received training at a national RECD conference in Memphis, Tennessee. The training was conducted by the Heartland Center for Leadership Development and concentrated on community planning and leadership development in rural communities.

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

Other than Ann Chalos taking the place of Jenny Philips, none.

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Operating Site ID#

Craig McKinney- Hendersonville, NC

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

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(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Attended 3 day customer service training.

Received 31 hours of Community Development Process and Methods Training.

Received training on media relations, USDA administrative issues, Internet, and AmeriCorps vision/member roles.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Inspected homes to assess the level of need in the community.

Worked with Housing Assistance Corporation's Self-Help housing program.

Supervised individuals working community service hours.

Operating Site ID# _____

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

Slow response from AmeriCorps insurance company.

Doing outreach for housing loans was difficult with the budget cuts.

Operating Site ID#

National Identity Activities this Quarter:

Participation in week long training session of all USDA AmeriCorps members in Memphis.

Cluster meetings with other USDA AmeriCorps members.

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

none

AmeriCorps*USA

Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: 4/10/95

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of person completing this report: Debra Nesbitt

Position of person completing this report: State Rural Development Coordinator, RECD -USDA

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Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Boone, NC Andrea Eanes
2. Program name: RBCDS
3. Corporation grantee name: USDA
4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:
- ☐ First Quarter (10/1—12/31) ☒ Second Quarter (1/1—3/31) ☐ Third Quarter (4/1—6/30) ☐ Fourth Quarter (7/1—9/30)
5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? Sept. 30, 1994

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

	Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours or Required Service
Full-time	1	488
Part-time	0	0

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

Operating Site ID#

Andrea Eanes, Boone, NC

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

Compiled application for All-America City Award Program for the Town of Boone.

Worked on grant applications for Enterprise Community.

Helped with implementation of strategic plan for Enterprise Community, particularly in establishing a Community Development Corporation to serve residents.

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

Handled publicity and press for the town of Boone's first annual clean up day. Over 130 people attended.

Summary of Progress the Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

Prepared and distributed announced regarding earned income credit for families in the area.

Researched information for All-America City Award Program. Met with Chamber of Commerce and elected officials to gather information for application. Spoke with area citizens to decide what issues and projects to focus on in the application.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Attended 3 day customer service training.

Received 31 hours of Community Development Process and Methods Training.

Received training on media relations, USDA administrative issues, Internet, and AmeriCorps vision/member roles.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Worked on grant applications for Enterprise Community.

Provided publicity for Town's annual clean-up day.

Helped with start up and organization of Community Development Corporation to serve Enterprise Community.

Operating Site ID#

Andrea Eanés, Boone, NC

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

none

Operating Site ID#

Andrea Eanés, Boone, NC

National Identity Activities this Quarter:

Participation in week long training session of all USDA AmeriCorps members in Memphis.

Cluster meetings with other USDA AmeriCorps members.

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

none

AmeriCorps*USA

Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: 4/10/95

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of person completing this report: Debra Nesbitt

Position of person completing this report: State Rural Development Coordinator, RECD -USDA

Operating Site ID # (Please refer to attached list): Marshall, NC, Regina Lynn

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Operating Site ID #: _____

Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Marshall, NC Regina Lynn

2. Program name: RBCDS

3. Corporation grantee name: USDA

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

☐ First Quarter
(10/1—12/31)

☒ Second Quarter
(1/1—3/31)

☐ Third Quarter
(4/1—6/30)

☐ Fourth Quarter
(7/1—9/30)

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? Sept. 30, 1994

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

	Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours or Required Service
Full-time	1	432
Part-time	0	0

40 - training

7. Please provide estimates of the following:

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

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

Operating Site ID#

Regina Lynn Marshall, NC

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

Opened family resource center to serve residents of Madison County (see below for details).

Operating Site ID#

Regina Lynn, Marshall, NC

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

Opened "Listening to Families," a family resource center in Marshall to provide families with information on social assistance and human services in the area. It helps bridge the gap between families, schools, churches, government agencies and businesses.

Summary of Progress the Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

Located resources to assist mother of six to avoid eviction.

Assisted one family to find clothing.

Organized opening of family resource center which included:

- identifying advisory committee and holding meetings
- staffing parent committee
- getting building ready to house center, including making wheelchair accessible
- planning for open house attended by over 150 people
- securing volunteers from community and local college to assemble furniture, set up computer, and clean facility to house center
- assembled volunteers, door prizes and information displays for open house.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Attended 3 day customer service training.

Received 31 hours of Community Development Process and Methods Training.

Received training on media relations, USDA administrative issues, Internet, and AmeriCorps vision/member roles.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Opened family resource center, which has been planned since service began in September.

Met with faculty from Mars Hill College and received permission to access Internet and E mail through their computers. This will provide valuable information to the resource center.

Contacted Chamber of Commerce and local Economic Community Development Team to brief them on the resource center.

Operating Site ID#

Regina Lynn, Marshall, NC

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

Lack of transportation for those in the remote parts of the county.

Maintaining volunteer interest from individuals not associated with any agency.

Multiple meetings, abundant reading material, and other activities make it difficult to plan workshops, classes, etc. Coordination of interested persons, needed resources, and targeted population is also difficult.

Operating Site ID#

Regina Lynn Marshall, NC

National Identity Activities this Quarter:

Participation in week long training session of all USDA AmeriCorps members in Memphis.

Cluster meetings with other USDA AmeriCorps members.

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

none

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Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: 4/10/95

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of person completing this report: Debra Nesbitt

Position of person completing this report: State Rural Development Coordinator, RECD -USDA

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Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Waynesville, NC James Bradley
2. Program name: RHCDS
3. Corporation grantee name: USDA
4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:
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5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? Sept. 30, 1994

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

	Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours or Required Service
Full-time	1	413.5
Part-time	0	0

60 training

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

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

Provided information on Rural Economic and Community Development programs to community residents, with special emphasis on housing programs.

Continued to develop working relationship with Tribal leaders on the Cherokee Indian Reservation to let them know about housing programs of RECD.

Met with banks to encourage guaranteed housing loans on the Cherokee Reservation. Many banks are hesitant to make housing loans use to Possessory Land Holdings. This unique situation needs to be explained to banks.

Compiled directory of local resources for use on the Reservation. The directory includes information on housing programs and Indian-owned businesses that could contract with the agency.

Operating Site ID#

James Bradley, Waynesville, NC

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

James' work on the Cherokee Indian Reservation was highlighted in the tribal newspaper, *The Cherokee One Feather*.

Summary of Progress the Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

Performed 8 housing inspections.

Took four applications for housing programs.

Met with banks to increase interest in guaranteed loan program.

Worked with Cherokee Housing groups to gain interest in housing programs.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Attended 3 day customer service training.

Received 31 hours of Community Development Process and Methods Training.

Received training on media relations, USDA administrative issues, Internet, and AmeriCorps vision/member roles.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Held meetings with Indian Housing groups to discuss RECD guaranteed loan programs.

Operating Site ID#

James Bradley, Waynesville, NC

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

Is still trying to get more interest from the public in the guaranteed loan program.

Operating Site ID#

James Bradley, Waynesville, NC

National Identity Activities this Quarter:

Participation in week long training session of all USDA AmeriCorps members in Memphis.

Cluster meetings with other USDA AmeriCorps members.

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

none

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Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: 4/10/95

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of person completing this report: Debra Nesbitt

Position of person completing this report: State Rural Development Coordinator, RECD -USDA

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Operating Site ID #:

Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Jefferson, NC Darwin Wolfe
2. Program name: RHCDS
3. Corporation grantee name: USDA
4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:
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5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? Sept 30, 1994
6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

	Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours or Required Service
Full-time	1	452.5
Part-time	0	0

40 training

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

Operating Site ID#

Darwin Wolfe, Jefferson, NC

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

Provided information on Rural Economic and Community Development programs to community residents, with special emphasis on housing programs.

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

Developed brochure for distribution that explains how RECD home improvement loans and grants can be used.

Summary of Progress the Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

Over 36 individuals/organizations were made aware of housing repair loans and grants and home ownership programs offered by RECD.

Assessed housing needs in low-income areas of county to determine how programs can assist.

Examined conditions of over 110 homes financed by RECD to determine home repair needs. Will follow-up with homeowners to let them know of RECD home repair programs.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Attended 3 day customer service training.

Received 31 hours of Community Development Process and Methods Training.

Received training on media relations, USDA administrative issues, Internet, and AmeriCorps vision/member roles.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Met with and distributed materials to four senior citizens organization to explain RECD housing programs for the elderly.

Met with six elected officials/town managers to explain housing programs for low-income and elderly.

Met with two non-profit agencies to obtain referrals for housing program.

Operating Site ID#

Darwin Wolfe, Jefferson, NC

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

none noted

Operating Site ID#

Darwin Wolfe, Jefferson, NC

National Identity Activities this Quarter:

Participation in week long training session of all USDA AmeriCorps members in Memphis.

Cluster meetings with other USDA AmeriCorps members.

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

none

	FULL TIME	PART TIME
No. of Members allotted to your sites	2	
No. of Members enrolled on last day of 3rd Qtr.	2	
No. of Members who served entire 3rd Qtr.	2	
No. of Members who left sites during the 3rd Qtr.	0	
No. of Members who joined sites during 3rd Qtr.	0	
Total Members service hours during the 3rd Qtr.	695	
Total Members service hours to date	2780	

11. Please provide estimates of the following:

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

None.

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

None.

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

(a) Direct Service Objectives:

Robert Hawk

Objective #1 - Development of a 5 year Plan for the development of a Parks and Recreation Department

In order to realize this goal Robert has:

1. Inventoried all existing recreation areas and recreational opportunities on the Cherokee Indian Reservation.
2. Developed a visual photo album of all recreation areas.
3. Visited and studied other recreational sites in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee to evaluate other Parks and Recreation programs that would be similar in format to the Reservation's.
4. Prepared a budget for each proposed project in the Recreation Master Plan for evaluation and cost estimate purposes.
5. Continued his research into the needs of the various communities on the Reservation and correlates these needs with proposal projects.

Objective # 2 - Identification of locations to be developed

Robert is obtaining this goal by:

1. Organizing, coordinating, implementing, and supervising the Mingo Falls restoration trail project with local businesses and the Oconaluftee Job Corps. This has included ordering supplies, coordinating work groups, preparing budget and acting as site supervisor for the advancement and completion of this project.
2. Coordinating the ground-work for Phase I of the Oconaluftee Greenway Project. This includes the coordination of committee team members, professional and logistical support staff.
3. Continuing to work on the development of Walking Trail brochures for downtown Cherokee and adjacent hiking trails.
4. Coordinating, organizing, and implementing a work group for recreational projects on the Qualla Boundary. This work group has constructed playground equipment and painted the facilities at the Ceremonial Grounds.
5. Organizing and implementing an Arbor Day event at the Qualla Civic Center.
6. Continuing to work with special interest groups for the development of Mountain Bike Trails and potential races in the future on reservation logging roads.
7. Preparing an Urban Forestry Grant for tree planting within local neighborhood parks for beautification.

Diane Durcharme

Objective #1 - Assist in the identification and renovation of parks and other recreational facilities which do not comply with ADA requirements.

To accomplish this goal Diane has:

1. Completed a series of ADA training seminars for various departments within the City of Asheville.
2. Assisted in the development of a park playground needs assessment survey.
3. Developed a new program for Parks and Recreation called "Adopt-a-Playground," which is the City's effort to form a public-private partnership in providing accessible facilities.
4. Continued to establish a City of Asheville ADA communications network.
5. Surveyed seven playgrounds showing existing equipment and topography. Has proposed new accessible playground equipment.
6. Researched playground equipment distributors and submitted a sketch for bio-purposes.
7. Organized local agencies to form a playground advisory committee.

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

Provide Robert and Diane with formal and informal training to assist them with achieving AmeriCorps objectives, an awareness of social behavior within their community, and development of leadership skills.

This quarter Robert and Diane:

Participated in an HIV/Bloodborne Pathogens training session.

Supervised at least one individual for a period during the quarter.

Made presentations to various individuals and groups.

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

Robert Hawk

1. To prepare a 5 year Parks and Recreation Plan for the Cherokee Reservation.
2. To prepare community needs assessments and identify locations to be developed for recreational purposes.

Diane Durcharme

1. Assist with identifying and renovating parks and other recreational facilities to comply with ADA requirements.

This quarter Robert:

1. Continues to finalize the 5 year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the Reservation.
2. Prepared a visual Photo Album of all recreation areas on the Reservation.
3. Began work on the Mingo Falls trail project.
4. Implemented an Arbor Day event for the Reservation.
5. Started the ground-work for Phase I of the Oconaluftee Greenway Project.
6. Continued to work on the Walking Trail brochures for downtown Cherokee and adjacent hiking trails.
7. Organized recreational projects on the Qualla Boundary.

This quarter Diane has:

1. Completed a series of ADA training seminars for various departments within the City of Asheville.
2. Assisted in the development of a park playground needs assessment survey for community feedback.
3. Developed a new program for Parks and Recreation called "Adopt a Playground."
4. Organized local agencies to form a playground advisory committee.

13. Other Accomplishments this Quarter: None

14. Unique successes or great stories :

Diane Ducharme -

Establishment of a playground advisory committee.

Adopt-a-Playground program to form a public-private partnership in providing accessible facilities.

ADA Training Seminars for all City of Asheville staff.

Robert Hawk -

Walking Trail brochures for downtown Cherokee and adjacent hiking trails.

Organized and supervised a work group to construct playground equipment and to paint facilities at the Ceremonial Grounds.

Organized and implemented an Arbor Day event at the Qualla Civic Center.

Worked with special interest groups for the development of Mountain Bike Trails.

Prepared an Urban Forestry Grant for tree planting to beautify local neighborhood parks.

15. Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:

None.

16. National Identity Activities this Quarter:

City of Asheville employees became aware of Americorps member working to improve accessibility in local parks and recreational facilities. Communication networks established by both members have brought greater attention to the Americorps members and their work.

17. Significant Program Changes this Quarter:

None.

Joel - Storier

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Regina Lynn, an AmeriCorps member working in Marshall, NC, opened "Listening to Families," a family resource center. The center is located in Marshall to provide families with information on social assistance and human services in the area. It helps bridge the gap between families, schools, churches, government agencies and businesses. The center provides numerous services to the community from children's programs to job assistance. The following account, written by Regina, is representative of the type of assistance given by the center.

I worked with one resident of the county with the goal of avoiding out of home placement. Ms. E, and 81 year old African American female never married and has no family except for a niece who works full time and cares for at least two other family members. Ms. E fell outside her home and laid there for an undetermined amount of time, at least several hours, possibly all night. Initially, placement was considered. Ms. E would not discuss it. If resources could be mobilized to provide services to Ms. E. that would help ensure her safety then she would be able to stay home. Ms. E was disoriented to time with short term memory problems. She needed to be reminded to take her medicines every morning. She also needed assistance with housekeeping, meal preparation, and personal care.

I personally delivered these services for nine days. I consulted with her physician and arranged an office visit and transportation. Her medicines were updated. Her doctor ordered home health services to monitor her health status and to provide CNA services that would help with personal care. Also, Ms. E was eligible for In Home Services through DSS so she receives a visit from a resource aid three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to help with household task, to remind client to take medicine and transport to doctor appointments, and to the grocery store. A home health aide will visit client on Tuesday and Thursday, so Ms. E. will have a visitor every weekday. Ms. E's niece will check on her aunt on the weekends. I was also able to identify resources to obtain Lifeline services (a 24 hour monitoring service) for Ms. E. She wears a small device on a chain around her neck on which she may call for help 24 hours a day. Finally, I placed a large calendar in her home for visitors and service providers to sign. This will ensure that Ms. E is receiving care and her medicine is being monitored. It will also help orient her to time so she can see what day, month and year it is.

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8. In the space below, please describe what you consider to be the single, most successful program or project by any RBCDS AmeriCorps Member in your state in 1995. In other words, the one story you would tell that most exemplifies what National Service is all about: building community, providing opportunity, and responsibility -- in an EZ/EC designate or champion. Please include quotes from citizens and any supporting data such as letters of commendation.

The acquisition and placement of street signs and street lights for Fargo, Arkansas. The community banded together to raise money and provide information for this project. The street signs were in place by October 7, 1995 and the street lights were turned on November 20, 1995. The lights and signs have given the community a sense of security in knowing the emergency personnel can now find the correct street when needed and knowing that children are safer when outside. The community has felt a great deal of community pride in the project

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Measurement

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Flood Relief in New Orleans as TEAM USDA

As a team of USDA AmeriCorps members, we truly exemplified how "we were getting things done". Clean-up efforts by members helped handicapped & elderly New Orleans residents who could not help themselves. One recipient wrote "They were like Guardian Angels". The flood relief efforts displayed a true spirit of cooperation and sincere desire to help.

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Measurement

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Number of families assisted with home improvements 30

300

Number of boxes of clothing sorted for distribution 50

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One of the most successful projects for Kentucky in 1995 was a series of Life Skills classes presented by one of our members. The classes covered a six week period and included such topics as setting goals, stress management, business correspondence, budgeting your resources, establishing and maintaining your credit, and finding and making opportunities for home ownership.

The Life Skills classes were originally planned for 15-20 families, but by the end 92 families had participated in the classes. Many of the participants became involved with GED classes or job training programs after completing the Life Skills Course. Three of the participants decided to enroll in college to pursue a higher education.

The Life Skills stress management class was so successful that the AmeriCorps Member was later asked to present the same training to an elementary class with 21 children.

The Life Skills Course has been continued in this year's program and expanded. More course topics are available and two AmeriCorps members are now involved with offering classes at two different locations.

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The use of the Americorps members in EC/CC to help implement their Strategic Plan was and still is the most single successful project in our state. Due to this efforts all the Champion Communities are still operating and working toward their plans. Although you do not receive a lot of public notice for this action the results have been tremendous. The communities have received funds for water + sewer, business loans for residence, improved health care, provided tutorial services, improved housing etc. No single individual can take credit for this action yet the whole community benefits. This is true in all eight of the CC's and the one EC.

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There is no one project or program that stands out in my mind nor one particular member. All my members participated in their community. All members could tell a story of helping someone in a colonia who had needed either food, clothing. Some members helped a man whose house had burned.

However, one member did exemplify all aspects of the program. Sylvia Richards was a member in El Paso, a champion community.

She embraced her job with tremendous spirit and energy. She was committed to helping colonia residents and seem to focus on the very young or the very old in addition to promoting RBCD programs.

And, she was committed to getting things done in community service.

Sylvia organized food and clothing drives for colonia residents. She worked with other volunteer agencies to accomplish helping them. She focused on the youth working in areas ranging from HEAD Start to working with children with cancer.

Attached is a copy of a report I wrote for Toni and some attachments.

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AMERICORPS/USDA QUARTERLY REPORT
SYLVIA RICHARDS - RDA

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Objective #6 is to speed up the application process. Ordered Property Profiles from a title company - free of cost - to determine ownership, obtain correct legal, check on square footage of dwelling, check on possible liens filed, etc. This process eliminates future unforeseen problem in processing of the loan or grant.

As a whole, much has been accomplished to reach out to the EC/EZ community. Several applications have been submitted due to outreach efforts. One head of household has been employed due to outreach efforts. Many colonia children were given an opportunity to experience the joy of Christmas at the party hosted at the Insights Museum. A joint effort between Pedioncology, Candlelighters, AmeriCorp Members -RDA-RHCD-, and other community leaders. Several colonia families in particular were delivered clothing and food donated by concerned citizens. A single mother who does not meet our eligibility guidelines was nonetheless donated a heater and free winterization of her mobile home by a concerned volunteer who was contacted thru outreach efforts.

E) Primary challenges:

The fact that many colonias were subdivided into lots under .5 acres, hampers RHCD from making more 306C grants in said areas. The Health Department Environmental Unit, regulations do not allow for septic tanks to be installed on lots under .5 acre and because many areas do not have sewer running out in front of the property, we have come to a dead-end as far as water connections to said dwellings due to their inability to properly dispose of waste and water material.

However, there are five streets already in said area under the Community Grant Block waiting for state approval in mid-January, 1995 for water and sewer lines. When said lines are approved, the RHCD will be able to take 306C grant applications in WestWay.

F) Media Coverage:

Channel 7, KVIA, El Paso covered the Insight's Museum Christmas Party. The El Paso Times ran a story on the Christmas Party.

Item #1 is a copy of the newspaper picture.

Item #2 & #3 are Polaroid pictures taken @ the event.

Item #3 is a picture of two colonia children in particular who were invited to participate due to outreach efforts and whose family has received assistance and donations.

G) Other Creative Documentation:

Item #4 is a memo sent to Tina Jones, Special Projects Coordinator EC/EZ Applicant itemizing recent work accomplished by AmeriCorp Member.

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B. In the space below, please describe what you consider to be the single, most successful program or project by any RBCDS AmeriCorps Member in your state in 1995. In other words, the one story you would tell that most exemplifies what National Service is all about, building community, providing opportunity, and responsibility -- in an EZ/EC designate or champion. Please include quotes from citizens and any supporting data such as letters of commendation.

The Illinois Valley 2010 Community Response Team is a grassroots community development organization that had never had professional assistance. The CRT benefited throughout the year from the work of the AmeriCorps Member who happens to be a local resident of the Illinois Valley. As a result of the Member's outreach, the CRT has developed a good working relationship with the community and with County, State, and Federal agencies. The Member also recruited a total of 5 new members to the CRT and increased unrepresented segments of the population. Finally, the Member enabled community leaders to develop skills in problem solving and accessing rural development resources through their active involvement in project planning, development, and implementation. The Member's most important accomplishment was the capacity building of local community leaders and the involvement in local issues of over 50 local community residents.

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AMERICORPS/USDA SECOND QUARTER REPORT
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
NORTH DAKOTA

- A. Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter vs number who enrolled at the time of the launch.

5 Members were enrolled at the time of launch. One Member resigned in November, leaving us with four Members. That number is still accurate at the time of this report.

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

As of April 1st, 1995, the four remaining AmeriCorps Members have contributed 4472 hours of service. Of this, a total of 888 hours has been training.

Training provided to the AmeriCorps Members during the second quarter has included basic survey training, civil rights, equal opportunity, cultural diversity, hazardous materials, AIDS, time keeping and various administrative items.

- C. Any major staff or structural changes you have made.

No staff changes occurred during the second quarter of the year. Joni Hamilton, AmeriCorps Member originally assigned to the West Fargo Field Office, was reassigned to the Grand Forks Field Office. This was done to better accommodate Joni's child care needs and reduce her transportation costs. This transfer has proven beneficial to both the agency and the AmeriCorps Member.

- D. Progress towards meeting community service objectives.

Objective #1 is to complete 40 tracts per member of wetland scope and effect targeted toward areas with the greatest potential to reduce downstream flooding.

To date, field scope and effect has been completed on 57 tracts. Minimal field scope and effect was completed during the second quarter due to winter weather conditions. Completion of the this objective is targeted for third quarter.

Objective #2 is to coordinate 50 public informational meetings emphasizing the topic of sealing abandon wells.

The practice of sealing abandon wells has been well accepted by the area landowners/operators. The workload generated by the well sealing demonstrations which have been held in those areas in which AmeriCorps Members are working has been quite heavy. The AmeriCorps Members continue to be involved with the promotion of this practice through direct contacts with producers and landowners.

Objective #3 is to coordinate a minimum of 50 public informational meetings centering on the wetland certification process.

As indicated in the first quarter report, policy regarding wetland certification has not been finalized. A great deal of discussion regarding wetlands is anticipated during the 1995 farm bill debate. The possibility exists that the definition of what constitutes a wetland may change. Therefore, it has been decided to delay any public informational meetings until the circumstances surrounding the wetland issues are clarified and firm policy established.

E. Primary accomplishments.

The AmeriCorps Members completed one signature project during the second quarter period and developed a process to evaluate and schedule other signature projects for the remainder of the year. A copy of the Signature Project Plan of Work is enclosed.

The signature project which was completed dealt with completing a survey of the structures (houses and out-buildings) located around Devils Lake, North Dakota. The water levels in Devils Lake are a record levels and are expected to continue to rise, threatening many homes.

The Ramsey County Emergency Management Coordinator approached NRCS and AmeriCorps about completing a flood hazard survey of the structures in the flood prone area. This information would allow him and the residents to better plan for dike construction should the need arise. The AmeriCorps Members received basic survey training from NRCS employees and were teamed with county or NRCS employees to complete the survey. The AmeriCorps Members also compiled the survey information for use by the Ramsey County Emergency Management office.

As a group, the AmeriCorps Members assembled and "manned" the national AmeriCorps display at the North Dakota Wintershow held in Valley City, North Dakota, from March 6 - 9. This show attracts people from

around North Dakota as well as neighboring states and provided an opportunity for the AmeriCorps Members to interact with the public and spread the word about the AmeriCorps program.

Individually, the AmeriCorps Members worked on several projects within their assigned areas. This included organizing a four county ranchers workshop at which staff from North Dakota State University, NRCS, North Dakota Extension Service and private landowners spoke to a group of about sixty ranchers and urban residents regarding the benefits of proper resource management.

One Member is presently working on small watershed delineations within the Devils Lake watershed. This information will assist the local residents and units of government in addressing the local flooding problems by treating the small watersheds.

Another Member inventoried the landuses within the Antelope Creek watershed. This information will be utilized by local residents and governmental agencies to analyze land use patterns and resource concerns which may require treatment in the future.

Still another Member assisted with the development of a slide presentation which emphasized the benefits of trees in providing wildlife food and cover. This slide presentation will be used as a tool to educate both producers and urban residents. This same Member is also working with one of the smaller communities on developing an arboretum for education purposes.

F. Primary challenges.

Working with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) continues to be our biggest challenge. One Member still experiences occasional problems with childcare and there still seems to be some confusion amongst the lending institutions regarding student loan forbearance.

AmeriCorps Members are beginning to apply for PELL grants for the upcoming school year. The people who process the applications have indicated to a couple of our Members that their stipends will be considered as income when their eligibility for PELL grants is evaluated. Discussions with the Corporation confirm this. However, we were lead to believe during our training session in Washington that this would not be the case.

We were also lead to believe during the Washington training session (by Joel Berg I believe) that action would be pursued allowing AmeriCorps Members the opportunity to be considered for federal jobs without having to apply via the Federal Register. This would be a process similar to that used for Peace Corps members. To date, we have not heard whether the change allowing this has been completed.

Finally, to date, only one of the Members has received their AmeriCorps sweatshirt. **Where are the other three sweatshirts?**

G. Primary training and technical assistance.

Training continues to be provided in both formal and on-the-job formats. Training has been provided primarily by NRCS employees but other agency personnel have, and will, provide training as needed.

H. Media coverage.

Newspaper articles continue to be our primarily source of media coverage. AmeriCorps Members have developed their own stories while the Devils Lake newspaper did do a front page story on AmeriCorps while they were completing the Devils Lake flood hazard survey (see enclosed copy).

A joint project with AmeriCorps Members from Minnesota is planned for April 19 and 20. Plans are to video tape this project. This footage will be provided to Minnesota AmeriCorps for use in a promotional video they plan on producing.

I. Other creative documentation.

The AmeriCorps Members are keeping a scrapbook and continue to keep their personal job diaries up-to-date.

AmeriCorps Members from Minnesota have contacted the North Dakota Members requesting a copy of any video tape showing AmeriCorps Members at work. North Dakota will be providing Minnesota with tape of it's upcoming signature project.

North Dakota AmeriCorps
Signature Projects
1995 Plan of Work
March 13, 1995

1. Aneta Community Park Clean-up
Aneta, ND

Contact persons: Joni Hamilton, AmeriCorps Member

Participants: Joni Hamilton
Jack Dahl
Craig Herman
Jessica Krumwiede
Aaron Aarestad

Dates: Completed in November of 1994

Project Objective: A number of American Elm trees in the Aneta Community Park had died from Dutch Elm disease. These trees were in various stages of decay. Falling branches were considered a threat to health and property. The branches which had already fallen were making the park area unattractive and unusable. The trees needed to be cut down and hauled away. However, the population of Aneta consists primarily of elderly people unable to the heavy lifting which this park clean-up required.

Project status: Project was completed as planned in November of 1994. News article was prepared by Joni Hamilton and Earl Erickson and was published in the Feb. 9th, 1995 issue of the Aneta Star newspaper.

2. Harwood Trail Court Clean-up
Harwood, ND

Contact persons: Joni Hamilton, AmeriCorps Member
Earl Erickson, DC

Participants: Joni Hamilton
Jack Dahl
Jessica Krumwiede
Craig Herman
Aaron Aarestad (assisted fall of 1994)

Dates: Initial clean-up completed Nov. of 1994
Final clean-up scheduled for June 26 - 30, 1995

Project Objective: Harwood Trailer Court was severely impacted by the flooding which occurred during the summer months of 1993. In 1994, the trailer court was purchased by the Lake Agassiz Regional Council, and the residents relocated to a less flood prone area. In the fall of 1994, the Americorps members assisted the Lake Agassiz Regional Council by making the remaining trailer houses accessible for viewing by the public thereby facilitating sale of the trailer houses at a public auction held in November.

In the spring of 1995, the Americorps Members will return to the site to complete clean-up (if needed) following removal of the purchased trailer houses.

Project status: Initial phase completed. Additional clean-up (if needed) scheduled for June of 1995.

3. Devils Lake Flood Hazard Survey
Devils Lake, ND

Contact persons: Jessica Krumwiede, AmeriCorps Member
Darryl Turcotte, SC
Tim Heisler, Coordinator - Ramsey Co.
Emergency Management

Participants: Jessica Krumwiede
Jack Dahl
Craig Herman
Joni Hamilton

Dates: Completed January 23 - 27, 1995

Project objectives: Devils Lake water levels are presently at near historically record high levels. High water levels are, or will be, threatening homes and outlying buildings. The information gathered during this survey will help in planning the flood relief measures to benefit the people along Devils Lake.

The survey will involve recording elevations of homes (first floor and ground level), identify elevations of out buildings, wells and sewers, identify homes affected at various elevations, assist Emergency Management Coordinator in dispersing the information to the affected individuals and assist with public information campaign related to potential flooding of Devils Lake in 1995.

Travel money for three Members for four nights will be needed.

Project status: Project was completed January 23 - 27, 1995. News article appeared in Devils Lake paper the following week.

4. Devils Lake Watershed Delineation
Devils Lake, ND

Contact person: Jessica Krumwiede, AmeriCorps Member
Darryl Turcotte, SC

Participants: Jessica Krumwiede

Dates: February 1 - April 30 1995

Project Objective: Delineate small watershed areas on topographic maps for use in development of small watershed treatment projects within the Devils Lake watershed. Overall objective is to reduce or slow down runoff from surrounding watersheds in order to lower water levels in Devils Lake thereby reducing overall flood damages.

Project Status: Ongoing

5. American Elm Survey
Grand Forks County

Contact Person: Joni Hamilton, AmeriCorps Member
Rich Axvig, DC

Participants: Joni Hamilton

Dates: February 1 - April 30 1995

Project Objective: The project is to record and map the remaining American Elms in neighborhoods that have experienced high losses due to Dutch Elm disease infections in the past few years. The surveyor will methodically canvass each private and public parcel to record remaining healthy elms. The addresses will then be recorded in a computerized file.

Project Status: Ongoing

6. North Dakota Winter Show
Valley City, ND

Contact person: Craig Herman, AmeriCorps Member
Carol Peterson, DC

Participants: Craig Herman
Jack Dahl
Jessica Krumwiede
Joni Hamilton

Dates: March 6 - 9, 1995

Project objectives: Increase public awareness and
support for the AmeriCorps Program.

AmeriCorps Members will assemble the national
AmeriCorps display at the ND Winter Show and
have at least two Members present to interact
with the public. They will answer any
questions the public may have regarding the
program and provide brochures to any
interested individuals.

Project will require overnight travel for
two AmeriCorps Members.

Project status: Completed as planned.

7. Larimore Dam Arboretum
Larimore, ND

Contact person: Joni Hamilton, AmeriCorps Member
Rich Axvig, DC

Participants: Joni Hamilton
Craig Herman
Jack Dahl
Jessica Krumwiede

Dates: April 24 - 28 1995 (2 days; tentative date)

Project Objective: The Larimore Dam is a major
recreational area in Grand Forks County. The
arboretum at the Larimore Dam was established
in the early 1980s and is used heavily by
local schools and other organizations as an
outdoor classroom.

In order to continue to serve as an quality
outdoor classroom, the trees and shrubs
within the arboretum need to be pruned and
the area requires some general maintenance.
Due to limited budget and staff, the local
Water Resources Board is unable to perform
this needed maintenance.

AmeriCorps Members duties would primarily involve the pruning and trimming of the trees and shrubs within the arboretum. Training as to the correct procedures would be provided by local staff.

The timing of this project is designed to coincide with 25th anniversary of Earth Day. Local NRCS staff would coordinate media coverage.

Overnight travel for two Members would be required.

Project status: Pending.

8. Whitman and McVile Dam Bank Stabilization
Whitman and McVile Dams, Nelson County

Contact persons: Jessica Krumwiede, AmeriCorps Member
Dean Stenseth, DC

Participants: Jessica Krumwiede
Joni Hamilton
Craig Herman
Jack Dahl

Dates: May 1 - 5, 1995

Project objective: Establish vegetative barriers along shorelines of McVile and Whitman Dams. When established, these vegetative buffer strips will stabilize the banks, reduce or eliminate bank erosion, improve water quality and act as a buffer by removing of agrichemicals from subsurface water which moves through the rooting zone prior to entering these reservoirs.

Travel for two Members for four days.

Project status: Pending.

9. Silver Lake Watershed Inventory
Sargent County

Contact person: Jack Dahl, AmeriCorps Member
Lucky Huether, DC

Participants: Jack Dahl
Craig Herman
Joni Hamilton
Jessica Krumwiede

Dates: May 15 - 19, 1995

Project Objective: Silver Lake is a major recreational area in Sargent Co. During this inventory process, the Americorps Members would inventory the watershed area, recording information regarding watershed health. This would include such info as water movement within the watershed (both natural and man assisted) culvert size, sediment load in culverts and road ditches, land use and farming practices (including tillage practices, residue levels, road ditch farming, etc.).

Project status: Pending.

10. Lake Elsie Watershed Inventory
Richland County

Contact person: Jack Dahl, AmeriCorps Member
Steve Fischer, DC

Participants: Jack Dahl
Craig Herman

Dates: June 5 - 8, 1995

Project Objective: Lake Elsie is located about 3 miles south of Hankinson, N.D. It serves as a recreation area for local urban and rural residents. Americorps Members would collect such data as water movement (both natural and man assisted), culvert size, sediment load in culverts and road ditches, land use and farming practices (such as tillage practices, residue levels, road ditch farming, etc.).

Project status: Pending.

11. Turtle River Riparian Repair
Grand Forks County

Contact person: Joni Hamilton, AmeriCorps Member
Paul Wellman, RC&D Coordinator

Participants: Joni Hamilton
Jessica Krumwiede
Craig Herman
Jack Dahl

Dates: July 10 - 15, 1995

Project Objective: Bank erosion is threatening a paved county road, causing the potential to threaten human safety. Project would involve some shaping by heavy equipment (county) and the laying of engineering fabric and the planting of sandbar willow/false indigo and/or grass to stabilize the river bank. The laying of the fabric and planting of the trees/grass would be completed by the Americorps Members.

Project status: Pending site selection and engineering assistance (if needed).

AmeriCorps surveys lakeside homes to determine possible flood damage

Homes and businesses threatened

By LEANN ECKROTH
Journal Staff Writer

Devils Lake flooding prevention efforts received a big boost last week from participants of AmeriCorps National Service program.

As part of a signature project, AmeriCorps enrollees were enlisted to survey houses near the lake. "We did it to get information on how many houses would be affected by the lakeside," explained Jessica Krumwiede, area AmeriCorps participant. "We were taking shots of the houses near the lake."

Ramsey County Emergency Manager Tim Heisler was pleased with the results. "We thought it would take weeks to complete this and we got done in one week," he said. "We were doing this to give information on time and how many houses were affected by the lakeside. This was a huge project."

That data will now be tallied and submitted to other government agencies to demonstrate just how serious the flooding situation is in Devils Lake and how much damage such lake level will cause to private property and businesses.

Heisler predicts 163 homes and four businesses are endangered by the rising waters.

Also assisting with the surveying were personnel from the Ramsey County Highway Department, the North Dakota State Water Department, the Natural Resource and Conservation Agency and Ramsey County Emergency Management.

Four people are currently enrolled in AmeriCorps in North Dakota. They are Krumwiede, Joni Hamilton, Jack Dahl and Craig Herman. They are all stationed on the eastern portion of North Dakota and all undertake projects concerning environment.

Krumwiede's experience in AmeriCorps will buy her some time and help her pay off student loans until she is certain of what major she wants to pursue. She recently received an associate of arts degree from UND-Lake region and plans to further her education to a four-year degree. She says the program has



Surveyors from the AmeriCorps program identified homes that were in danger along Devils Lake. (Journal Staff Photo by Shaun Riffe)

been a big confidence builder for her. "I've learned to stress what I mean to say more," she said. "It makes you feel good when you get the job done."

Organizing local projects has also boosted Krumwiede's leadership skills. She was responsible for organizing the recent group signature project. Krumwiede met with the right agencies and set up a time frame suitable to the others' schedules.

Hamilton is a single mom pursuing a masters in sociology. She can't say enough about the program. "I knew nothing about some of these issues. It opened my eyes," she said. "It opened a lot of doors for me. It's a big honor to be chosen."

Dahl however, has the most to gain from the AmeriCorp in employment experience and contacts he encounters. He holds an associate degree in wildlife from NDSU-Bottineau and a B.S. degree in range management. "I think we did a good job," he stated. "It's trained me and given me experience in what I want to go into."

The program assists as many as 22,000 individuals nationwide in

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Emergency Manager

areas of education, public safety, human services and environment. Overseeing the North Dakota program is the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The program was launched by President Bill Clinton during the summer of 1993 and is likened to the efforts of Peace Corps, only this program focuses on problems in America. It is not a charity program, but rather the president's service initiative to achieve direct results in addressing the nation's critical, human service, public safety and environmental needs at the community level.

North Dakota AmeriCorps participants all work in the eastern por-

tion of the state and often on flood related projects. Their projects began in September of 1994.

Participants of AmeriCorps receive a living stipend, education awards for college or vocational training, basic health insurance and child care allowance.

The group anticipates completing 13-18 more signature projects before their year is up.

But Newt Gingrich is eyeing this program as another area to cut. "They should not pull the plug on this," stated a concerned Hamilton. "One — this improves community service and two — it helps those who cannot afford to obtain a college education."

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OMAHA TEAM

Americorps 2nd Quarter Report
Omaha Team
December 1, 1994 - February 28, 1995
April 10, 1995

5. Progress towards meeting community service objectives:

A. Present information on resource conservation and flood plain management to local communities.

1. Set up booth and explained career opportunities in natural resources covering NRD, NRCS, and AmeriCorps for Career Day at Central High. Omaha, NE. Spoke directly to over 50 students and teachers.
2. Spoke to six school groups addressing more than 120 individual children. Topics included Endangered Species, Natural Landscape Design, Water Quality, and Biodiversity.
3. Worked the Army Corps of Engineers booth at Kids Explore. Omaha, NE. Over 500 children came through and saw small organisms from local streams and learned about water quality.
4. Initiated and assisted Papio-Missouri River NRD in developing a core group of volunteer naturalists to lead nature hikes with school groups from the Omaha, NE. metropolitan area. Chalco Hills conducts hikes for over 3000 children per year and the quality of their programs will improve significantly with this new group.

B. Conduct field investigations, gather data and compile reports on the status of land, plant and animal resources in the area.

1. Gathered and input data for Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Model for Wherspann Lake Water Quality Project. This project will affect over 100 land owners with regard to land management practices and over 15000 visitors per year to Chalco Hills Recreation Area.
2. Copied files from Bureau of Indian Affairs for Walthill Field Office of the NRCS. The data collected in this project is important to the conservationists influencing the land practices of several thousand acres of highly erodible land.
3. Assisted Omaha Office of the NRCS with Farm Plan tracking and other files maintenance.
4. Established 235 new PSU on quadrangle maps and began digitizing new NRI points, to provide statistical reliability for the Papio-Missouri River NRD.
5. Marked one hundred and sixty acres of forest boundaries on Winnebago Indian Reservation for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
6. Documented through photography the existing vegetation that will be removed to install a new sewer line in Standing Bear Recreation Area. Omaha, NE.

C. Coordinate public work projects to promote proper uses of natural resources and flood plain management.

1. Cut and transported 50 cedar trees to enhance fish habitat in Wehrspann Lake in cooperation with the Fly Fishers Club and P-MRNRD staff.
2. Prepared 12 Wood Duck nesting boxes for spring Wherspann Lake.
3. Initiated discussion among school principals and small business owners in north Omaha to develop a natural habitat trail connecting Omaha North High School and Druid Middle School.

6. Projected Outcomes For Next Quarter

- A. Remove and replace an existing handicapped accessible boardwalk in wetlands area at The Homestead National Monument. Beatrice, NE..
- B. Trails design, installation and maintenance at Wilderness Park. Westpoint, NE.
- C. Assist with cultural resource excavation at a site near the fish hatchery. Gretna, NE.
- D. Assist with Bioengineering project on Table Rock Creek at Arbor Farm. Nebraska City, NE.
- E. Assist with design and implementation of trail connecting Omaha North High School, North Omaha YMCA and Druid Hill Middle School.
- F. Continued work on BIA projects. Winnebago Indian Reservation, Winnebago, NE.
- G. Complete the training of naturalists at the P-MRNRD Chalco Hills Recreation area.
- H. Assist in the set up and tear down, as well as presentations during the Water Works Festival. Schramm Park. Louisville, NE.
- I. Complete NRI work to establish statistically reliable data base for P-MRNRD.
- J. Propose, organize and co-facilitate Project Wild and Aquatic Wild training for all AmeriCorps USDA members in Nebraska.
- K. Assist in all aspects of preparation before and teardown after the Children's Groundwater Festival. Acted as guides during the Festival. Grand Island, NE.

TECUMSEH TEAM

SECOND QUARTER AMERICORPS REPORT Community service projects for the quarter:

1. Assisting the National Arbor Day Foundation in the removal of flood debris from South Table Creek located on the Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska City. Approximately 90% of the debris has been removed from the creek, insuring that the creek bed is stable with minimal degradation of the environment.
2. The Tecumseh Team implemented the demonstration bioengineering project (stream bank stabilization) located on the west edge of the Arbor Day Foundation Farm. The team built and laid the 70 foot log crib adjacent to the bridge. With the Tecumseh Team providing the coordination, all of the Nebraska USDA AmeriCorps teams met at the project site on March 31 to complete the stream stabilization. Willow trees were cut and transplanted to the site.
3. The Tecumseh Team completed the inspections of all of the over three hundred flood control structures that the Nemaha Natural Resource District (NRD) are responsible in maintaining. In addition, the team has completed approximately one quarter of the debris removal (logs, cutting and treating of trees) on the structures.
4. The Tecumseh Team has begun assisting the NRD with their tree planting program. In this program, the team is helping the NRD to provide for cold storage of the many different types of trees at the NRD, and beginning with the actual planting.
5. The Tecumseh Team has continued to provide communities with restoration work on historical sites located in the region.
 - a. Pawnee City Historical District: 90% completion of artifact inventory, and 50% completion of interior painting on structures. Exterior painting and weatherization will begin next quarter.

b. Brownville Historical District: 65% completion of interior restoration on structures (including the MeriWether Lewis dredge), 40% completion of exterior painting.

c. Nebraska City: Grand Old Army of the Republic building (GAR), interior restoration, 10% completion.

6. The Tecumseh Team has begun work this quarter on providing assistance to the Falls City Arboretum Project. The work involves the preparation of historic bricks to be used in trails and inside open air structures and seeding and planting of native Nebraska plant species. In addition to the arboretum project, the team will provide assistance (maintenance) to the City of Falls City recreation sites and community buildings.

7. The Tecumseh Team has begun work assisting the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission in maintenance of the wildlife sites located near Tecumseh. This work involves the removal and treatment of pest trees from the sites. The trees are then used to make piles to create wildlife habitat areas. At the Indian Caves State Park, the team has begun the preparation of firewood bundles for sale to park visitors, other work at the park will be repairing adirondack shelters, landscaping, staining of picnic shelters and restrooms, and planting of flowers.

8. The Tecumseh Team has assisted in the SAFE project (Students Accepting Families Everywhere) for the Nemaha Valley School. This project involved the collection of housing and vacant lot information about communities in the Nemaha school district. This project was completed in the quarter.

9. The Tecumseh Team is assisting the Natural Resources Conservation Service with National Resource Inventory (NRI) project. This project involves the accurate calibration and insertion on county maps of three pre-selected data points per quarter section. The points will all be digitalized on the NRCS GIS data base with land use designations for each point. The team has been given the counties of Lancaster, Otoe, Richardson, Nemaha, Pawnee, and Johnson. Points for Lancaster County has been 90% completed (except for the digitalization), work will begin on the other counties in the next quarter.

10. The Tecumseh Team participated in the Children's Groundwater Festival in Grand Island and in the Water Celebration in Peru. Although adverse weather limited the team's assistance in Grand Island, the team helped with the storage and cleanup for the festival. At the water celebration in Peru, team members acted as guides for children's groups, and assisted in the presentation by the

Lincoln USDA AmeriCorps Team and helped to cleanup after the celebration.

11. The Tecumseh Team assisted the NRCS in holding the annual contractors meeting in Auburn. Team members helped to prepare and cleanup for the meeting, and functioned in obtaining contractor registration.

Community service for the remaining quarters.

The Tecumseh Team expects the community service work to go into high gear for the remainder of the members year of service. Many of the projects that have been begun in the previous quarters are primarily outside type of work, our progress toward completion of projects has been hampered by weather conditions. While the team does have inside community service work to perform during inclement weather, most of the projects that the communities need our help with are outside. The team anticipates completion of many of the projects during our year of service. Those community service projects that the team expects to finish: Pawnee City Historic District restoration, Brownville Historical District restoration, Nebraska City GAR project, Nebraska Game & Parks projects, tree planting with the NRD, Arbor Day Foundation bioengineering project and stream cleanup, and the NRCS NRI project. A historic restoration project for the Gage County Historical Society will also be completed in the remaining service year. Significant progress is also expected to be made on projects in Falls City, and in debris removal from flood control structures for the NRD. The team feels that our community service objectives for the region will be met in full in the provision of labor to community projects that otherwise would not be accomplished given the age of most of the resident volunteers, and the lack of resources in the communities.

NORFOLK TEAM

Norfolk AmeriCorps Second Quarter Report

December 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995

During the second quarter, the Norfolk Team participated in a variety of projects in Norfolk and the surrounding communities. This included: fish habitat enhancement, wood duck house construction, and volunteer tree cutting at the Willow Creek State Recreation Area; barbed wire fence removal at the Wood Duck Wildlife Management Area; Christmas tree recycling and distribution of recycling information for Keep Norfolk Beautiful; assistance with the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, Maternal and Elderly Commodities; packing hospital and school supplies to be shipped to Russia for the Orphan Grain Train; preparation of food and gift holiday boxes to those in need for Good Neighbors; litter control: Ta Ha Zouka Park, Central Park, Liberty Park, Skyview Park, and Highway 81; demolition work for the Salvation Army; assembling Family Support Services Informational Packets for the Wesely Center; moving furniture for disabled individuals for the Bestphage Mission; delivering donated clothes to Goodwill Industries; assistance for Goldenrod Hills Community Action with the transportation of food from the food pantry to their offices; participation in "Garbology" and "Build Your Own Aquifer" seminars for fifth and six graders at the H2O Daze Festival held in Norfolk; and participation as guides, ushers, and classroom assistants at the Children's Groundwater Festival in Grand Island.

Some of the projects planned for the third quarter are: tree planting with Keep Norfolk Beautiful; trail work at Pawito Caves; outdoor education at Deer Trails Wilderness Area; butterfly garden construction at Dead Timber State Recreation Area; barbed wire fence removal for the Game and Parks Commission; pesticide and herbicide container recycling, bank stabilization, and cedar tree revetment projects for the Natural Resources Conservation Service; and litter control at Maskenthine Lake and Pilger Recreation Area.

LINCOLN TEAM



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Second Quarterly Report
Lincoln USDA AmeriCorps Team
December 6, 1994 - March 17, 1995

5. The Lincoln team is making progress toward several community service objectives. Our team has developed and presented a hands-on educational activity which teaches how to reduce soil erosion and thus sediment pollution, the number one pollutant in streams and lakes. Six hundred students have had in-depth participation and have learned that not only is soil-saving vital to our survival, but to water quality as well. We have reached one-third of our objective which is to present at six community events, reaching at least 1800 students.

Another objective pursued has been mapping and gathering information on habitat and other related information on the flood plains of Lancaster County to further conservation-wise development and planning. A comprehensive survey of information on bird habitat and flyways has been made accessible to planners. About one-fourth of the flood plain has been digitized into the Geographic Information System, and the goal is to complete it.

Progress has also been made on the revitalization of the Normal neighborhood of Lincoln. The first phase of research that was near completion last quarter has been completed. The second phase is rechecking data, bolstering research where needed, making evaluations, taking photographs, and refining written reports so that they are judged 95% or better in accuracy and quality by the Lancaster County preservation

historian. Reports are then ready for the Nebraska Historical Society archives. At least six buildings are eligible for the National Historical Register, which furthers our goals in two ways: preserving historic resources and conserving energy and materials (in effect "recycling" buildings).

Another aim has been to enhance public access lakes in the area, and the Lincoln team has worked to improve shorelines, paint picnic tables, and trim trees. The ongoing work plan includes shoreline stabilization projects.

Progress has also been made reducing waste through a recycling education campaign for consumers in 23 grocery stores. Recyclables have been identified with labels, and maps have been posted directing shoppers to recycling dropoff sites. Efforts to create new dropoff sites and a "Save Money and Reduce Trash" (Shop S.M.A.R.T.) outreach program are also underway.

The Lincoln team has also furthered flood management in areas impacted by the floods of 1993 by assembling an informational display regarding 19 in-progress dams. The display is to be mounted at nine community sites which suffered in the floods; so far six are completed.

AmeriCorps members have lent a hand to many projects which promote awareness of environmental issues. Some examples are "Soil and Water Stewardship Week," "The Children's Groundwater Festival," and a science bowl sponsored by an environmental agency. Work at these events has included a wide variety of tasks including speaking to the media, preparing educational materials, transporting supplies, decorating, assembling stages, leading groups, and cleaning up (including getting recyclables to dropoff sites!).

6. The following expands on the above, paragraph by paragraph, with narratives, quotes, and stories relating to the work and with commentary on how the work furthered the local communities longterm infrastructure and member development.

The AmeriCorps "Runoff Relay" has garnered many exclamations of appreciation from students and teachers. Festival organizers Arlene Hanna and Soni Ericksen wrote "It was a hit!" (See letter.) One fifth-grader asked for a list of materials he would need to run the activity at home. It is impossible to quantify the affect such an educational experience on a young mind may have on the longterm infrastructure, but such enthusiasm toward lessons on erosion and water-quality is sure to help form a conservation-minded citizen whose behaviors would impact the community. A recent study showed that students attending a groundwater festival had altered behaviors and remembered the lessons six years later (this is enclosed). Our future planners, scientists, voters, and consumers, who will determine tomorrow's infrastructure, are the students reached today. And by teaching these lessons, the members have become fluent in soil conservation practices themselves. They have developed by learning many new skills, such as: public speaking; problem-

solving to create an activity; building activity boxes; creating presentational materials, awards, and teachers packets; making contacts and planning the event in six counties; and finding resources for materials and guidance.

Our work mapping the flood plain and gathering related information has drawn praise from the Audobon Society, the county commissioners, and the planning director. This information will be used by city-county planners, girders in the community's infrastructure, to chart environmentally-sound development. These tasks have also taught members new skills, such as: digitizing and Geographic Information Systems; making contacts and finding informational resources; writing inventories and surveys; and speaking at meetings.

The Normal neighborhood preservation project has yielded "good news," in the words of Sister Phyllis Hunhoff when notified that the "Bailey Bungalow" appears to be eligible for historic designation. Dr. Edward Zimmer, local historian, says AmeriCorps is doing "important work." Our efforts help to preserve part of Lincoln's historic infrastructure, and can alter the longterm infrastructure by revitalizing the neighborhood and lessening the emigration to (and creation of) new suburbs which consume resources and can create other environmental risks such as loss of habitat, recreation areas, and farmland; urban erosion; increased automobile use; and sometimes unecological flood control and other structures. Members have learned the environmental benefits of preservation, while learning architectural history and terminology; research and writing skills; and architectural photography.

AmeriCorps' work on public access lakes is appreciated by the understaffed Game and Parks crew. Members have improved their fitness as they learn the value of hard, physical work. Maintenance of the lakes is crucial to the recreational needs of the community and to the preservation of habitat.

The recycling campaign was overdue, but there was no one to do it, according to extension educator Lorene Bartos. Many shoppers have expressed the need to know what can be recycled and where it can be taken, and have said this project has provided them with answers. Members have learned how to take initiative and organize a project independently.

The flood control displays will be seen by thousands of citizens impacted by the floods of 1993 and provides them with information on solutions underway which will reduce flood damage and therefore benefit the community's longterm infrastructure. Member development has been furthered by designing, coordinating and scheduling the installations.

Other Lincoln AmeriCorps activities have been enthusiastically received (see enclosed letters). Members have improved their professional and work skills, while learning the value of service to their communities.

7. Projected outcomes for our third quarter include: presenting the "Runoff Relay" at least five more times, thus overshooting our original objective; completing the Normal

preservation project; at least two shoreline or stream stabilization projects; construction of two walkways at two public access environmental sites; developing a new recycling site and completing the Shop S.M.A.R.T. campaign; assisting on an archaeological inventory; and continuing to lend a hand on various environmental projects, such as wildlife inventories, Cultural Awareness Day, a storm water awareness educational project, and hiker-biker trails.

Midlands News

AmeriCorps Volunteers Take Pride in Work

Lincoln (AP) — Merletta King was not yet born when an army of idealistic young Americans answered President John F. Kennedy's call to battle hunger, disease and illiteracy in foreign lands.

But Ms. King, 19, is following in the footsteps of that earlier generation of volunteers, thanks to AmeriCorps, President Clinton's domestic version of the Peace Corps.

"I'm having fun doing what I'm doing," Ms. King said. "But we're not just sitting around taking government money. We feel this is serving our country."

Ms. King and four others form the local team of AmeriCorps volunteers sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and involved in environmental projects in Lancaster County and surrounding counties.

A separate AmeriCorps team at Lincoln Action Program is teaching nonviolent mediation skills to youths.

AmeriCorps "has had a lot of criticism," said Susan Roper, Ms. King's team leader. "But the way I look at it, we're doing some important things. I think we're doing work that needs to be done, but has no one to do it."

The groups' projects include cleanup duty on the Mo-Pac East Trail and development of environmental kiosks in communities on the trail; sealing aban-

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doned wellheads in Seward County to prevent groundwater contamination; and demonstrating soil conservation principles to young people at Earth Wellness and groundwater festivals.

The team also will help stabilize a creek embankment on the National Arbor Day Foundation farm in Nebraska City that was ruined in the flooding of 1993. And the volunteers have surveyed the former Normal University neighborhood in south Lincoln for homes that might be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

"It was like putting together pieces of a puzzle," Ms. Roper said of the survey.

"We're doing it because we want to help," said AmeriCorps volunteer Anita Loggins, who said she was inspired to national service after watching the Rwandan tragedy unfold on television last year.

"We're not doing anything glamorous, so there's not a lot of recognition," she

said. "But it's worthwhile, meaningful work."

Ms. Loggins and the other team members said the service was personally enriching. But, she acknowledged, the program also offered a more tangible reason to participate.

AmeriCorps volunteers who complete the 1,800 hours of service receive educational vouchers of \$4,725 that can be used for tuition or college loan payments.

Volunteers also receive a stipend of \$7,460 — which, over 1,800 hours — is roughly equal to minimum wage.

Team members said the educational voucher would come in handy.

Ms. King wants to use her voucher to attend an all-black college in Atlanta, she said. Team member Julie Foster, 25, will use her voucher to enroll in graduate school.

Ms. Loggins and volunteer Cindy Longoria, 19, also will use their vouchers

to return to school, they said.

"I don't see anything wrong with helping out the environment and getting money for college," Ms. Loggins said.

But critics in Washington, D.C., have called Clinton's program little more than "coerced volunteerism."

Recently, a House subcommittee voted to cut \$210 million from the \$580 million budgeted this year for the program. The House may vote whether to eliminate the entire program.

Elimination would affect about 20,000 people nationwide and 41 volunteers in Nebraska.

Craig Derickson, assistant state conservationist and AmeriCorps program director for USDA, said his agency received a grant of \$214,000 to sponsor 18 AmeriCorps workers in the state.

"All of (the USDA volunteers) are doing projects related to the environment, mostly centered around the flood of '93," Derickson said.

Twenty-three other Nebraska volunteers — including those at LAP — are sponsored by a grant of \$318,622 to the Community Action Program of Nebraska.

"The strong point of the program is youth get to do community service and get improved job skills. Both are a benefit to society," Derickson said. "I just hope (the critics) see the value in it."

USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
AMERICORPS QUARTERLY REPORT
New Jersey

- 149 . Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter vs. number who enrolled at the time of the launch

250

- 445 . Total number of hours of direct service performed by Members and total number of hours Members were in training

15,643.5 hrs. (01 time) / 1608 hrs. training
10675 hrs. (66 time)

- C. We have made the following staff changes:

Two Team Leaders were rotated into positions.
 One team member, John Usavage, resigned and was replaced by Wendy Kresge. *One member converted to part-time because of compelling reasons*

- 6 . Progress towards meeting community service objectives

Objective #1 is to increase the number of communities that complete water quality inventory by six.

Although no water quality inventories were completed, stream walks were completed on Six streams to categorize and map potential non-point pollution sources in the South Branch Raritan River watershed *and the Musconetcong*

Objective #2 is to improve the wildlife habitat value of 12 sections of streams from low to moderate.

Desnagged and reestablished stone reflectors in two streams to improve fish habitat (trout in one stream) and removed debris and reseeded 375 feet of streambank to reduce erosion, and improve water quality for wildlife. *Stabilized over 150 ft of stream bank using Bioengineering techniques.*
 Assisted in Girl Scout/community beachgrass planting project for dune stabilization following beach sand replenishment.

Designed and flagged 2.5 miles of trail in the Raritan and the Musconetcong watersheds.

- D-2. Progress towards meeting community building objectives

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Phase I - Assisted Bunker Hill Environmental Education Center in cleaning up a garden area to be used in 1995 for teaching school students gardening principles.

Phase II will be the actual teaching of school students which AmeriCorps members will assist with during the Spring of 1995.

Erected a playground set at the Lake Hopatcong State Park in the Musconetcong watershed.

Assisted County Parks Commission with pasture renovation project at Lord Sterling Stables used by county residents for riding lessons and therapeutic riding experiences for the handicapped.

D-3. Participant Development

Objective #2 is to encourage 33 percent of the Members to enter environmental careers or curriculum at the end of the first years.

Corps Members' development has ranged from interaction with other groups to interaction with the media.

Corps Members received training in wetlands identification, indicators for non-point source pollution and stream macroinvertebrates, *First Aid, Lyme's Disease*

In general, the work has progressed well; however, as expected, the objectives accomplished *during both quarters* *are* not equal to one *half* of the total objectives. This due to our program starting after the kick-off date and not becoming fully staffed until after the end of November.

7. Primary accomplishments

Established and/or strengthened contacts and working relationship between NRCS and the following groups:

- Somerset County Parks Commission
- Somerset County Planning Board
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- Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association
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- Musconetcong Watershed Association
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Obtained free office space for use by two AmeriCorps teams (Raritan and Somerset Parks) from the Somerset County Parks Commission.

9. Primary challenges

Lack of equipment. Teams need to have simple hand tools available (hand pruners, loppers, band saws). Lack of our own equipment makes scheduling individual jobs more difficult.

Difficulty in recruiting interested candidates.

10. Primary training and technical assistance needed

Our Members are in need of technical training in wildlife habitat, plant identification and resource conservation activities.

11. Media coverage

See the attached articles.

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1. Allow more flexibility for states regarding number of Members to be hired.
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4. Make child care reimbursements more realistic to actual local costs.

13. ESTIMATED COST OF OPERATING AMERICORPS

1. Direct Cost has consisted of the following
 - .2 of a ^{staff} year for 7 District Conservationist = 1.4 staff yrs
 - .6 of a staff year for PAS, HRM. and Program Director = 6 staff years

2. Financial support contributed by others (In Kind)

The state Commission provided two days of training for all AmeriCorps Members. 22 members attended the training from NRCS.

Other agencies / organization are providing free office space for 50 of our teams
\$100,000

OPTIONAL FORM 99 (7-90)

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Memo:

The following are attached
1. Quarterly Amerihaps Report
2. Amerihaps Assessment Report

Response requested? YES ☒ NO

If you have any problems receiving this material, please call

Carlis Henning at (908) 246-1171 Extension 122

Our mission is to provide leadership and administer programs to help people conserve, improve and sustain our natural resources and environment.

USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
AMERICORPS QUARTERLY REPORT
New Jersey

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**BUDGET INFORMATION**

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

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	5%
Approximate dollar amount	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u>21,700</u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>1,000</u>
Training costs	<u>3,500</u>
Supplies	<u>1,500</u>
Uniform costs	<u>--</u>
Program Costs	<u>30,700</u>
(Please explain what these costs were.)	

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies	<u> </u>
Travel	<u> </u>
Training	<u> </u>
Program Costs	<u> </u>
Other	<u> </u>



MEMBER ASSESSMENT
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 25 **TOTAL EMPLOYED:** 25

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 25
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 0

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

Box 1 - GENDER	
Number of Males	<u>10</u>
Number of Females	<u>15</u>
TOTAL	<u>25</u>

Box 2 - RACE	
Number of Caucasians	<u>20</u>
Number of African Americans	<u>4</u>
Number of Native Americans	<u>--</u>
Number of Hispanics	<u>--</u>
Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander	<u>1</u>
Other	<u>--</u>
TOTAL	<u>25</u>

Box 3 - EDUCATION	
Number w/out High School Diploma or GED	<u>--</u>
Number with High School or GED	<u>1</u>
Number with some college	<u>6</u>
Number with college degree	<u>18</u>
Number with Graduate degree	<u>--</u>
Number w/Professional or Trade School	<u>--</u>
TOTAL	<u>25</u>

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

BOX 4 - OTHER	
Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS	<u>15</u>
Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps	<u>1</u>
Number of children	<u>1</u>
Number w/Disabilities	<u>1</u>

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER**

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter:

1

Total-to-date

6

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

5

NOTE: 16 AmeriCorps Members have completed their 1,700 hours of
community service.

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

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

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

**PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION**

Number of Members authorized:	<u>2</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>2</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>--</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>2</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>2</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>--</u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>2</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>2</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>--</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>764</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>764</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>--</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>799</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>799</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>--</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to date:	<u>1,563</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>1,563</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>--</u>



MEMBER INFORMATION

FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site:	
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>23</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>--</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>18</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>18</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>--</u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>20</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>20</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>--</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>10,507</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>10,507</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>--</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>7,726</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>7,726</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>--</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	<u>33,513</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>33,513</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>--</u>



AMERICORPS
4th QUARTER REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name: WATERSHED RESTORATION TEAM

State: New Jersey

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Reporting Period: July 1 - September 30, 1995

Program Start-up date: October 17, 1994

IV. MEDIA ASSESSMENT**A. National Identity Activities This Quarter**

- . Joel Berg's visit/canoe and field trip in the Pine Barrens.
- . Team leader training in the State Office on June 30, 1995.

B. Media Coverage

Pictures of Corps Members were taken with Governor Whitman.

C. Other Creative Documentation

Brochures were created by Corps Members.

2. Team goals are such that many sponsors of many projects are needed. The time needed for project coordination, scheduling, is high relative to the length of each project (each project averaging less than one week.) This made it difficult for sponsors and the NRCS project manager to make commitments to get supplies and equipment, divert staff for project oversight, and in general, find the right amount of the right kind of projects.

HAS THE PROBLEM BEEN RESOLVED?

To some extent, the team has been allowed to divert from the stated goals of the project, and do more work with existing and ongoing projects.

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

Knowledge well in advance of whether the program will be funded would allow better pre-program coordination with sponsors. Longer term projects could then be developed specifically for the team, rather than relying on projects already underway.

3. Juggling familial responsibilities with a full-time job.

HAS THE PROBLEM BEEN RESOLVED? No.

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

Cutting down hours when needed to deal with children and their care (especially in the summer).

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

AmeriCorps Members should be given flexibility when scheduling hours so that being a volunteer is not a hardship. There should be the possibility of part-time hours and prorated tuition vouchers.

III. TRAINING ASSESSMENT

Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs

Computers with Word Perfect software would aid Corps Members and site managers in developing professional documents.

D. Other Accomplishments: (continued)

- Assisted Rutgers and Natural Resources Conservation Service to promote stewardship at field days, tours and open houses.

E. Unique Successes or "Great Stories":

- Governor Whitman assisted the team at the NRCS/USF&WS/ local environmental commission sponsored "Partners for Wildlife" project at River Road Park in Bedminster on Earth Day. The project included two areas of created wetlands, various herbaceous and woody plantings for uplands and wetlands, a butterfly garden area, and purple martin houses erected to attract the species.
- Work done by the Bridgewater and Hackettstown teams was instrumental in helping Somerset County Parks to "make the deadline" of opening the trails system at the Sourland Mountain Preserve on National Trails Day. The trails are already being heavily used by birders, hikers, bikers and runners.
- The Hamilton Square Team (Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association) received a \$500.00 grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Community Forestry Program for use in restoring an arboretum at the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association.
- Met with other AmeriCorps Members from other agencies and organizations in the state. Corps Members compared programs and experiences with members outside of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

II. PRIMARY CHALLENGES**A. Nature of Problem**

- Lack of adequate pay caused ten Members to seek part-time jobs. Three Corps Members left the program for better paying jobs to handle their needs.

HAS THE PROBLEM BEEN RESOLVED? No.

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

Concerns were discussed with Corps Members.

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

Locality pay in high cost areas such as New Jersey.

C. Community Building (continued)

- . Restored trail system - marked and trimmed 12 mile neglected trail system, built and installed 30 sq. ft. of board walk, put up bird houses, constructed and installed 15 ft. foot bridge, removed dangerous dead trees and limbs, restored wildflower trail, assembled and maintained cooperative course.
- . Restored arboretum/environmental center - pruned and planted trees on three acres.
- . School gardens were established at two elementary schools in North Brunswick. The children assisted team members to clean up the areas, establish the planting beds, plant the seeds, and weed as necessary during the school year.
- . Created picnic area - removed fences, painted out building, planted grass seed, built picnic tables.
- . Earth Day 1995 Event - 2000 in attendance
 - Led environmental education walks
 - Staffed booths with information for public
 - Held ECOthon for 40 area high school students
- . Organic Lawn Conference - 50 in attendance
 - Conceived of ideas, speakers, format
 - Created marketing materials
 - Facilitated event

D. Other Accomplishments:

- . Led 128 environmental education programs for 2,325 students, which resulted in a 30% increase in programming.
- . Attended and presented at local science fairs, flower shows, nature fairs and other natural resource festivals.
- . Presented volunteer options to 200 high school students.
- . Staffed natural resource exhibits during Earth Week in several municipalities.
- . Assisted with Envirothon in Mercer County sponsored by Mercer County Soil Conservation District, New Jersey State Soil Conservation Committee and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for high school students in the state.

B. Member Development (continued)

Sexual Harassment Awareness Training (8 hrs.) - USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Pine Barrens Ecosystem (8 hrs.) - USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

North Jersey Geology and History of Mining (6 hrs.) - New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Native Wildflowers as Habitat (2 hrs.) - USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Trail Development and Orienteering (6 hrs.) - Somerset County Parks Commission

Endangered Species Management (4 hrs.) - New Jersey Raptor Trust

Natural Resource Inventory Techniques (2 hrs.) - USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service

New Jersey Raptors (4 hrs.) - New Jersey Raptor Trust

- . Corps Members attended at least one Professional Society and one Environmental Educators Conference.

C. Community Building

Objective 1: To increase the number of communities organizing and supporting cleanup projects from four to 15.

Progress towards meeting this objective:

- . Organized and supported 23 cleanup projects.
- . Earth Day - led students from 12 area high schools on stream cleanup at Carnegie Lake in Princeton.
- . Earth Day - Organized citizens in beachgrass planting on dunes in Atlantic, Cape May, Ocean and Monmouth Counties.
- . Earth Day - Worked with other AmeriCorps teams in removing debris from streams in Morris, Warren, Mercer, Hunterdon and Somerset Counties.

B. Member Development

Objective 1: To encourage 33 percent of the Members to enter environmental careers or curriculum at the end of the first year.

Progress towards meeting this objective:

- 28% of our 25 Corps Members have been employed by conservation agencies or are pursuing studies in natural resources.
- Corps Members' development has ranged from interaction with environmental groups to lunches with recognized leaders in professional groups in the fields of water resources, biology and naturalism.
- One Corps Member was hired as Natural Resource Assistant by the Burlington County Soil Conservation District.
- One Corps Member was hired as Project Manager by the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Management Program.
- One Corps Member was hired as Forester by the Morris County Soil Conservation District.
- One Corps Member is pursuing a naturalist position with a New Jersey park.
- Two Corps Members are pursuing degrees in the fields of biology and natural resource management to teach or work with an environmental agency or organization.
- Corps Members' training has consisted of the following:
 - Basic AmeriCorps Training (Spring and Summer sessions) - New Jersey State Commission on National and Community Service
 - CPR - Corporation for National and Community Service
 - Streamwater Chemical Assessment - Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association
 - Rapid Bio-Assessment Protocol - New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
 - Bio-Engineering Techniques - USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Roundtables on Water Quality - New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

I. OBJECTIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Community Service

Objective 1: To increase the number of communities that complete water quality inventory by six.

Progress towards meeting this community service objective:

- . Completed seven water quality inventories.
- . Completed stream walks on 15 streams (approximately 120 miles), categorized and mapped potential non-point pollution sources in the Stony Brook-Millstone, South Branch, Musconetcong and Raritan Watersheds.
- . Trained approximately 75 citizens to conduct stream walks.

Objective 2: To improve the wildlife habitat value of 12 sections of streams from low to moderate.

Progress towards meeting this objective:

- . Completed 20 sections of wildlife habitat.
- . Stabilized approximately 3,000 feet of streambanks using trees and bioengineering techniques to reduce erosion and improve stream water quality and surrounding areas for wildlife habitat. On several sites, a native wildflower seed mixture was used on disturbed areas.
- . Made several large brush piles on one site to enhance wildlife habitat.
- . Identified and prioritized regional wildlife issues in the Stony Brook-Millstone watershed.
- . Several miles of newly established trails were improved for wildlife by removing debris to improve water quality.
- . Riparian buffer plantings were completed in three watersheds along streams.
- . With the assistance of Governor Christine Whitman, trees were planted at River Road Park in Bedminster. Later, a butterfly garden was established and martin nesting houses were erected to complete the upland/wetland wildlife habitat project.

AMERICORPS

**FINAL REPORT
FY 95**

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site Name: Astac, NM
State: New Mexico
Site Id # 94ADFD047L31G
Your Name: F. Leon Martinez
Your Position: RC&D Coordinator
Telephone Number: 505-761-4686
Fax Number: 505-761-4624
Date Report Completed: September 27, 1995
Reporting Period: 10-1-94 thru 9-30-95
Program Start-up date: November 28, 1994

Member Information

Number of Members authorized for your site:	3
Rural Development Corps Members	3
Number of Members enrolled at end of Quarter	3
Rural Development Corps Members	3
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	3
Rural Development Corps Members	3
Total Hours of Direct Service for Previous Quarter:	
Rural Development Corps Members	5100
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter	
Rural Development Corps Members	1807
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	
Rural Development Corps Members	5100

PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

THERE ARE NO PART-TIME MEMBERS AT THIS SITE

VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT
NONE

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

Staff changes made this quarter:

NONE

Program structural changes made this quarter:

NONE

Number of Members who have left Nation Service
this quarter

0

Total

0

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
Americorps Service.

0

MEMBER ASSESSMENT
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITION: 3 TOTAL EMPLOYED: 3

TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED

3

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

BOX 1 GENDER

Number of Males

1

Number of Females

2

TOTAL

3

BOX 2 - RACE

Number of Caucasians

2

Number of Hispanics

1

TOTAL

3

BOX 3 - EDUCATION

Number with college degree

2

Number with Graduate degree

1

Total

3

BOX 4 - OTHER

Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS

3

BUDGET INFORMATION

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps (Local Level Only)	
Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	<u>15%</u>
Approximate dollar amount	<u>\$2000.00</u>
Travel cost for members & Managers	<u>\$1616.83</u>
Training costs	<u>0</u>
Supplies	<u>200.00</u>
Uniform costs	<u>0</u>
Program costs	<u>??</u>

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps	<u> </u>
Supplies	<u> </u>
Travel	<u>644.77</u>
Training	<u> </u>
Program Costs	<u> </u>
Other	<u> </u>

Objectives:

Progress towards meeting its community service objective

Assisted in writing funding proposal for Lybrook Elementary School.

Provided a Growth Study for the San Juan Basin.

Completed an Economic Directory for the Four Corners Region.

Assisted with funding proposal for Rodent and Pest Management in San Juan County.

Started with the Gallup Beautification Project.

Provided a needs assessment for San Juan County Partnership.

PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

The experience the members have received in being given the opportunity to be creative and innovative in seeing projects through from beginning to end will assist them in being successful in their careers.

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

Developed a Human Resource Directory for the United Way.

Helped paint the Salvation Army Building.

Assisted in Restoring the Aztec Theater which will be used for community activities.

Service day at Genesis Adult Day Care - general clean up and planting grass.

3. Other Accomplishments:

4. Unique Successes or "Great Stories":

PRIMARY CHALLENGES

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

NATURE OF PROBLEM

Please state the problem clearly and concisely. Be candid.

There have been some personality conflicts.

HAS THE PROBLEM BEEN RESOLVED?

Yes

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

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

TRAINING ASSESSMENT

PRIMARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS

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

The training in Houston was excellent. More AmeriCorps members should have and would have attended if the Project Directors had been notified that members could attend.

AMERICORPS/USDA QUARTERLY REPORT
JASON J. DEHERRERA AMERICORPS MEMBER
RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FORMALLY FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

- I. Number of members enrolled at end of quarter
vs number who enrolled at the time of launch.

1/1

- II. Total number of hours of direct service
performed by members and total number of
hours members were in training.

674 Direct Service
226 Training

- III. Any major staff or structural changes.

The county supervisor, Eric Vigil, is the County Supervisor for 2 counties. Mr. Vigil is also the acting District Director for District I. The Bernalillo County office has co-located to the Sandoval County office and both Counties are being serviced from the Sandoval County location.

Progress towards meeting community service objectives.

- 1] promote and/or assist in training packagers for the 502 and 504 rural housing services to Native Americans in Pueblos that are located within Sandoval County.
- 2] The hope result is to have trained packager(s) within each and/or to service each Native American Pueblo.
- 3] The impact or service quality will be measured by the number of those interested/assisted in RECD housing programs.
- 4] All interested Native American Pueblo participants will have increased their knowledge of RECD housing services by 75%.
- 5] Explore different avenues in which one can outreach and coordinate meetings with citizens and

other organizations to achieve results in the removal of unsanitary and unsafe dwellings.

Primary accomplishments

I am trying to coordinate another packaging certification seminar for people in and out of the ~~region~~. This seminar is to educate people who are with nonprofit organizations (that work with financially dependant people on a daily basis) to assist in the application process. The seminar explains and answers questions pertaining to the application. This packaging process reduces the normal 504 loan/grant application process by more than half the time. Which results in more readily available sources in a reduced amount of time.

I have given a number of presentations to the housing improvement coordinators/staff that work within the 8 pueblos in the Sandoval County. I have also spoken to the Economic and Community Developers within various communities located in Sandoval County. In addition I have attended and participated in the local city hall council meetings to gain more knowledge of community needs. I also attended meetings pertaining to the tourism in Sandoval County and participated in discussions on how to promote tourism.

During fiscal year 1994, the total of 504 loan/grant combination applications were 12. The total within Indian pueblos were none. Since the beginning of fiscal year of 1995, 12 have been approved and 30 are on hand pending funding. This is a total of 42 since fiscal year 95. As compared to 0 within Indian pueblos in fiscal year 1994, ~~of 504 loan/grant combination(s) are on Indian land for this fiscal year of 1995.~~

Various inquiries were conducted concerning and directly pertaining to the HPG program. Due to time constraints, and eligibility requirements of the application process, the benefits of this program would not reach an adequate amount of assistance for the amount of people in need whom are eligible for housing preservation.

The tourism committee was just allocated the use of a building located in the town of Bernalillo. Because their funding is so limited, office furniture that was in excess by RECD, was donated to the Chamber of Commerce so that the office would then be furnished at no cost.

I also attended and completed a "Writing Successful Grant Proposals" course. There was also a national conference for Americorps in Memphis Tennessee. The focus of attention was learning how to "Help Small Towns Survive". The purpose of the conference was to gain a basic understanding of community development principles, theories, methods and practices.

Primary challenges

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I have been made aware of a memorandum that reads the agency has been red lined in particular areas. This means that due to the growth of a community to the west of our location we are unable to aid people who may require financial assistance in removing health or safety hazards. This is currently being addressed to the congressman through the town of Bernalillo. The removal of this restriction would really benefit allot of people who desperately need financial assistance.

One major challenge is funding allocations. We have a number of applications just waiting for the next money allocation. These people need help, yet they have to wait until the money is available. With respect to the money given to nonprofit organizations for the certificated packaging program is now beginning to lack funds as well. These are programs that have had major positive impacts for not only people in need, but the agency itself.

Primary training and technical assistance needed

The greatest training has and will continue to be the gaining of experience in learning how to effectively assist the financially dependant people and the communities I am directly involved with.

Media coverage

none

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

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Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: April 10, 1995

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of person completing this report: Ana Lourdes Rodriguez

Position of person completing this report: AmeriCorp Member

Operating Site ID # (Please refer to attached list): _____

Telephone number: (505) 527-6975

Fax number: (505) 527-6978

e-mail address (if available): _____

Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Rural Economic and Community Development

2. Program name: Rural Economic and Community Development

3. Corporation grantee name: Rural Economic and Community Development

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

☐ First Quarter
(10/1—12/31)

☒ Second Quarter
(1/1—3/31)

☐ Third Quarter
(4/1—6/30)

☐ Fourth Quarter
(7/1—9/30)

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? 10/11/94

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

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

7. Please provide estimates of the following:

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

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

PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS QUARTER

Assisted the Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc. with their application for an ~~emergency water assistance grant~~ to improve the water supply for the Alamo Chapter residents. The Alamo Navajo Indian Reservation is one of the most remote Native American Communities in the Country. It is located on 76,000 acres of arid desert land in West Central New Mexico. In addition, Alamo has had a rapid population growth which caused an immediate need to renovate and increase the capacity of their existing water system to adequately serve the present user. As a result, Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc. was granted an emergency community assistance grant of \$481,000.00 on February 28, 1995. Furthermore, this grant will be used to improve the water supply for approximately 1,600 residents by installing new wells and performing storage tank rehabilitations and control modifications. FEDERAL P

Assisted Mesquite MDWC & MSWA with their application to obtain a colonias grant to make water system improvements. The primary beneficiaries of this project are approximately 750 residents and 30 commercial customers who purchase water from the Mesquite Mutal Domestic Water Consumers Association. Also, the effect of the project on the residential, commercial, and transportation resources in the project area is an improved capacity to provide potable water particularly during high flow periods in the summer months. As a result, Mesquite MDWC & MSWA was granted a \$386,000.00 colonias grant on March 16, 1995. P

Attended a one week training at Memphis, TN where I participated in classes, group discussion, and workshops related to community development. In addition, I gained knowledge in the areas of community development roles and approaches to community development. Also, I learned techniques relating to effective strategies for marketing community development processes and projects, strategic planning and how to perform effective networking.

Completed 4.0 hours of training given by the New Mexico Rural Water Association on January 19, 1995. This training provided me with additional skill and knowledge to help assist the national effort to safeguard the drinking water of Rural America.

Attended a New Mexico Rural Water Association Seventeenth Annual Statewide Technical Training Conference at Albuquerque, NM where I participated in classes, and workshops related to management in the 90's and effective board meetings and board responsibilities.