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# AmeriCorps \*USA

## USDA State Progress Report (CNS Grant No. 95ADFDC047)

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### SECTION I - STATE INFORMATION

2. State: North Dakota

3. Agency: ARS  NRCS  Forest Service  RECD  FSA  FCS

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10. MEMBER DATA:

OP SITE ID: Y38A

Site Supervisor: Jay Marr

PHONE: 701-239-5373

STATE: ND

Agency/Org Name: RC&D

FAX: 7012356706

City: Fargo, ND

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 5

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS				Total
					1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	
BOSCH, KELLY	M.	F	A	I	413	327	514	<u>446</u>	1254
GRANT, PAMELA	J.	F	A	I	478	336	510	<u>376</u>	1324
KRUMWIEDE, JESSICA	A.	F	A	I	488	381	561	<u>270</u>	<del>1429</del> 1430 *
ORTS, JACK	R.	F	A	I	473	317	544	<u>366</u>	<del>1333</del> 1334 *
PRINTZ, JESSE	J.	F	A	I	402	353	586	<u>359</u>	1341

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					1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	
Total Hours:									6679

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 5

No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 5

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved\*: 0

REMEMBER THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS FOR EACH MEMBER SHOULD BE THE HOURS SERVED AND NOT INCLUDE THE HOURS FOR PERSONAL LEAVE (40) AND HOLIDAYS (72). IF YOU HAVE BEEN COUNTING THESE IN THE FIRST 3 QUARTERS, PLEASE ADJUST THE 4TH QUARTERS HOURS SO THAT THE TOTAL IS AT LEAST 1700 OF SERVICE (assuming the person was full-time and successfully completed the program.) You can have more than 1700 hrs for a total just be sure all the hours were service hours. Thank You

\* If the number of Members allocated is greater than the number of forms received, there are four options: 1. There are Members enrolled in programs whose forms have not been submitted to the USDA Director of National Service. If that is the case, list the names, SSN, Status and hours of the missing members on the back of this sheet and send the enrollment forms to the USDA Director of National Service. 2. The enrollment forms were sent directly to the Corporation. If that is the case, send copies to the USDA Director of National Service immediately. 3. There are vacancies in your program you intend to fill in the next reporting period. If that is the case, enter the number of vacancies on the appropriate line. 4. There are vacancies that you can not fill and you are relinquishing them.

REMEMBER, MEMBERS WHOSE FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT USDA ARE NOT CONSIDERED ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM AND THEIR BENEFITS (EDUCATION AWARD, ETC.) ARE JEOPARDIZED!!!

If the number of members for whom forms have been received is greater than the number of members allocated resulting in a negative number appearing in the "No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Received" line, you have enrolled more members in your program than authorized. Please explain this over enrollment. It may be that some members have terminated, in which case, change their status on this form and submit the proper end of term of service form to the USDA Director of National Service.

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11. Please list the total number of **volunteers** who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members in the state during this period.

1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>184</u>

12. Please list the total number of **hours of community service** completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
<u>432</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>1029</u>

**SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES:**

13. **Original Community Service Objectives:** Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. **You need to fill in the column marked "4th QTR Quantity" and the column marked "4th QTR Success" --- as well as any column that is blank, has a zero, or has a question mark --- for EVERY operating site.** Each chart should have the following columns:

"State" - The standard two-letter code for your state

"Obj No" - Each community service objective for each site is assigned an individual number

"Op Site" - Each site's unique operating site identification

"PGM Code" - Each type of service has been assigned a unique code to describe that type of service. See the appendix to this report entitled "Community Service PGM Code List"

"Obj/Impact Statement" - A few words verbally summarizing the community service objective

"Year's QTY Target" - The year's numerical goal for the people or things to be aided

"Target Unit of Measurement" - The unit of measure used in the previous column

**"4th QTR Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Year's QTY Target"**

"Year's Success Target" - Number for a way of measuring *quality* of service provided --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Success Unit of Measure" - Explanation of the number in the previous column --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

**"4th QTR Success" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Year's Success Target"**

"Dec" - - - "Please Note Changes"  
*Jay.* N.D.

OP SITE: Y38A

USDA AMERICORPS - 95ADFD047XXXX  
 FIRST THREE QUARTERS' PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES  
 BY STATE AND PROGRAM (OBJECTIVE) CODE

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State	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Year's QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure	FIRST 3 QTR's Quantity	PERCENT COMPLETE
ND	Y38A	8	EN-E015B	Environmental education in outdoor classrooms	100	students - educated	100	100.00 %
ND	Y38A	1	EN-E017B	Environmental education	45	presentations - educational	<del>130</del> 62	288.89 % <i>137.78%</i>
ND	Y38A	7	EN-E039A	Plant materials/plant materials grown	50	plants - grown	50	100.00 %
ND	Y38A	5	EN-E060A	Stream cleared of debris	4	miles - cleared	4	100.00 %
ND	Y38A	3	EN-E061A	Stabilize streambank with willow and grass	<del>1</del>	mile - stabilized	1	500.00 % <i>100%</i>
ND	Y38A	2	EN-E063A	Install BMP's	40	BMP's - installed	<del>52</del> 48	130.00 % <i>120%</i>
ND	Y38A	6	EN-E072A	Timber stand improvement/ trees planted	2000	trees - planted	2000	100.00 %
ND	Y38A	12	EN-E087A	Public housing rehabilitated	1	unit - rehabilitated	1	100.00 %
ND	Y38A	11	EN-E091A	Volunteer recruitment	100	volunteers - recruited	179	179.00 %
ND	Y38A	2	EN-E092A	Farmers provided Farm*A*Syst	400	assessments - water	541	135.25 %
ND	Y38A	2	EN-E093A	Owners provided with Home*A*Syst	400	assessments - water	541	135.25 %
ND	Y38A	4	EN-E131A	Water quality/test on private sources	130	tests - water	<del>240</del> 145	184.62 % <i>111.54%</i>
ND	Y38A	1	EN-E136A	Develop wellhead protection plans	10	plans - wellhead protection	<del>21</del> 16	210.00 % <i>160%</i>

\* Corrections made to "First 3 QTR's" cumulative progress.

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

(Under "4th QTR Quantity" enter the amount of work done in the fourth quarter. Do the same for "4th QTR Success".)

Remember, since this is the last or final report, there should be no objectives with a zero entered in quantity or success, if a zero was entered for the first Three quarters. (See your last quarterly report) If you have objectives that you could not do anything on please explain why.

State	Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Year's		4th QTR Quantity	Year's		4th QTR Success
					QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure		Success Target	Success Unit of Measure	
ND	Y38A	1	EN-E136A	Develop wellhead protection plans	10	plans - wellhead protection	-0-	10	Number of measures implemented	-0-*
ND	Y38A	1	EN-E017B	Environmental education	45	presentations - educational	7	10	% of adults demonstrating increased knowledge	100%
ND	Y38A	11	EN-E091A	Volunteer recruitment	100	volunteers - recruited	5	1500	# of things/people aided	70
ND	Y38A	12	EN-E087A	Public housing rehabilitated	1	unit - rehabilitated	-0-	100	% meeting codes	-0-*
ND	Y38A	2	EN-E063A	Install BMP's	40	BMP's - installed	-0-	80	% decrease in environmental problem	-0-*
ND	Y38A	2	EN-E093A	Owners provided with Home*A*Syst	400	assessments - water	-0-	30	% adopt water practices	-0-*
ND	Y38A	2	EN-E092A	Farmers provided Farm*A*Syst	400	assessments - water	-0-	30	% adopt water practices	-0-*
ND	Y38A	3	EN-E061A	Stabilize streambank with willow and grass	0	mile - stabilized	-0-	90	% decrease in erosion	-0-*
ND	Y38A	4	EN-E131A	Water quality/test on private sources	130	tests - water	7	130	number of residents gain access to water	7

\* "Year's QTY Target"met or exceeded during first three quarters.

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State	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Year's		Year's			
					QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure	4th QTR Quantity	Success Target	Success Unit of Measure	4th QTR Success
ND	Y38A	5	EN-E060A	Stream cleared of debris	4	miles - cleared	4	3	tons of debris	100%
ND	Y38A	6	EN-E072A	Timber stand improvement/ trees planted	2000	trees - planted	2000	80	% of trees surviving	100%
ND	Y38A	7	EN-E039A	Plant materials/plant materials grown	50	plants - grown	50	50	# of plants surviving	100%
ND	Y38A	8	EN-E015B	Environmental education in outdoor classrooms	100	students - educated	100	90	% of students with increased knowledge	100%



- N.D.
15. **Community Service Objectives Narrative (optional):** If you feel it is necessary and/or helpful, you may use this space to describe in more detail accomplishments towards the original community service objectives reported in question 13 and/or your additional community service objectives reported in question 14. Please make sure you include the Operating Site ID Number in each narrative description so we can be clear which accomplishment is matched to which site.

The ND AmeriCorps USDA Rural Development team met or exceeded all objectives approved by the Corporation of National Community Service, and completed more than 20 additional community service projects (signature projects) throughout their 9 months of service.

16. **Community Building Objectives Narrative (optional):** Briefly describe how projects have brought together diverse groups of people, empowered communities to solve their own problems, built long term structures that will last beyond each AmeriCorps Member's term of service, and generally improved the abilities of local citizens to help improve their own lives.

The community service projects completed this year could not have been accomplished without the coordination, experience, public relation skills, and perseverance of the AmeriCorps team. Through expectations that project sponsors match AmeriCorps Community Service hours with local volunteer contributions, on site equipment and resources needed to complete the projects, as well as public information opportunities (news releases, media, etc.); diverse groups of individuals (up to 80 volunteers at Ottertail rival) representing various age groups, gender, ethnicity, and physical capabilities were brought together to complete projects within local communities. Local empowerment instilled a sense of pride, ownership, and knowledge that with minimal assistance... "it can be done!"; as various groups worked to solve resource conservation, education, housing, and environmental problems within their communities through the assistance of AmeriCorps. Twenty three project signs were delivered to project sponsors to mark the sites commemorating community service (ie. stream bank bioengineering, reforestation, wellhead protection areas, housing rehabilitation projects, etc.) The memories will last a life time. The projects will endure well into the next century if not longer.

17. **AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives Narrative (optional):** Briefly describe how the AmeriCorps Members themselves have benefited from serving in the program, particularly in regard to expanding their own educational opportunity and increasing their own ethic of personal responsibility. Describe specific skills learned by members through either their service or training. Describe any Members that earned a GED or otherwise advanced their education. Describe any members that left public assistance to join AmeriCorps. Relate how AmeriCorps allowed Members to continue college or graduate school. Describe how Members may have changed their ethic of work, citizenship, or community volunteerism.

The following excerpts taken from an article on the AmeriCorps "96" graduation at Pierre SD:

....."Jack Orts, ND AmeriCorps service member, provided his tribute to the ND team using the acronym and phrase "PEER Pressure." Jack introduced each member of the team and associated a personal trait and/or AmeriCorps desire: "P" - Pride in your community and job (Pamela Grant), "E" - Education in resource conservation through training (Kelly Bosch), "E" - Experience obtained from the completion of various projects (Jesse Printz), "R" - Responsibility obtained through the coordination of projects (Jessica Krumwiede), and "P" - Patience in working with diverse groups under various conditions (Jack Orts). Jack said, "PEER Pressure is what held the team together, motivated the team, and influenced the delegation of individual responsibilities.".....

..... "Jessica will pursue her degree in Anthropology from UND, Jesse will pursue a degree in Range and Animal Science at NDSU, Jack Ortz would like to pursue his Ph.D. in Range Science, and Pamela and Kelly would like to return for one more year of AmeriCorps community service.".....

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## SECTION V - SUCCESS STORIES:

**18. Unique Successes or Great Stories:** Briefly describe one or two unique and/or exceptional success stories, a program highlight, or a "great story" from your state. Please explain any instance in which AmeriCorps Members recruited non - AmeriCorps community volunteers for projects. Please include all media coverage, including original newspaper clips, videotapes of TV coverage, and cassette tapes of radio coverage; any letters of support or thank you letters; "before and after" photographs, brochures, posters, and newsletters created by the project; and other types of creative documentation.

- Ottetail River Revival 80 volunteers to clean up a debris laden portion of the Ottetail River (Video enclosed of "WDAY" - Fargo coverage including interview with AmeriCorps Service member Jessica Krumwiede on Americorps program.

- Thank you article in ND State Health Department Newsletter on wellhead protection project and water testing activities.

- Completed second newsletter as a final AmeriCorps report, which is presently being prepared for printing. Enclosed is the draft, minus the pictures. Copies of the newsletter will be forwarded to you shortly after printing is completed.

## SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

**19. Difficulties Faced by the Program:** Use this section to report on any problems your Members have encountered in the program this period. These should be significant issues which were related to achieving objectives, significant delays in implementation, administrative problems, or any other expectations, events or incidents that have caused the Members concern. State the problem concisely and how the issue has, or has not been resolved. Be sure to outline the steps taken and identify any resources needed to assist in resolving the problem.

See previous correspondence from North Dakota addressing recommended improvements to AmeriCorps CARE (child care).

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## SECTION V - GENERAL INFORMATION

20. **National Identity Activities (OPTIONAL):** Please describe any activities undertaken by Members that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. These could include joint service activities, meetings with other AmeriCorps projects, national telephone conference calls, use of Internet to communicate with other sites, etc.

AmeriCorps Graduation ceremonies were held July 30, 1996 in Pierre, SD. The recognition honored both North Dakota and South Dakota AmeriCorps service members. Under the ceremonial title "Getting Things Done for America", eighteen graduates representing ND AmeriCorps, SD AmeriCorps - Rosebud, and SD - Pierre, received graduation plaques honoring their year of community service. Hank Bowker, well-known SD vocalist, concluded the ceremonies with an "American Trilogy". As a gesture of appreciation a Native American dance was later performed which symbolized an appreciation for the services provided by the "1996" SD and ND AmeriCorps teams.

21. **Organizational Changes:** Please outline and describe any changes in your program's organization and/or structure during the quarter.

None

22. **Organizational Improvements (OPTIONAL):** Please write any suggestions by you, your Members, site managers, or anyone else regarding ways in which the USDA or CNS AmeriCorps program could be improved.

Please note previous correspondence from North Dakota addressing recommended improvements to AmeriCorps CARE (child care)

23. **Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs (OPTIONAL):** Please specify precisely what kind of staff or Member training or other technical assistance can be provided by USDA, the Corporation for National Service, or other sources to improve your projects.

- Leadership training for AmeriCorps service members
- Training workshop on volunteer recruitment
- Training workshop on effective public information and education strategies
- Grant writing/fund raising (for community service projects)

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## GOOD JOB AMERICORPS!

Through hard work, good organization, and community cooperation, the AmeriCorps Program has surpassed its planned objectives for 1996 (WHP Newsletter, 10/95). The AmeriCorps team was able to complete wellhead protection plans for 14 community and rural water systems, exceeding by four the ten systems originally planned.

AmeriCorps team members are comprised of undergraduate and graduate student volunteers from the North Dakota University system. Pamela Grant, Jack Orts, Jessica Krumwiede, Kelly Bosch, and Jesse Printz dedicated the 1995-96 school year to assisting community water systems in Cass, Richland, Ransom, Sargent, Barnes, and Stutsman counties develop land use maps and contingency plans for delineated wellhead protection areas. In addition, the volunteers tested private water wells, completed farmstead assessments and aided in local rural development projects as well as promoting increased community awareness of the needs for ground-water protection.

Due to the AmeriCorps success in 1996, North Dakota has requested renewal of its five member Rural Development AmeriCorps Project. The objectives, goals, and action items will be the same as 1996. The new project area will be the eight North Dakota counties of Burleigh, Kidder, Stutsman, Emmons, Logan, LaMoure, McIntosh, and Dickey.

For more information about the AmeriCorps program, contact Jay Mar at (701) 239-5373.

## WELCOME TO WHP!

These public water systems recently joined the Wellhead Protection Program: Hebron, New England, Noonan, Portal, and Columbus. The staff of the Wellhead Protection Program extends a warm welcome and special thanks to these systems for their commitment to water quality.



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# AMERICORPS NEWSLETTER

Volume I Number 2

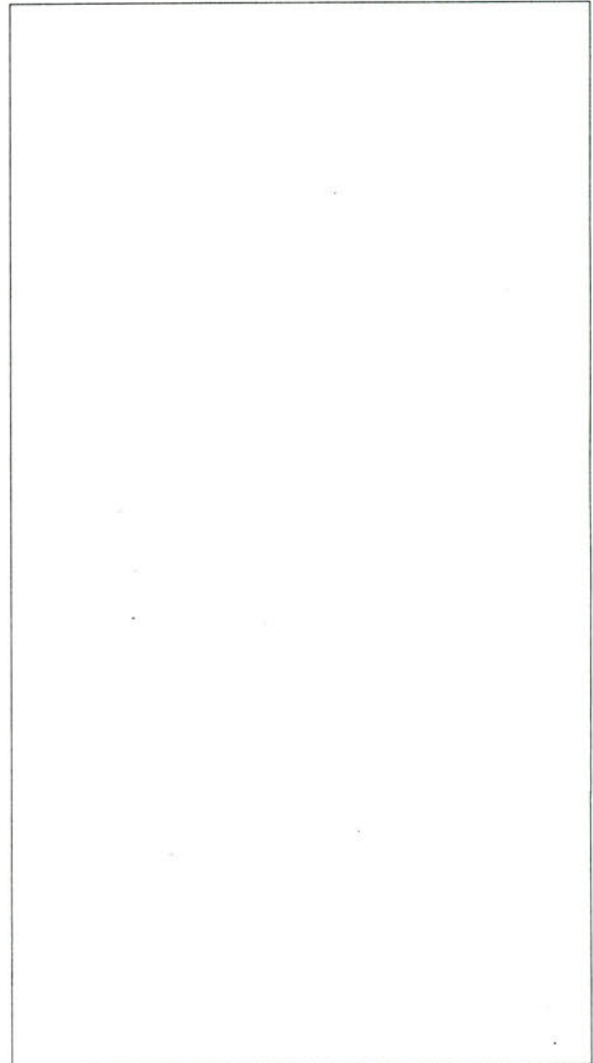
## SAND FLIES AND SATELLITES

RURAL FORT TOTTEN (AP) - As threatening storm clouds approach from the northwest during a gloomy Tuesday afternoon, Jessica Krumwiede and Kelly Bosch travel down a muddy gravel road west of Fort Totten. Their once tan pickup is now a dull gray, splattered with dirt and mud from the back roads they have been traveling the past week and a half. They've taken the time, however, to wipe the mud and dirt away from the AmeriCorps logo attached to the driver's side door. Their job is easier, they say, if people know who they are. "Once we explain what we're doing, what we're there for, we get a good response," Bosch said. "Most everyone is concerned about water quality."  
-Story by Blake Nicholson, a staff writer of The Minot Daily News.

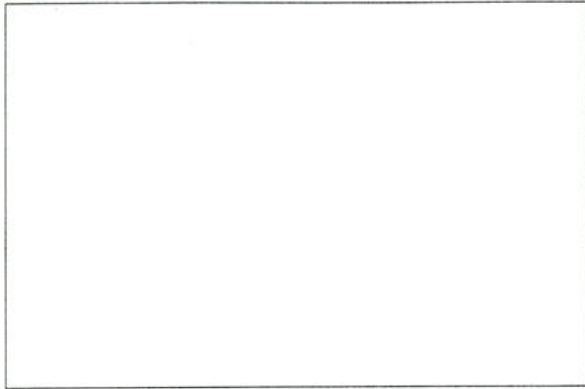
*"The flooding has given us fear for the quality of water. We don't want the lake to hurt the aquifer once these wells go under."*  
- Peggy Cavanaugh, Tribal Health Official

During <sup>parts of</sup> the months of July and August, AmeriCorps Service members Kelly Bosch and Jessica Krumwiede assisted the Fort Totten Sioux Tribe in identifying and documenting the location of 200 abandoned wells. The pair utilized portable Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and entering documented data utilizing Geographical Information System (GIS) technology. The information gathered was used to promote abandoned well sealing practices, thereby protecting ground water from the advancing flood of Devils Lake.

This ambitious and technologically advanced project was coordinated by Don Felch, Tribal Liaison, between the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Devils Lake Sioux and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribes.



**ND AmeriCorps Members:**  
Kelly Bosch and Jessica Krumwiede  
(Photo courtesy of The Minot Daily News)



Pam Grant and Don Olafson, manager of the Valley City Water Plant.

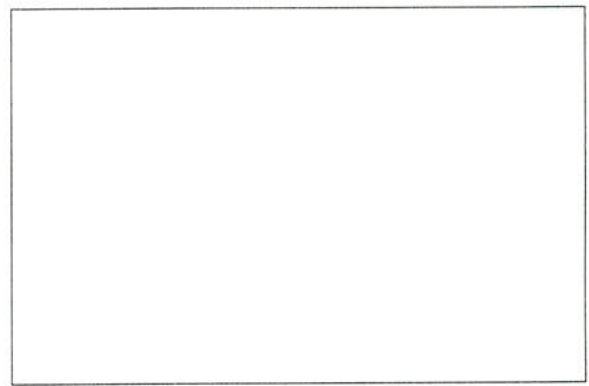
## WELLHEAD PROTECTION/FARMSTEAD ASSESSMENT

The five member ND AmeriCorps team completed 16 wellhead protection plans over the past year, consisting of a contaminant source inventory, a management and ~~and~~ contingency plan.

A wellhead protection plan is designed to protect groundwater derived for public drinking water systems from contaminants. Unlike most ground water protection programs the WHP program focuses on the groundwater resource requiring protection, rather than regulating a limited set of contamination sources. The WHP was created by the safe drinking water amendments of 1986 and is a voluntary program. A WHP is a tool designed to help inventory potential contaminants that exist within a delineated wellhead area. The delineated area is mapped out for possible contaminant sources. A management and contingency plan is subsequently developed to remove the source or implement practices and/or management to protect ground water from potential contamination and to provide an alternate public drinking water source should contamination occur.

The WHP's were completed with assistance of local public works representative and/or rural water manager. This project was the result of a partnership with the ND State Department of Health. Its purpose is to assist rural communities in accessing quality public drinking water sources and protecting their ground water resources.

The plans were completed in the six county areas of Barnes, Stutsman, Ransom, Richland, Cass, and Sargent.



Jesse Printz teaching 7th graders at the Sargent County Conservation Tour.

## AMERICORPS EDUCATES

As part of their service goals, AmeriCorps provided more than 250 presentations. Educational programs reached approximately 6,000 people on a regional and statewide basis. Programs consisted mainly on resource conservation and preservation. Individual topics addressed included water quality, wellhead protection, best management practices, and range management. Education was provided through workshops, tours, demonstrations, displays, classroom visits, organizational speaking engagements, news articles, radio talk show appearances, television news coverage, as well as individual contacts.

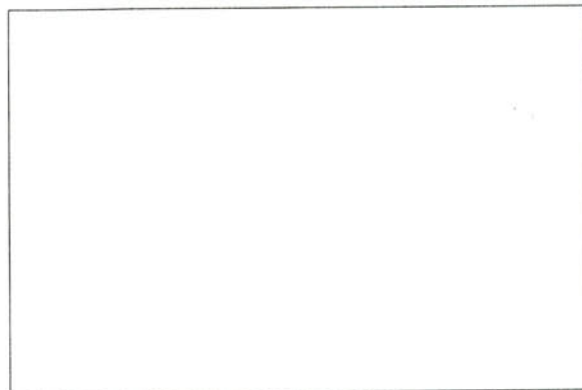
## GRASS RESEARCH AND GRASS PLOT RENOVATION

The use of new species of grass in erosion control and forage production was utilized by the ND AmeriCorps team. Three service projects were completed which helped educate the public on the value of different grass species for forage value and for erosion control.

In Barnes county there were two education projects. The first one occurred at the Oriska elementary school. AmeriCorps member Jack Orts and Jesse Printz worked with students to plant a multi-species herbarium of native grass plants, and to clip and evaluate for differing regrowth characteristics. The clipping simulated the vegetative response due to grazing and haying. This project not only helped students learn the importance of diversity in native grass communities, but also demonstrated the benefits of proper grazing land management.

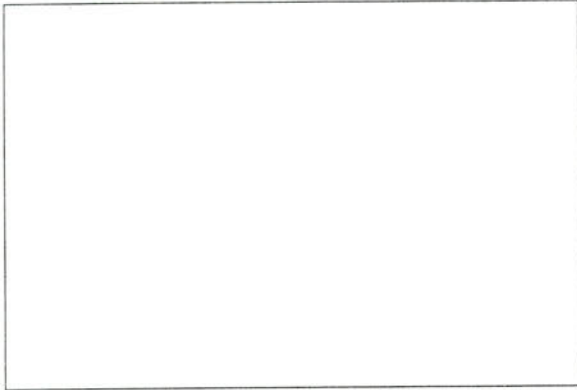
Concurrently, the other project was being implemented on the eroding emergency spillway of a livestock dam where the previous three years had shown continuing erosion with revegetation and mulching practices proving ineffective. The AmeriCorps project consisted of hand planting 50 Bison Buffalo grass plugs on the spillway. Grass plugs were collected from the Plant materials Center in Bismarck. The next day they were planted by hand with a tiling spade and packed in by foot. The team had recently revisited the site and reported that the grasses are starting to take to their new environment. The hardiness and sod forming characteristics of this low lying grass are providing excellent erosion control. If anyone is interested in viewing the site, call the Barnes County NRCS office.

*"Good job team!"*



***ND AmeriCorps at Dead Colt Creek***  
back row (L to R): Jack Orts, Jesse Printz, and Kelly Bosch front row (L to R): Pam Grant and Jessica Krumwiede

The third project takes place at the picturesque Dead Colt Creek recreation area provided the backdrop for a herbarium renovation project. AmeriCorps Service Members Jack Orts and Jesse Printz removed competitive weeds and clipped previously planted native grass species to stimulate regrowth. The result is the successful renovation of a multi-species public educational herbarium of native grasses; complete with a "mixed species" plot to test your knowledge of grass identification.



Kelly Bosch and Jesse Printz

### **TAP WATER SCREENING FOR SAFE USE**

With AmeriCorps assistance more than 160 rural residences had their tap water screened for PH, hardness, total dissolved solids, conductivity, nitrates, and coliform bacteria.

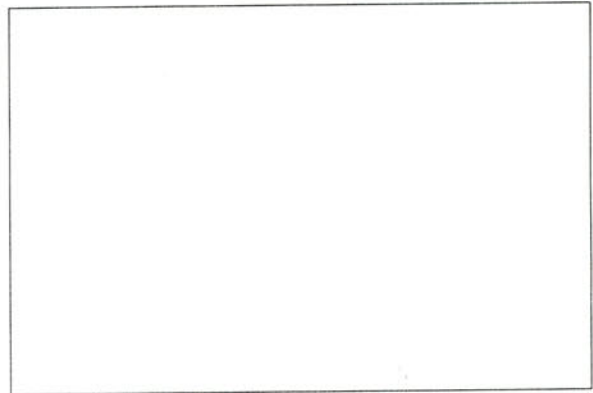
This project was supported by NDSU extension as a community service to provide rural residents with general information on safe drinking water indicators (guides), and assist in the identification of safe drinking water sources. This helped rural residents manage their water usage to obtain a quality source for drinking water, livestock use, and agricultural production. Tap water screening was implemented in conjunction with the Farm and the Home Assist public information programs. The project is a partnership with NDSU extension service. Farm and Home Assist is a check list that helps landowners and homeowners assess possible practices that could result in well contamination (IE. improper chemical storage, chemical disposal, back siphoning, livestock feedlot management, well casing integrity, etc.).

This project impacted a six-county area and was used as a public information and an educational tool at regional farm shows, workshops, and demonstrations.

### **OTTERTAIL RIVER CLEANUP**

On a warm spring day in April, AmeriCorps partnered with the Wilkin Soil & Water Conservation District and more than 75 local students to clean up a portion of the Ottertail River.

Approximately 100 volunteers were successfully coordinated on the bank clean up and disposal project along the Ottertail River in Minnesota. Over five and a half tons of debris consisting of litter, chemical containers, sheet metal scraps, tires, automotive parts etc., were removed from a two-mile area along both sides of the river.



The project site is located just outside the community of Foxhome, Minnesota. Not only does this project have an immediate impact of water quality on the cities of Breckenridge and Wahpeton; it affects numerous other communities downstream. This superb example of volunteerism combined with the joint partnership of Minnesota and North Dakota activities attracted excellent news and media coverage from Fargo and the Wahpeton /Breckenridge area. WDAY News of Fargo featured an informative interview with Jessica Krumwiede on the AmeriCorps program.

*" Nice job Jessica!"*

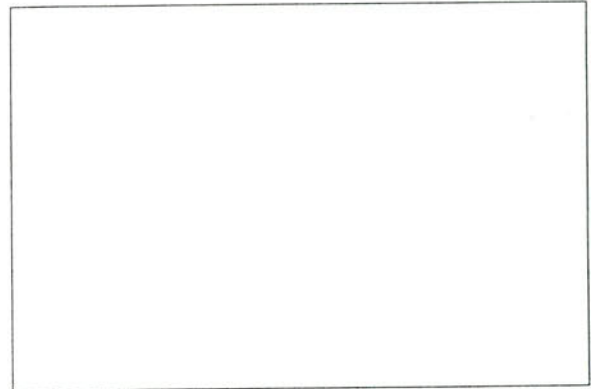
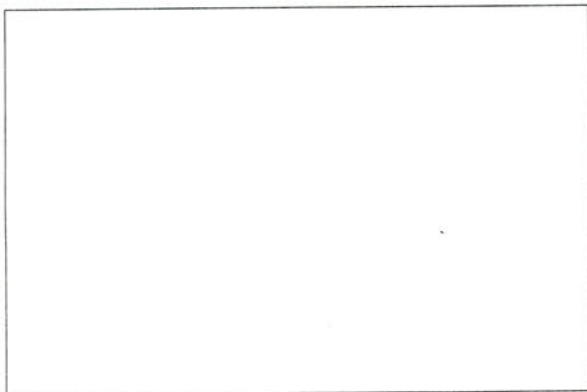
## TREES PLANTED

The benefits of trees for erosion control, education, and beautification were demonstrated through several AmeriCorps projects implemented in 1996.

The team exemplified a hard work ethic by planting a total of 3,000 tree and shrub species, by hand, throughout the season. Projects included community beautification plantings, educational arboretums, and reforestation plantings along the Sheyenne River. Weed control barrier, and tree protectors were utilized in the tree planting near McVille, ND.

Willow and dogwood trees were planted as individual plantings or in a series of entrenched bundles, called fascines, to stabilize eroding and collapsing banks. The "bioengineering" practice also incorporated grass plantings as a mutual practice to stabilize the site. Project plantings occurred along the Turtle River in Grand Forks County, and the Tongue River in Cavalier.

The team's actions will have a long lasting positive effect on our environment. By being able to participate in such projects, ND AmeriCorps members have received a wonderful opportunity to give back to nature.



Jack Orts painting the exterior of a house near Grafton, ND.

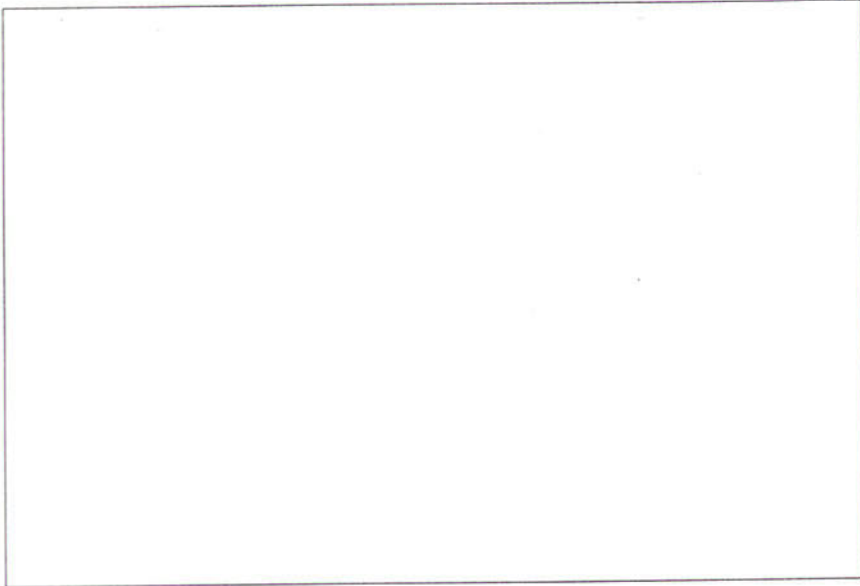
## HOUSING REHABILITATION/ BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Under the coordination of the Red River Regional Council, AmeriCorps assisted the community of Grafton in a housing rehabilitation project this past summer.

The project addressed one of the goals of the AmeriCorps Rural Development Team, which is to improve housing in rural America. The five member team scraped, and put a protective coat of paint on an aging house. Thereby resulting in extending the life of the structure, the beautification of the neighborhood, and an uplifting of spirits, especially for the disabled owner.

The AmeriCorps team was overwhelmed by the support of the Grafton community residents. Local businesses provided all the supplies and equipment to complete the project as well as providing the team with free room and board.

Picture to the left:



**ND AmeriCorps at SD:**  
back row (L toR)

middle row (L toR)

front row (L toR)

## AMERICORPS GRADUATION ENDS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

AmeriCorps Graduation Ceremonies were held July 30, 1996 in Pierre, South Dakota. The recognition honored both North Dakota and South Dakota AmeriCorps Service Members. Under the ceremonial title "Getting Things Done for America," eighteen graduates representing North Dakota AmeriCorps, South Dakota AmeriCorps - Rosebud, and South Dakota - Pierre, received graduation plaques honoring their year of community service.

A number of ND and SD dignitaries payed tribute to a very successful year, followed by individual testimonials of "What AmeriCorps Means to Me" presented by representatives from each team, Jack Orts represented the ND team. Richard Bentaas, AmeriCorps Program Manager ND, presented the plaques to the North Dakota graduates. Hank Bowker, well know SD Vocalist, concluded the ceremonies with an "American Trilogy."

Jay T. Mar, ND AmeriCorps Project Manager, praised the team for their service, citing that "AmeriCorps 1996 will be known as the year of accomplishments. Their service made a

difference not just to the project sponsors, but in the service members themselves and their communities. The Natural Resources Conservation Service is proud of their accomplishments and wishes them success in their future endeavors." Jessica Krumwiede will pursue her degree in Anthropology from UND, Jesse Printz will pursue a degree in Range and Animal Science at NDSU, Jack Orts would like to pursue his Ph.d. in Range Science, and Pamela Grant and Kelly Bosch would like to return for one more year of AmeriCorps community service.

*"Congratulations to the USDA/NRCS sponsored AmeriCorps Team of 1996!"*

## AMERICORPS BENEFITS

In addition to a \$4725.00 educational grant award for completed service, the AmeriCorps program also provides valuable training opportunities. This year individual service members spent more than 25% of their dedicated time receiving training. Training received included formal workshops as well as



office and field experience.



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August 27, 1996

TO: Richard Bentaas, AmeriCorps Project Director, NRCS, North Dakota

FROM: Joel Berg, USDA Director of National Service JB

SUBJECT: Year-to-Date Data on Objectives and Member Forms

Attached is a "year-to-date" progress report showing accomplishments on objectives through the third quarter report. **This data, plus the fourth quarter data, will be provided to members of Congress representing your state and to your agency leaders. It is imperative that the information reflected in this report be as accurate as possible.** The report also shows the degree to which you have accomplished your objectives which were agreed to at the beginning of this program year.

I ask that you carefully review this report. Review each objective with the following items in mind:

1. **Accuracy of the data.** This information will be shared with many different groups, and it is important to be accurate in our reporting as well as getting credit for all the great work you have done during the year.

2. **Completion of community service objectives.** One way to determine the successful completion of objectives is to measure accomplishments against the target quantity measurement which you established at the beginning of the year. The table below gives you a snapshot picture of your accomplishments through the third quarter. The last five columns reflects your work measured against the target quantity.

SITE #	NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES	NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES EXCEEDED	NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES AT 100%	NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES 50-100% COMPLETE	NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES 0-50% COMPLETE	NO TARGET QUANTITY
Y38A	13	7	5			1

3. **Program codes.** Review the program code for each of your objectives. Please be sure that the data you are recording for quantity matches the quantity for that program code.

4. **Double counting.** Please do NOT double count your accomplishments.

5. **Congressional Districts.** Please indicate in which Congressional District(s) the work was actually accomplished. This will let us be very specific to Members of Congress as to what work was done in their district.

6. **Volunteers.** Please explain what the volunteers have done with your AmeriCorps members. Also ensure that the volunteer numbers you have been providing to us each quarter is for the quarter **only**, not cumulative for the year.

Your assistance in this reporting enables us to meet our legal obligations as well as providing us with the necessary information to promote our USDA AmeriCorps program to all interested parties. Providing this data in an accurate and timely manner is one of your most important duties as an AmeriCorps Project Director.

### **Member Forms**

A review of your member forms reveals that they are up-to-date. Please submit the End of Term forms for members when they have completed their term of service.

If we are to have all our records in order and insure that those AmeriCorps Members who are entitled to benefits receive them and that those who are not entitled to benefits do not receive them, all forms must be submitted to this office. .

If you have any questions or problems, please contact Dee DiFiore at (202) 690-3051 or Ron DeMunbrun at (202) 690-3894.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Attachment

cc:

Larry Holmes, AmeriCorps Program Manager, NRCS

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FIRST THREE QUARTERS' PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES  
BY STATE AND PROGRAM (OBJECTIVE) CODE8/27/96  
2:11 pm

State	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Year's QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure	FIRST 3 QTR's Quantity	PERCENT COMPLETE
ND	Y38A	8	EN-E015B	Environmental education in outdoor classrooms	100	students - educated	100	100.00 %
ND	Y38A	1	EN-E017B	Environmental education	45	presentations - educational	130	288.89 %
ND	Y38A	7	EN-E039A	Plant materials/plant materials grown	50	plants - grown	50	100.00 %
ND	Y38A	5	EN-E060A	Stream cleared of debris	4	miles - cleared	4	100.00 %
ND	Y38A	3	EN-E061A	Stabilize streambank with willow and grass	0	mile - stabilized	1	500.00 %
ND	Y38A	2	EN-E063A	Install BMP's	40	BMP's - installed	52	130.00 %
ND	Y38A	6	EN-E072A	Timber stand improvement/ trees planted	2000	trees - planted	2000	100.00 %
ND	Y38A	12	EN-E087A	Public housing rehabilitated	1	unit - rehabilitated	1	100.00 %
ND	Y38A	11	EN-E091A	Volunteer recruitment	100	volunteers - recruited	179	179.00 %
ND	Y38A	2	EN-E092A	Farmers provided Farm*A*Syst	400	assessments - water	541	135.25 %
ND	Y38A	2	EN-E093A	Owners provided with Home*A*Syst	400	assessments - water	541	135.25 %
ND	Y38A	4	EN-E131A	Water quality/test on private sources	130	tests - water	240	184.62 %
ND	Y38A	1	EN-E136A	Develop wellhead protection plans	10	plans - wellhead protection	21	210.00 %



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## USDA State Progress Report (CNS Grant No. 95ADFDC047)

1. Check this reporting period:  First  Second  Third  Fourth  
(10/1 - 12/31) (1/1 - 3/31) (4/1 - 6/30) (7/1 - 9/30)

### SECTION I - STATE INFORMATION

2. State: North Dakota
3. Agency: ARS  NRCS  Forest Service  RECD  FSA  FCS

### SECTION II - STATE CONTACT INFORMATION: (Make Corrections if Necessary)

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10. MEMBER DATA:

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Site Supervisor: Jay

Marx

PHONE: 701-239-5373

STATE: ND

Agency/Org Name: RC&D

FAX: 7012356706

City: Fargo

, ND

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 5

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS				Total
					1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	
BOSCH, KELLY	M.	F	A	A	413	327	514		740
GRANT, PAMELA	J.	F	A	A	478	336	510		814
KRUMWIEDE, JESSICA	A.	F	A	A	488	381	560.5		868
<del>OATS</del> <del>ORTS</del> , JACK	R.	F	A	A	473	317	543.5		789
PRINTZ, JESSE	J.	F	A	A	402	353	586		755
								Total Hours:	3965

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\* The number of Members allocated should equal the number of active members, those members whose trust status is "A" and whose Program Status is "A". If your report shows five members with "A" "A" status and yet you only have four active members, this means you have not submitted an end of term of service form for the member for the member who is no longer active. Conversely, if your report shows five members with an "A" "A" status and you actually have six members active, you have not submitted an enrollment form for the active member whose name is not shown on this report. If that is the case, list the names, SSN, Status and hours of the missing members on this sheet and send the enrollment forms to the USDA Director of National Service. If enrollment form was sent directly to the Corporation, send copies to the USDA Director of National Service immediately. If you have replaced members be certain to indicate whether the replacements are full or part-time [NOTE: The USDA Director of National Service must approve conversion of full-time slots to part-time slots IN ADVANCE.]

REMEMBER, MEMBERS WHOSE FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT USDA ARE NOT CONSIDERED ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM AND THEIR BENEFITS (EDUCATION AWARD, ETC.) ARE JEOPARDIZED!!!

11. Please list the total number of **volunteers** who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members in the state during this period.

1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
27	24	128	_____	_____

12. Please list the total number of **hours of community service** completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
432	34	518	_____	_____

**SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES:**

13. **Original Community Service Objectives:** Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. **You need to fill in the column marked "3rd QTR Quantity" and the column marked "3rd QTR Success" --- as well as any column that is blank, has a zero, or has a question mark --- for EVERY operating site.** Each chart should have the following columns:

"State" - The standard two-letter code for your state

"Obj No" - Each community service objective for each site is assigned an individual number

"Op Site" - Each site's unique operating site identification

"PGM Code" - Each type of service has been assigned a unique code to describe that type of service. See the appendix to this report entitled "Community Service PGM Code List"

"Obj/Impact Statement" - A few words verbally summarizing the community service objective

"Year's QTY Target" - The year's numerical goal for the people or things to be aided

"Target Unit of Measurement" - The unit of measure used in the previous column

**"3rd QTR Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Year's QTY Target"**

"Year's Success Target" - Number for a way of measuring *quality* of service provided --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Success Unit of Measure" - Explanation of the number in the previous column --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

**"3rd QTR Success" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Year's Success Target"**

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

(Under "3rd QTR Quantity" enter the amount of work done in the third quarter. Do the same for "3rd QTR Success".)

State	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Year's QTY Target	Unit of Measure	3rd QTR Quantity	Year's Success Target	Success Unit of Measure	3rd QTR Success
ND	Y38A	1	EN-E136A	Develop wellhead protection plans	10	plans - wellhead protection	16	10	Number of measures implemented	16
ND	Y38A	1	EN-E017B	Environmental education	45	presentations - educational	62	10	% of adults demonstrating increased knowledge	100%
ND	Y38A	2	EN-E063A	Install BMP's	40	BMP's - installed	48	80	% decrease in environmental problem	100%
ND	Y38A	4	EN-E131A	Water quality/test on private sources	130	tests - water	145	130	number of residents gain access to water	145

#### 14. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Use this section to report progress towards completing additional new objectives --- those objectives in addition to the main objectives of each project listed on the preceding page. Please fill in all columns for all objectives. It is important to make sure that each objective is listed with its own "OP site" (Operating site) code; this ensures that we know precisely what service is performed at each site. Please fill in all columns for each objective. Under "obj No.," please give each new objective a number different from the number used for any of the objectives on the preceding page. Under "PGM Code", please use a one-letter and three-digit code to describe the service from the code list provided at the end of this report. Under "obj/Impact statement," provide a several-word summary of the nature of the service project -- this verbal summary should roughly match the "PGM Code" listed in the previous column. Under "Year's QTY Target," provide a hard number for the people or things aided. Under "Target Unit of Measurement," specify what unit of measure was used in the previous column -- such as miles, number of people served, acres, etc. Under "1st QTR Quantity," provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "year's QTY Target" that was accomplished during this reporting period. Under "Year's Success Target," provide a hard number for a way of measuring how well the service was provided. Under "successes Unit of Measure," specify exactly what the number in the previous column meant. Under "1st QTR Success," provide a hard number indication progress towards the "Year's Success Target" That was accomplished during this reporting period.

State	Op Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact statement	Year's QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure	3rd QTR Quantity	Year's Success Target	Success Unit of Measure	3rd QTR success
ND	Y38A	3	EO61A	Stabilizestreambank w/willow & grass	500	#feet of stream planted	2750	90%	%decrease in erosion	100%
ND	Y38A	5	E060A	Stream cleared of debris	4	miles bank cleared	4	3	tons debri removed	3
ND	Y38A	2	EO92A	Farmers provided Farm*A*Syst	400	# of assessments	541	30%	%adopt water mgt prac	114%
ND	Y38A	2	EO93A	Owners provided Home*A*Syst	400	# of assessments	541	30%	%adopt water mgt prac	114%
ND	Y38A	6	EO7BA	Timber Stand Improv./trees plted.	2000	# of trees planted	2000	80%	% trees survive	100%
ND	Y38A	7	EO39A	Plant materials./plant material grown	50	# of plants grown	50	50	# plants planted	50
ND	Y38A	8	EO15B	Env/Cons/Ag./outdoor class	100	# students using	100	90%	%dem.increas.knowldg	100%

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<b>(cont.)</b>										
ND	Y38A	9	EO38	Inv/Assess/invent.env.res.	100	#loc.lead inform.		90%	%leaders increas awar.	
ND	Y38A	10	EO37	Inv/Assess/Map/GIS	300	#maps created		50%	%maps used imp. act.	
ND	Y38A	11	EO91A	Vol Recruit/env. activities	100/300	A:#vol./B:#hrs.	179/984	1500	# people aided by proj.	10000
ND	Y38A	12	EO87A	Public Housing/rehabilitated	1	# units	1	100%	%meeting build. Codes	100%

**15. Community Service Objectives Narrative (optional):** If you feel it is necessary and/or helpful, you may use this space to describe in more detail accomplishments towards the original community service objectives reported in question 13 and/or your additional community service objectives reported in question 14. Please make sure you include the Operating Site ID Number in each narrative description so we can be clear which accomplishment is matched to which site.

**16. Community Building Objectives Narrative (optional):** Briefly describe how projects have brought together diverse groups of people, empowered communities to solve their own problems, built long term structures that will last beyond each AmeriCorps Member's term of service, and generally improved the abilities of local citizens to help improve their own lives.

**17. AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives Narrative (optional):** Briefly describe how the AmeriCorps Members themselves have benefited from serving in the program, particularly in regard to expanding their own educational opportunity and increasing their own ethic of personal responsibility. Describe specific skills learned by members through either their service or training. Describe any Members that earned a GED or otherwise advanced their education. Describe any members that left public assistance to join AmeriCorps. Relate how AmeriCorps allowed Members to continue college or graduate school. Describe how Members may have changed their ethic of work, citizenship, or community volunteerism.

## SECTION V - SUCCESS STORIES:

- 18. Unique Successes or Great Stories:** Briefly describe one or two unique and/or exceptional success stories, a program highlight, or a "great story" from your state. Please explain any instance in which AmeriCorps Members recruited non - AmeriCorps community volunteers for projects. Please include all media coverage, including original newspaper clips, videotapes of TV coverage, and cassette tapes of radio coverage; any letters of support or thank you letters; "before and after" photographs, brochures, posters, and newsletters created by the project; and other types of creative documentation.

April 25&26,1996: Assisted the local "Festival Committee" of Grand Forks in coordinating and implementing their first Annual Children's Water Festival to educate them on water quality. Nine Hundred adults and children attended this successful educational event. (See attached thank-you letter)

April 30,1996- Ottetail River Revival: The five member ND AmeriCorps team assisted the local community of Breckenridge in coordinating and implementing the Debris cleanup of a 4 mile stretch along the Ottetail River. Five hundred adult and high school volunteers were recruited to make this project successful. Two Fargo News Stations (KXJB and WDAY) featured news footage on morning, noon, and evening reports. AmeriCorps Service member Jessica Krumwiede was interviewed. We are trying to secure a copy of the footage.

May 1996: "Water Week Observed Locally" (see attached news article)

May 1996: ND AmeriCorps Service members published their first ND "AmeriCorps Newsletter". Over 300 copies were sent out to partners, public leaders, and congressional representatives. (See Attached)

Mid June 1996: ND AmeriCorps Service members went to Fort Totten ND, to aid tribal leaders in locating wells, utilizing global positioning system (GPS), and Geographical Information System (GIS) technology. Service was provided near the shore of Devils Lake where flood waters are threatening local communities. Ground water contamination has become a major public concern with the rising water levels of the lake. Their service was provided over a two week period, and media attention was provided state wide. (See attached news articles)

## SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

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One of our AmeriCorps Service members is experiencing processing delays for payment of child care services. We would like to see this resolved.

## SECTION V - GENERAL INFORMATION

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## **Thank you!!!**

**For donating your time and energy as a volunteer  
at the First Annual Children's Water Festival,  
April 25 & 26, 1996.**

**The Children's Water Festival was a huge  
success, educating nearly 900 children and adults,  
as well as countless others in the community,  
about water resources and the environment.**

**Your participation was instrumental in the  
success of the Festival, and the  
Festival Committee would like extend our  
sincere thanks for your contributions.**

*MB. Ameri  
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# Old wells considered threat to drinking water

## ■ Rising Devils Lake could seep into aquifer

FORT TOTTEN (AP) — As storm clouds approach during a gloomy afternoon, Jessica Krumwiede and Kelly Bosch travel down a muddy gravel road west.

Their once tan pickup is a dull gray. They've taken the time, however, to wipe the mud and dirt away from the "AmeriCorps" logo attached to the door. Their job is easier, they say, if people know who they are.

"Once we explain what we're doing, what we're there for, we get a good response," Bosch said. "Most everyone is concerned about water quality."

With an ever-expanding Devils Lake chewing up shoreline on the northern end of the Devils Lake Sioux Indian Reservation, tribal officials are being forced to move homes to higher ground.

Their flooding woes aren't just above ground, however.

"There's a number of old, aban-

doned wells" on the reservation, said Peggy Cavanaugh, who serves as both the emergency management coordinator and health director for the tribe. "We have areas where the waters are rising, going close to wells or covering wells. We're concerned about the mixture of runoff and the movement of water, and these old wells."

"The flooding has given us fear for the quality of water. We don't want the lake to hurt the aquifer once these wells go under."

The town of Fort Totten and much of the rest of the reservation get drinking water from the Warwick aquifer. About a year ago, tribal officials decided to collect information on abandoned water wells in the interest of protecting that, and other aquifers.

"The flooding created an urgency," Cavanaugh said.

After the wells are located, the tribe plans to start looking for money to seal those that are abandoned or threatened.

For the past two weeks, Krumwiede and Bosch, both Devils Lake natives, have spent their days

**'We're concerned about the mixture of runoff and the movement of water, and these old wells.'**

Peggy Cavanaugh,  
tribal health official

walking around the reservation with high-tech equipment.

The two have battled stormy weather and muddy back roads, the occasional unfriendly dog and sand flies that swarm in massive clouds around the edge of the lake along the way.

"It's exciting," Bosch said as he and Krumwiede surveyed lake lots on Devils Lake's southwest shore for potential well sites. "Everything's an adventure."

Bosch and Krumwiede are members of AmeriCorps, a national service program started in 1994 to help students raise money for col-

lege. On the reservation, their mission is to identify the location of wells — those that have been abandoned and those that are still in use but within a mile of the lake — using satellite technology.

The collaboration of the tribe and the AmeriCorps program in North Dakota came about primarily through the help of Don Felch, a liaison between the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Devils Lake Sioux and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa tribes.

"The tribe wanted something done," Felch said. "They're being flooded out ... and they were looking for anybody that would give them some help."

In North Dakota, the AmeriCorps program is run through the NRCS. One of its goals is increasing awareness in rural areas about the need for protecting ground and surface water from contamination.

Bosch and Krumwiede are using the tribe's Global Positioning System equipment to find abandoned wells and wells near the lake. It involves satellites the Defense Department used during the Persian Gulf War.

The equipment consists of a hand-held device, a battery pack and a survey rod.

"We stand as close to the well as we can get and place the receiver over it," Bosch said as he tried to simultaneously work the equipment and swipe bothersome sand flies away from his face.

"It's like a little calculator," Krumwiede continued. "We press a few buttons, and the satellites give the coordinates — latitude and longitude."

At the end of the day, the information gathered in the field is transferred to a computer at the Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Fort Totten.

Within the next two years, the tribe wants to have most of the well sites mapped out, Cavanaugh said.

No one knows how many abandoned or threatened wells are on the reservation, Cavanaugh and Felch said.

"Right now, we're concentrating more along the northern part of the reservation," Felch said. "We want to delineate all the wells from the west to the east along the Devils Lake front."

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## USDA State Progress Report (CNS Grant No. 95ADFDC047)

1. Check this reporting period:  First (10/1 - 12/31)  Second (1/1 - 3/31)  Third (4/1 - 6/30)  Fourth (7/1 - 9/30)

### SECTION I - STATE INFORMATION

2. State: North Dakota

3. Agency: ARS  NRCS  Forest Service  RECD  FSA  FCS

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Agency/Org Name: RC&D  
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ID: 701 250 4420

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BOSCH, KELLY M.	(b)(6)	F	A	A	413	326.75			413
GRANT, PAMELA J.	(b)(6)	F	A	A	478	336			478
KRUMWIEDE, JESSICA A.	(b)(6)	F	A	A	488	380.5			488
OATS, JACK R.	(b)(6)	F	A	A	473	316.5			473
PRINTZ, JESSE J.	(b)(6)	F	A	A	402	352.5			402

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1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
27	24			

12. Please list the total number of hours of community service completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
432	34			

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

(Fill in All Blank Columns or Those with Question Marks. Use the Attached Blank Form to Enter New Objectives.)

As you are aware, one of the key pieces of information you are to provide with this 2nd QTR progress report is whether or not you intend to renew this site for the next program year beginning approximately Sept/Oct 1996. If you intend to renew this site for the next program year, indicate whether the objectives listed below will remain the same for the next year's program. If they will remain the same write OK next to them, if one will not be an objective to be performed at this site for next year, write the word DELETE next to it. If you are proposing one or more new objectives for this site identify them using the format attached to question 14. You may write them on this sheet (be sure to include quantity and quality measures) or you may use a separate piece of paper BUT be certain you clearly identify the operating site to which they belong.

Site	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Year's		Year's		2 nd QTR Success	
					QTY Target	Unit of Measure	2 nd QTR Quantity	Success Target		
D	Y38A	1OK	EN-E136	Develop wellhead protection plans	10	plans	4	10	Number of measures implemented	4 ✓
D	Y38A	1OK	EN-E017	Environmental education	45	presentations	63	10	% of adults demonstrating increased knowledge	100.7% ✓
D	Y38A	2OK	EN-E063	Install BMP's	40	BMP's	2	80	% decrease in environmental problem	5% ✓

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QUESTION 13A. PROPOSED ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVE FOR NEXT YEAR

State	Op Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact statement	Year's QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure	1st QTR Quantity	Year's Success Target	Success Unit of Measure	1st QTR success
ND	Y38A	3	E061	Stabilize streambank w/willow&grass	500	feet of stream planted		90	%decrease in erosion	
ND	Y38A	4	E131	Water Quality/test on private sources	130	number of tests obtained		130	#residents gain access to water	



15. **Community Service Objectives Narrative (optional):** If you feel it is necessary and/or helpful, you may use this space to describe in more detail accomplishments towards the original community service objectives reported in question 13 and/or your additional community service objectives reported in question 14. Please make sure you include the Operating Site ID Number in each narrative description so we can be clear which accomplishment is matched to which site.
16. **Community Building Objectives Narrative (optional):** Briefly describe how projects have brought together diverse groups of people, empowered communities to solve their own problems, built long term structures that will last beyond each AmeriCorps Member's term of service, and generally improved the abilities of local citizens to help improve their own lives.
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## SECTION V - SUCCESS STORIES:

- 18. Unique Successes or Great Stories:** Briefly describe one or two unique and/or exceptional success stories, a program highlight, or a "great story" from your state. Please explain any instance in which AmeriCorps Members recruited non - AmeriCorps community volunteers for projects. Please include all media coverage, including original newspaper clips, videotapes of TV coverage, and cassette tapes of radio coverage; any letters of support or thank you letters; "before and after" photographs, brochures, posters, and newsletters created by the project; and other types of creative documentation.

On February 7, 1996 ND AmeriCorps members Jack Ortiz and Jesse Printz, along with project manager Jay Mar went on the air with radio station KQLX out of Lisbon ND. The perspective audience was approximately 20,000 listeners. The team provided an excellent report of ongoing and future AmeriCorps community service activities, as well as testimonial on why they joined AmeriCorps, and the positive impacts the program has had on their lives. (A tape of the broadcast and a studio photo is being obtained and will be forwarded for your information). This is the first time these two AmeriCorps members had been on a live radio broadcast. The experience they received impacted their lives and the broadcast provided positive public exposure for the AmeriCorps program.

Attached is a letter of submitted by the Red River Regional Council to the ND State Conservationist, Scott Hoag. The letter expresses the peoples gratitude for community service provided on a completed Riparian/Streambank Stabilization Project along the Turtle River in Grand Forks County, ND. The completion of this project was made possible through a team partnership of North Dakota and Minnesota AmeriCorps members.

## SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

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The ND AmeriCorps service team currently has two members with injuries. One member has a broken foot and another member has a broken leg. This has temporarily set back project activities that are more physically demanding (ie. extensive walking). We are currently continuing our efforts towards meeting our established goals utilizing existing physically capable members (three members), while at the same time having our injured members provide assistance on less demanding portions of projects (ie. organizing documents, correspondence, news articles, etc.) AmeriCorps programs have been made available to these individuals where applicable, and flexibility in site service schedule has been provided to aid in recovery as needed.

**SECTION V - GENERAL INFORMATION**

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# RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL

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GRAFTON, NORTH DAKOTA 58237

December 7, 1995

Scott Hoag, State Conservationist  
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
220 E Rosser Avenue  
P. O. Box 1458  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58502-1458

Dear Mr. Hoag,

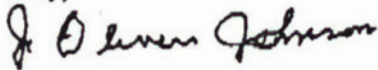
The Red River RC&D Council recently completed a Riparian/Streambank Stabilization Project along the Turtle River in Grand Forks County. Soil Bioengineering practices were installed at this site.

We received assistance from four North Dakota AmeriCorps members and seven Minnesota AmeriCorps members. We were very impressed with their enthusiasm and hard work. Even with deteriorating weather conditions (snow and freezing rain) they were determined to complete this project.

A native willow and dogwood fascine was constructed along the riverbank. This complemented a brush mattress constructed with previous volunteers. Also, a native grass seeding was completed and a straw mulch and jute mesh netting was installed to protect this seeding. Experimental willow cuttings from North Dakota State University (NDSU) were planted along the river bank.

We wish to thank you for the invaluable assistance provided by the North Dakota AmeriCorps personnel in completing this project.

Sincerely,



J. Oliver Johnson, Chairman

cc: Richard Bentaas, State Admv Office, Bismarck, ND  
Jay Mar, RC&D Coordinator, Lake Agassiz RC&D, Fargo, ND



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GRANT, PAMELA	J.	F	A	A	<u>477.5</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
KRUMWIEDE, JESSICA	A.	F	A	A	<u>487.5</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<del>Ortiz</del> <del>GATS</del> , JACK	R.	F	A	A	<u>472.5</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
PRINTZ, JESSE	J.	F	A	A	<u>402</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____

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## QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

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Turtle River Bioengineering Project (E061): Cooperation was the key in completing a bio engineering project on the Turtle River near Grand Forks, North Dakota. Twelve AmeriCorps members, seven from Minnesota and five from North Dakota, worked in windy, cold, near-flurry conditions to complete the project in early November. The use of natural materials native to the area was favored over man-made substances normally used in riparian treatment applications. Examples of environmentally friendly practices are planting live willow tree stakes, laying of willow fascines, and seeding switch grass with an application of a straw mulch cover. The group effort brought together AmeriCorps service members from the two state region, and 25 volunteers to stabilize and naturally beautify a seven hundred foot section of eroding river bank on the Turtle River. (See attached news paper clippings: Minot Daily, Jamestown Tribune, and Fargo Forum) - 1996 North Dakota AmeriCorps team as reported by AmeriCorps Service Member Kelly Bosch..

Environmental Education Project (E017): As a former earth Team volunteer, I involved two other volunteers to help me prepare and create a couple different projects I have been working on. The first project was an activity book and game. USDA sponsored AmeriCorps member Jesse Printz as well as Vista AmeriCorps member Julie Biel and two earth team volunteer members joined together and created a "water Friends" activity booklet and game (see attached). Another Earth Team Volunteer worked with me in typing out lists for the Well Head Protection Program and mailing them. - Pamela Grant 1996 AmeriCorps Service Member.

## SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

- 19. Difficulties Faced by the Program:** Use this section to report on any problems your Members have encountered in the program this period. These should be significant issues which were related to achieving objectives, significant delays in implementation, administrative problems, or any other expectations, events or incidents that have caused the Members concern. State the problem concisely and how the issue has, or has not been resolved. Be sure to outline the steps taken and identify any resources needed to assist in resolving the problem.

First of all I want to express my gratitude for having a daycare program. Though working with AmeriCare has been difficult (child care reimbursement claim delay of 4 months). I am not alone. A previous service member from 1994 program experienced similar problems. I have worked with several AmeriCare Employees experiencing incremental and subsequently frustrating success. One of the main problems I face is that when there is a problem there is many explanations without any resolve. Corrections and solutions are at the best partial instead of addressing all errors and thereby resolving the the problem from the beginning. I would love to help them address the reoccurring problems in the program if they would only accept my offer. I have an excellent understanding of the AmeriCare Program. I believe I would be of excellent assistance. - Pamela Grant 1996 AmeriCorps Service Member participating in AmeriCare.

## SECTION V - GENERAL INFORMATION

- 20. National Identity Activities (OPTIONAL):** Please describe any activities undertaken by Members that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. These could include joint service activities, meetings with other AmeriCorps projects, national telephone conference calls, use of Internet to communicate with other sites, etc.

Last November a joint bioengineering community service project with Minnesota USDA AmeriCorps to address critical bank erosion on the Turtle River in Grand Forks County.

A national E-mail address for water quality has been set up through a partnership with North Dakota State University County Extension Service 1/96.

National teleconference with USDA AmeriCorps, Washington Office 12/14/95

Joint training courses have been held with Minnesota: AmeriCorps Orientation Training 10/23-10/27/95, ROPES Training Course 11/22/95, and Tri-College Recruitment days 1/23/96.

Working with North Dakota Vista AmeriCorps on future project - Pamela Grant, 1996 AmeriCorps Service Member.

- 21. Organizational Changes:** Please outline and describe any changes in your program's organization and/or structure during the quarter.

None

- 22. Organizational Improvements (OPTIONAL):** Please write any suggestions by you, your Members, site managers, or anyone else regarding ways in which the USDA or CNS AmeriCorps program could be improved.

None

- 23. Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs (OPTIONAL):** Please specify precisely what kind of staff or Member training or other technical assistance can be provided by USDA, the Corporation for National Service, or other sources to improve your projects.

None

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