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Augustt 27, 1996

TO: John Whitney, AmeriCorps Project Director, NRCS, New York

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
Y36A	4	1	1	2		

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. If you are counting something other than the quantity measurement for the code, please indicate exactly what you are counting.

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

Your member forms are up-to-date as usual. Good job!

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

State: NY

OP SITE: Y36A

USDA AMERICORPS - 95ADPDC047XXXX

FIRST THREE QUARTERS' PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

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BY STATE AND PROGRAM (OBJECTIVE) CODE

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
NY	Y36A	4	EN-E017B	Community education/outreach	25	presentations - educational	26	104.00 %
NY	Y36A	1	EN-E037A	To acquire, produce & distribute digital natural resource, land use, and demographic data	1000	maps - digitized	825	82.50 %
NY	Y36A	2	EN-E059A	Assist with stream corridor protection projects	1	miles - streambank stabilized	1	126.00 %
NY	Y36A	3	EN-R045B	GIS Equipment/software setup	10	software - GIS	8	80.00 %



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

1. Check this reporting period: ☐ First ☐ Second ☐ Third ☒ Fourth
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SECTION I - STATE INFORMATION

2. State: New York

3. Agency: ARS ☐ NRCS ☒ Forest Service ☐ RECD ☐ FSA ☐ FCS ☐

SECTION II - STATE CONTACT INFORMATION:

(Make Corrections if Necessary)

4. Contact Name: John Whitney
50 Commerce Way
East Aurora, NY 14052-2185
Last

5. Title: District Conservationist

6. Address: _____
street, number, and PO (if applicable)

City State Zip

7. Telephone number: 7 1 6 - 6 5 2 - 8 4 8 0

8. Fax number: 7 1 6 - 6 5 2 - 8 5 0 6

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OP SITE ID: Y36A

Site Supervisor: John Whitney

PHONE: 716-652-8480

Agency/Org Name: NRCS

FAX: 7166528506

STATE: NY

City: East Aurora, NY

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 5

Member Name			SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	Total
BARNWELL	, SCOTT	A.	(b)(6)	F	A	I	437	451	548	<u>264</u>	1436 1700
CASTIGLIONE	, CHRISTIAN	M.		F	A	I	313	484	512	<u>391</u>	1309 1700
FAITH	, HENRY	C.		F	E	II	124	0	0	<u>0</u>	124 124
GHOSEN	, JOSEPH	A.		F	A	I	424	479	430	<u>367</u>	1333 1700
GROSS Gray	, GAYLA	D.		F	A	I	445	468	462	<u>325</u>	1375 1700
MATTHIES	, LISA	A.		F	A	I	427	470	371	<u>432</u>	1268 1700

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Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS				Total
					1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	

Total Hours: 6845 8624

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 5

No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 6

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved*: -1

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.

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>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>31</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>114.25</u>	<u>478.75</u>	<u>456</u>	<u>1149</u>	<u>2198</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:

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(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	OP No.	Obj Code	PGM Obj/Impact Statement	Year's		4th QTR Quantity	Year's		4th QTR Success
					QTY Target	Unit of Measure		Success Target	Unit of Measure	
NY	Y36A	1	EN-E037A	To acquire, produce & distribute digital natural resource, land use, and demographic data	1000	maps - digitized	325	80	% of maps used to implement actions	115%
NY	Y36A	2	EN-E059A	Assist with stream corridor protection projects	1	miles - streambank stabilized	.25	30	% decrease in erosion or water pollution	125%
NY	Y36A	3	EN-R045B	GIS Equipment/software setup	10	software - GIS	3	95	% fully functional	110%
NY	Y36A	4	EN-E017B	Community education/outreach	25	presentations - educational	10	2000	number of people reached	144%

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.

-Y36A 1. See "Accomplishments" section of weekly meeting minutes.
-Y36A 2. AmeriCorps members completed vegetation work on over 40 Emergency Watershed Protection flood damage repair sites in Cattaraugus County.
-Y36A 3. Members assisted Buffalo's Lower West Side Development Council and the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County to inventory and evaluate the structural condition and appearance of every building in a 10 block area of the City of Buffalo. This effort will allow the groups to better focus limited funds for structural repairs, security, remodeling, winterization and other assistance to those homes and neighborhoods most in need.

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.

-Y36A 1, 3, 4 Assistance to Erie Co. Dept. of Environment and Planning provided staff training and technical support for implementation of a major watershed protection project in the Cazenovia Creek sub-basin of the Buffalo Creek Watershed. Using data developed and assembled by AmeriCorps, DEP staff and AmeriCorps members produced a series of informational maps, developed community mailing lists, distributed project information and coordinated outreach activity to help evaluate and improve water quality problems throughout the watershed.

-Y36A 1, 3, 4 See "AmeriCorps and USDA NRCS Digital Map Data 1996" for a listing of the many data layers now available and being distributed for use by planners, consultants, community leaders and the general public throughout Western New York.

-See continuation sheet.

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.

AmeriCorps member, Joseph Ghosen, accepted a job with Ecology & Environment, an international environmental consulting firm based in Buffalo. He will work in their relatively new geographic information system department applying the many skills he developed and refined during his AmeriCorps experience. Joe reported edged out over 150 applicants for the position.

AmeriCorps member, Gayla Gross Gray, has accepted a position working for the Seneca Nation of Indians where she will provide further assistance with their efforts to implement GIS technology. She will also serve as a liason between the Seneca Nation and the nearby West Valley Nuclear Demonstration Project helping the Seneca Nation better understand impacts of activity at West Valley. Gayla is one of just a handful of non-natives employed by the Seneca Nation - a strong indication of the respect and trust which developed over the last year.

Chris Castiglione is now in graduate school at the University of Buffalo. He will also be employed part-time by the Town of Amherst to continue assisting with their efforts to implement GIS technologies within the Town. Chris has joined the "Earth Team" volunteer program in our office to continue his assistance with AmeriCorps and NRCS GIS work.

See continuation sheet.

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.

See accompanying newspaper clippings and other examples of AmeriCorps community involvement!

This year's AmeriCorps team worked with 31 registered "Earth Team" volunteers. Volunteers expanded the impact of AmeriCorps work and accomplishments by contributing 2200 hours of volunteer time in support of the many AmeriCorps community assistance projects. This does not include the many community officials and department staff that worked along with AmeriCorps members on specific projects.

Lisa Matthies, a second year AmeriCorps member had a very serious biking accident this spring which kept her away from work for over a month. Fortunately, her AmeriCorps health insurance helped her avoid catastrophic financial hardships and allowed her to afford the high quality medical care she needed to recover from an emergency spleenectomy and continue to cover the cost of medications and medical monitoring she is likely to need for the rest of her life. Lisa is extremely appreciative of the opportunity she has had to participate in AmeriCorps (and to have had quality health care coverage!).

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.

Program challenges have truly been minimal throughout the year. Members worked together exceptionally well. Community support has been tremendous. Complications of a complex technology were minimized. Members focussed on translating technical jargon into easily understood language. "Standard Operating Procedures" were developed for nearly all major tasks so that experiences can be readily shared, learning curves can be flattened, poorly written users manuals can be largely ignored and procedures can easily be shared with other AmeriCorps members, Earth Team volunteers, and other users.

The biggest remaining challenge is recruiting for next year's team during this period of transition. Until final clearance is given for USDA to sponsor and operate AmeriCorps projects, potential applicants, local sponsors, and community officials and agency staff hoping to work with AmeriCorps are left in limbo. We have high hopes this issue will be resolved in the next few days.

In order to increase the focus on direct impacts and benefits of GIS activity on local resource management and land use planning, the theme for next year's project will be "Integrating Information and Action." This will reinforce the importance of both direct community involvement in AmeriCorps projects and direct, measurable benefits of GIS data development and distribution.

CONTINUATION SHEET

16. Community Building (cont.)

Y36A 1, 3, 4 Among the many projects completed with the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County was a project to map the location of all food banks and pantries in Erie County! Over 120 facilities were identified and mapped in the effort. Maps are being distributed by United Way to help homeless and low income people more easily find meals. Data is also being used to evaluate the distribution of food pantries with respect to their proximity to public transportation, safety concerns for users of the facilities, and community income and other demographic factors.

17. Member Development (cont.)

Second year member, Lisa Mathhies, will return to graduate studies at the University of Buffalo in January. Until that time, Lisa will be employed by the Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District to continue work on soil map digitizing projects.

Scott Barnwell is applying his new skills and expertise on a land use planning and community development project for a major coastal city in Senegal. The project will be part of his masters degree work at the University of Wisconsin. The importance of directly involving local community representatives in all phases of project development, planning and implementation was greatly reinforced by Scott's AmeriCorps experience. While in Madison, WI, Scott will also be working on a GIS internship with the National Parks Service.

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FAITH	, HENRY	C.	F	E	C	124	0	<u>0</u>		124
GHOSEN	, JOSEPH	A.	F	A	A	424	479	<u>430</u>		903
GROSS	, GAYLA	D.	F	A	A	445	468	<u>462</u>		913
MATTHIES	, LISA	A.	F	A	A	427	470	<u>371</u>		897
Total Hours:										4522

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(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	QTY Unit of Measure	3rd QTR Quantity	Year's Success Target	Success Unit of Measure	3rd QTR Success
NY	Y36A	1	EN-E037A	To acquire, produce & distribute digital natural resource, land use, and demographic data	1000	maps - digitized or produced	275	80	% of maps used to implement actions	85
NY	Y36A	2	EN-E059A	Assist with stream corridor protection projects	1	miles - streambank stabilized	.25	30	% decrease in erosion or water pollution	40
NY	Y36A	3	EN-R045B	GIS Equipment/software setup	10	software - GIS	4	95	% fully functional	100
NY	Y36A	4	EN-E017B	Community education/outreach	25	presentations - educational	6	2000	number of people reached	300

14. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

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State	Op Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact statement	Year's		Year's		Success		Unit of
					QTY Target	QTY	Unit of Measure	1st QTR Quantity	Success Target	Success	

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CA	Y05A	18	EN96	Constrcuting whale nesting boxes	3	Boxes		1	90	%	
meeting stand.		95%									

- 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.

Y36A 1. See "Accomplishments" section of weekly meeting minutes.

Y36A 2. AmeriCorps members assisted with a statewide effort to evaluate and map over 300 streambank sections severely damaged by winter and spring floods. Treatment funding was secured by NRCS to allow local sponsors to repair nearly all the eroded banks.

Y36A 1. AmeriCorps members helped United Way refine and map the Olympic Torch route through Western New York. The map was printed by United Way and mailed to >2000 United Way member organizations, local communities, and the media.

- 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.

Y36A 1,3,4. Extensive work with the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County has helped United Way staff and volunteers greatly accelerate their efforts to incorporate GIS technologies into nearly every aspect of their community assistance programming while bringing AmeriCorps into contact with a diverse group of new clientele, community leaders and the general public.

Y36A 1,3,4. See "AmeriCorps GIS Projects" Summer/Fall 1996 listing.

Y36A 1,3,4. Work with Erie County Dept. of Environment and Planning has brought their GIS system "on-line," helped populate their databases, and trained staff to use the hardware, software, and data.

- 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.

AmeriCorps members Chris Castiglione and Lisa Matthies have been accepted in the Geography Department masters degree program at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Scott Barnwell will be attending the University of Wisconsin to complete a masters degree in GIS. Scott is also taking another two week leave of absence to begin work on an international aid project in Senegal.

All members have gained tremendous experience, exposure, and community insight which they will apply to their careers and lives.

SECTION V - SUCCESS STORIES:

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AmeriCorps members assisted U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff in an interagency project to map the streams and Johnson/Jeddo Creeks watershed information as part of an effort to evaluate the feasibility of reintroducing native Atlantic salmon to the waters of Lake Ontario. Members are mapping stream corridor locations, release sites, habitat conditions and other evaluation factors including where the tagged salmon smolts are found. Atlantic salmon have been extinct in the Great Lakes for over a century. Bringing back the Atlantic salmon will require modification of the many dams blocking spawning streams but could be one of the major ecological and economic success stories of the 1990s.

See copies of minutes, thank you notes and press clippings, etc.

SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

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Keeping USDA computers running has proven to be an ongoing challenge. USDA NRCS supplied equipment and GIS software does not meet current needs, mainly because technical support is not readily available. GIS policy and support within the agency is not keeping up with the technology. Fortunately, access to other work sites operating propriety software (rather than the poorly supported public domain/agency packages) has allowed the members to remain focussed on community service objectives. We are trying to secure funds to upgrade the USDA NRCS equipment so that we can operate the currently supported GIS software-not the stuff that was supported 5 years ago.

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.

The team has been sharing an internet account and accessing world wide web and e-mail AmeriCorps sites. The East Aurora project's AmeriCorps home page is still under construction (with volunteer help) but can be viewed at:

<http://www.snybuf.edu/wraymond/Research/amcorps/amcorps.html>

AmeriCorps members traveled to Albany for a one day New York statewide AmeriCorps conference in May 14th where they joined over 300 other AmeriCorps members for a rally, project display, and training.

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

The Erie Co. SWCD secretary retired in April. The position has not yet been filled. We've been struggling without clerical and receptionist assistance but hope that will be resolved by mid-August.

Second year member, Lisa Matthies, was forced to take an extended leave of absense due to a very serious bicycling accident. She is now back to work on a part-time basis so she will likely be around well passed the "graduation" of the rest of the team. (Not bad for transition planning though!) Thankfully, she had health insurance!!!

- 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.

Phone numbers and addresses on all correspondence is important.

Clearance to begin recruiting before the end of the summer would be very beneficial!!!

- 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.

Not all members are quick to recognize the importance and value of working with volunteers (even with coaching). This is an area where some guidance and training would be useful.

We still need to work on keeping agency administrative staff informed about the program. Budget issues and impacts remain important administrative concerns.

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If any more members become available, we could comfortably incorporate another five (5) members to expand activity beyond Erie County.

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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: New York

3. Agency: ARS ☐ NRCS ☒ Forest Service ☐ RECD ☐ FSA ☐ FCS ☐

SECTION II - STATE CONTACT INFORMATION:

(Make Corrections if Necessary)

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First Middle Last

5. Title: District Conservationist

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street, number, and PO (if applicable)

East Aurora NY 14052-2185
City State Zip

7. Telephone number: 7 1 6 - 6 5 2 - 8 4 8 0

8. Fax number: 7 1 6 - 6 5 2 - 8 5 0 6

9. E-Mail Address (if any) : nrcsea@localnet.com

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10. MEMBER DATA:

OP SITE ID: Y36A

Site Supervisor: John Whitney

PHONE: 716-652-8480

Agency/Org Name: NRCS

FAX: 7166528506

STATE: NY

City: East Aurora, NY

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		
BARNWELL	, SCOTT	A.	(b)(6)	F	A	A	437	<u>451</u>	_____	_____	888	437
CASTIGLIONE	, CHRISTIAN	M.		F	A	A	313	<u>484</u>	_____	_____	797	313
FAITH	, HENRY	C.		F	E	C	124 360	<u>---</u>	_____	_____	124	360 124
GHOSEN	, JOSEPH	A.		F	A	A	424	<u>479</u>	_____	_____	903	424
GROSS	, GAYLA	D.		F	A	A	445	<u>468</u>	_____	_____	913	445
MATTHIES	, LISA	A.		F	A	A	427	<u>470</u>	_____	_____	897	427

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Total Hours:										2406

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 5

No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 6

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved*: -1

ENTER the number of vacancies that you intend to fill in the next reporting period: 0

ENTER the number of vacancies you intend to relinquish for the program year: 0

* 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.

As indicated in the first quarter report, member Henry Faith ended service early (without earning award). Because he was terminated within the first 6 wks., his position was refilled with a "standby" applicant.

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>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>14</u>

Total reflects number of active volunteers at some time during the year to date.

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>333</u>	<u>479</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </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 "1st QTR Quantity" and the column marked "1st 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

"1st 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

"1st QTR Success" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Year's Success Target"

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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 be 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.

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Provided AmeriCorps members do not count against agency FTE ceiling, we hope to renew the East Aurora site for another year, expanding the team to 10 members. Additionally, we hope to add two or three more team sites in other parts of New York State. Objectives at those sites may vary significantly from those of the East Aurora site.

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Y36A See accompanying project listing update.

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Y36A 3&4 AmeriCorps member, **Joe Ghosen**, and other team members have been assisting the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County in setting up and implementing a newly acquired geographic information system for mapping and analyzing the distribution and effectiveness of area health and human service providers. AmeriCorps members are helping United Way staff and volunteers with training, community demonstrations, and program database modifications to allow United Way staff and others to take advantage of the power and utility of GIS for funding, planning, and impact evaluation. The main objective of the effort is to help local and national program funders evaluate whether or not service providers are distributed appropriately to meet the needs of their target clientele.

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AmeriCorps member, **Scott Barnwell**, took a 3 week leave of absence in early January to serve as a volunteer guide and interpreter (in Wolof and French) for a group of Cornell University representatives and other U.S. and international researchers who were attending the Third International Eco-City Conference in Senegal in West Africa. Scott functioned as a conference speaker translator and led informal tours through 3 Senegal Villages. Scott's leave of absence for his East Aurora AmeriCorps assignment allowed him to extend his community service work to the global community.

Members **Lisa Matthies**, **Scott Barnwell**, and **Chris Castiglione** have applied for graduate studies in GIS at colleges across the U.S. (**Joe Ghosen** and **Gayla Gross** already have masters' degrees). Chris and Scott have been accepted by at least one college. Lisa's application is expected to be approved as soon as the college receives her GREs.

SECTION V - SUCCESS STORIES:

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Y36A "The Weakening Web" is the theme of a traveling exhibit that is presently set up at the Buffalo Museum of Science. Members **Joe Ghosen** and **Gayla Gross** participated in planning sessions for events taking place while the exhibit is in Buffalo. They also put together a large display of environmental resources and demographic data maps and AmeriCorps program information that is being viewed by hundreds of museum visitors each week. (See enclosed newspaper clipping.) Two other groups, Great Lakes United and the Western New York Land Conservancy are using maps produced by AmeriCorps in their displays. Gayla and Joe have been serving as museum docents one afternoon each week throughout the month of March.

SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

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Having your main GIS computer hard drive accidentally corrupted during an agency computer specialist's attempt to fix the tape backup system caused great anxiety and modest delays for a number of projects. Fortunately, 100% of the data was recovered and the system is again fully operational. Other partner sites (Erie County Dept. of Environment and Planning, Buffalo State College, Inteligis, etc.) were available during the down time on our system. A new backup system is being installed on our system so that similar problems cannot happen again.

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Members Joe Ghosen, Chris Castiglione, and Lisa Matthies participated in the 3/25 satellite video conference with Secretary Glickman and USDA AmeriCorps National Program director, Joel Berg. It was a great opportunity for teams to connect with other teams across the country and hear a little about what other projects are doing to help local communities.

Members, Scott Barnell, Lisa Matthies, and Chris castiglione joined members from New Jersey and Vermont in helping Big Flats Plant Materials Center Staff harvest ten(!) stake truck loads of willow and dogwood cuttings for streambank stabilization and revegetation.

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

Members have expanding their service area to additional counties in WNY, especially through their efforts to inventory and map areas damaged by the January floods.

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We could use electronic versions of AmeriCorps and USDA logos for local printing, mapping and desktop publishing. We also need a roll of AmeriCorps logo stickers.

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AMERICORPS GIS PROJECTS East Aurora, New York



Tax Parcels and Special Districts

The tax parcels and special districts for the City of Tonawanda have been digitized in cooperation with Inteligis Corporation.

GIS Support for the Fish and Wildlife Division, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

AmeriCorps will be converting individual wetland survey and boundary delineations to an electronic format and compiling this information and related descriptive information on a GIS. The GIS, at the NYSDEC Region 9 office, will help staff members track the status of individual wetlands, and will be more convenient than the current paper filing system.

Seneca Nation of Indians (SNI)

AmeriCorps is helping SNI staff locate and map gas wells on the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation. This project will extend to the Allegany and Oil Spring Reservations. About 300 wells, developed between 1900 and the 1930s, must be found on the reservations so they can be properly closed or redeveloped. The gas wells often pose an environmental threat to soil, groundwater, and surface water. Some gas wells could be a safety hazard because they might be venting methane gas into the air in explosive quantities.

Southern Tier Emergency Watershed Protection Assistance

AmeriCorps team mobilized 10 days after flooding in Allegany County, which was declared a federal disaster area by President Clinton. We are locating flood-damaged areas using global positioning system technology. We will create maps of this and other southern tier counties to help disaster relief coordinators plan and track site repair work.

Erie County 1:24000 Waterways Project at Buffalo State College

AmeriCorps is digitizing waterways in Erie County, with emphasis on the Buffalo River watershed. This project supports Buffalo River environmental protection and restoration projects. AmeriCorps uses this project to train Buffalo State College geography and geology students to use ArcInfo GIS software.

United Way of Buffalo and Erie County

AmeriCorps is helping United Way understand and use their ArcView GIS software. United Way will use GIS to map the accessibility and types of social services within Buffalo and Erie County. United Way will then be able to identify and address community social services needs.

Buffalo Museum of Science

AmeriCorps members are volunteer docents for a special exhibit called "Our Weakening Web", which explains why past extinctions of plants and animals have occurred, and what can be done to protect wildlife and prevent extinction now. We are preparing a display, "Computerized Mapping and the Environment" and a presentation as part of this special exhibit.

Watershed Boundaries of Western New York

AmeriCorps has digitized the major watersheds in Western New York. Watershed boundary mapping was a joint project by the USGS and the NRCS. The boundaries were hand-drawn on many topographic quadrangle maps. AmeriCorps digitized the boundaries, then "patched" all the maps together into one large map covering Western New York. This map will help district conservationists, environmental scientists, and community planners understand and identify actions which affect surface water quality.

Strawberry Island

AmeriCorps helped an Earth Team Volunteer study the long term erosion of Strawberry Island, in the Niagara River. Air photos dating to 1938 were studied and digitized. This project, presented at the Geological Society of America Northeast Section meeting in March 1996, will help local groups hoping to restore Strawberry Island.

Buffalo River Bathymetry

AmeriCorps helped an Earth Team volunteer digitize historical bathymetric data on the Buffalo River. The data were provided by the Army Corps of Engineers. Three-dimensional models of the river channel were made in order to study sediment load, deposition, and erosion rates. This project was presented at the Geological Society of America Northeast Section meeting in March 1996.

More projects and data sharing activities are planned or are already underway in support of local community planning, resource protection, public education and conservation efforts throughout Erie County and adjacent areas.

Additional projects include:

- Environmental Concerns in Erie County (a supplement to State hazardous waste sites map for Erie County)
- Erie County Agricultural Districts
- Western New York Waterfalls
- Surficial and Bedrock Geology (from New York State Museum)
- Erie Niagara Wetlands Initiative (includes digitized soil maps for northern Erie and southern Niagara Counties)
- Town of Eden Detailed Soil Survey Recompilation and Digitizing
- Town of West Seneca Survey Monument Densification
- Seneca Nation of Indians Eagle Nest Sites
- Wetland Reserve Program Sites
- Conservation Reserve Program Sites
- Seneca Nation of Indians Agricultural Tracts & Fields
- Buffalo Habitat for Humanity Project Sites
- USGS Stream Gauging Stations & Flow Records
- Cazenovia Creek Drainage Basin Unregulated Discharges
- Aerial Photography Computerized Indexing System

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GETTING THINGS DONE

Environmental groups add to museum exhibit

From the third-graders at Olmsted School 67 to the federal experts at the Fish and Wildlife Service, environmental groups have added their views of Western New York's environment to an ongoing exhibit at the Buffalo Museum of Science.

Displays from 26 groups and agencies have been added to the Humboldt Parkway museum's exhibit on "Our Weakening Web: The Story of Extinction," which runs through May 12.

A display board also lists the names and addresses of 110 local environmental organizations for those wanting more information.

"By inviting local environmental organizations to put displays in the museum, they gain exposure, and our visitors leave with an increased awareness of both the problems in

our area as well as the future," said exhibits director Carroll Simon.

"The ideal result is that visitors leave having a deeper respect for our planet and are energized to participate in an active way to save it," he added.

The local groups were invited to participate while the current exhibit still was in the planning stages. Museum officials said the response was so good that some groups had to be turned away because of space limitations.

Participating in the displays are the pupils at School 67 and federal fisheries agency, New York Sea Grant Great Lakes Program, Animal Rights Advocates of Western New York, Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes, Beaver Meadow Nature Center, Citizens Cam-

paign for the Environment, Hawk Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Friends of the Buffalo River, Recycling Education and Enhancement Program and the state chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation.

Also, the state Department of Environmental Conservation, Great Lakes United, the state Energy Research and Development Authority, Conserve UB Energy Foundation, Great Lakes Beach Sweep, New York State River Otter Project, Buffalo Environmental Task Force, AmeriCorps, Western New York Land Conservancy, Western New York Sustainable Energy Association, Living with Deer, Parkside Greens, the Environmental Coalition, Allegany State Park and the University at Buffalo Great Lakes Program.

Emission rules topic of seminar

The Business Council of New York State will hold an air quality compliance seminar for local businesses from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 9 in the Sheraton Inn Buffalo Airport, Cheektowaga.

The seminar will center on a new air emissions source operating permit program being developed by the state Department of Environmental Conservation to meet the requirements of Title V of the Clean Air Act.

Tuition is \$129 per person, and registration information is available from the Business Council at 1-800-358-1202.

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February 2, 1996

The big news this week is the disaster work eligible for EWP funds in more than 32 counties in New York. Teams have estimated more than \$8 million in damages on more than 370 sites. Requests for funds are pending in Washington. The whole state has been mobilized under the leadership of **Joe DeVecchio**. **Dan Kolesar** is appointed administering contracting officer for Delaware County. **Karen Huff**, **Contract Officer from the Northern Plains Region** is expected to arrive February 26 to assist New York's Contracting Officer, **Nancy Lee**. Requests are out to other states for additional help.

\$210,000 of funds are available for work in **Allegany, Delaware, Herkimer, Onondaga and Schoharie** Counties. Contracts will be awarded in **Allegany and Delaware** after site showings next week.

Thanks to **Eric Swanson, Troy FO, and area offices**, every field office received via FAX, a quick updated copy of a fact sheet on the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, including facts on the 75%/25% match requirements for all program sites. **Patty Hammer** revised the layout, and camera ready copies have been provided to FEMA and are being mailed to field offices today.

Eleanor Jacobs, Editor, American Agriculturist, heard **Linda Szellga and Amanda Barber** on Ithaca radio and had high praise for their reporting skills as they discussed EWP and assistance for flood victims.

Michael LaPointe, NRCS, Vermont, came to Syracuse to conduct training at the State Office for the CADD cadre in the use of AutoCAD and SoftDesk. Mike will also act as a mentor for us as we fully implement CADD in New York. Thanks Mike, for getting us through this first step and thanks to Vermont for letting him go.

Contact: John Chua, Civil Engineer.

Farmland Protection and Erosion Control in Washington County

The Washington County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board is unveiling its Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan on March 14 at a conference titled *Agricultural Economic Development: A Key to Ag and Farmland Protection*. Donald Davidson, Commissioner of Ag and markets will be the featured speaker. Call the Field office for specifics.

On Wednesday March 20, an **Erosion & Sediment Control Workshop** sponsored by the Washington County SWCD will be held. **Don Lake** will conduct the short course. A \$20 pre-registration is required. Lunch and your choice of the NY Guidelines for Urban Erosion & Sediment Control OR The NY Contractors Erosion & Sediment Control Field Notebook is included.

Contact: Scott Fitcher, DC, Hudson Falls

Regional Plans to Promote Grassland Farming

Darrell Emmick, Grassland Specialist and Jean Krebs, PAS, attended a NE Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative strategic planning session in Burlington Vermont this week and helped develop the GLCI plan for the Northeast. **Brian Pillsbury, GLCI regional coordinator** will present the plan to the East Region for incorporation into the national GLCI.

Contact: Darrell Emmick or Jean Krebs

AmeriCorps in Senegal

East Aurora Field Office AmeriCorps Member, **Scott Barnwell**, recently returned from a two and one-half week trip to Senegal in West Africa. Scott was serving as a volunteer guide and language interpreter in Wolof and French for a group of Cornell University representatives and other U.S. and international researchers who were attending the Third International Eco-City Conference. Scott functioned as conference speaker translator and led informal tours through three Senegal Villages. Scott took a three week leave of absence from his East Aurora AmeriCorps assignment to extend his community service work to the global community.

Contact: Scott Barnwell, East Aurora AmeriCorps

Networking and the Internet

The Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District has completed the installation of a local area network (LAN) connecting two Pentium computers with the NRCS 486 computer. The MS-Windows based PC-NFS Pro (from SunSoft) "ethernet" network allows for easy sharing of data and applications. District and NRCS staff and AmeriCorps members are using GRASS, ArcInfo, ArcView, Lotus SmartSuite, and many other applications to support a wide variety of projects and activities from GIS to desktop publishing. The networked system includes a color printer and a CD-ROM drive. The system also connects to the Internet through LocalNet, a Buffalo and Syracuse-based internet service provider. All internet calls are toll free with unlimited graphical access to the World Wide Web and e-mail (for a low, quarterly fee).

Contact: John Whitney, DC, East Aurora, nrcsea@localnet.com

New Member for Skaneateles Watershed Program

Douglas P. Fisher joined the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program as a resource Conservation Specialist. Fisher will help with all phases of Best Management Practice designs and surveys, along with development of operation, maintenance and contingency plans as part of Whole Farm Planning. He has a 2-year degree in Natural Resource Conservation from SUNY Morrisville and has been a field technician at the Onondaga SWCD. He was born and raised on Hi-Fi Farms in Syracuse. The Skaneateles Lake Watershed Protection Program protects the water quality of the lake, chief source of drinking water for the city of Syracuse which is the principle source of funding for the project.

Contact: Suzanne Hopkins, Lafayette

Missing W-2 Forms.

If you have not received your W-2 form, call the Human Resources office and it will be requested.

Contact: Marilyn Breton

New Address for Area 2 Office:

Phone 914-883-7162
FAX: 914-883-7184

Suite 202, Time Square Office Park
652 Route 299
Highland, NY 12528

Calendar:

Feb. 4-7	NACD Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV
Feb. 15	Western NY Stormwater Mgt. Conf & Trade Show, Rochester Marriott
Feb. 22-24	NY Winter Farm Show, NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, Theme: Graze NY
Feb. 28	Western NY Grasslands Conference (dairy) Yorkshire K of C Bldg., Arcade NY
Mar. 5-8	Conservation District Employees' Annual Training Session, Binghamton NY, - a "Water Quality Symposium"
Mar. 8-9	NY Farm Bureau Young Farmer Conference, Rochester, NY
Mar. 27-28	NY Federation of RC&D Councils, The Inn, Holiday Valley, Ellicottville
Mar. 31	DEADLINE: Goodyear District Award to Anita Cartin NYACD
July 7-10	SWCS 51st Annual Conference, Keystone, Colorado
Jul. 14-17	Watershed Restoration Management Forum, Syracuse NY, by American Water Resources Association

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AmeriCorps And SNI To Locate Gas Wells

In the late 1980's, the Seneca Nation of Indians took title to dozens of old gas wells scattered throughout the Cattaraugus and Allegany reservations, and other oil and gas wells dating back to the early 1900's were previously abandoned. Unfortunately, the precise location of most of these wells is not known. Old well maps and records often show only approximate locations at best.

Today, some of the abandoned wells are leaking gas, oil, water, or brine to the surface, potentially contaminating soil or surface waters some distance from the actual well sites. Some wells may conduct contaminants such as fertilizers or road salts from the surface into groundwater.

Other wells could be re-developed for gas production. Knowing the precise location of the wells is the first step in planning for proper well closure or re-development of the Seneca Nation natural gas fields.

THE WELL LOCATION TEAM

Judy Clark, Surveyor-Manager of the Seneca Nation of Indians' Department of Maps and Boundaries is coordinating the well location effort. Jeff Twoguns of the Nation's Gas and Utilities Department is leading the field work. Many other Seneca Nation departments are also involved including: Planning, the Utility Board, Grants & Contracts, and Environmental Protection. Tom Plummer of the Indian Health Services office will also be assisting. Some of the many Seneca Nation staff working on the project include Armand Mayhew, Bruce Adams, Carol Guisneau, Sandy Adams, Bruce Williams, Lisa Mayhew, Lisa Watt, Dorell Eddy, Tim Stevens, and Tracey White.

Technical assistance will be provided by a five member team of AmeriCorps members based out of the East Aurora field office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service). Members of the AmeriCorps team will be collecting old well records and maps, developing and refining location procedures, documenting location efforts, creating geographic information system (GIS) maps, recording well locations using global positioning satellite (GPS) receivers, and helping to install markers at the location of well sites.

FIELD WORK UNDER WAY

The first phase of the project is already under way. According to Seneca Nation records, 114 wells are scattered across the Cattaraugus Reservation. AmeriCorps members have already collected well records and mapped locations from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation office in Olean. Field procedures are being tested and developed by locating and mapping the 25 to 30 wells known by Jeff and other Seneca Nation staff. A computerized map of the approximate location of the wells has been developed by AmeriCorps members and the approximate latitude and longitude coordinates are being used along with the GPS equipment to navigate to the general vicinity of the well.

Once in the general vicinity, the location team will use metal and gas detectors (provided and operated by Seneca Nation staff) and visual observations to find and mark the exact well locations. Vegetative indicators, evidence of well disturbance, and old equipment, tools, pipes and cables are some of the many signs that may be visible on or near the surface. In some cases, there may be a gas leak or



In foreground of photo is an abandoned gas well found on the Cattaraugus Reservation during field GPS location. In photo from left to right: Scott Barnwell - AmeriCorps, Bruce Adams, SNI Maps & Boundaries, Jeff Twoguns/Gas & Utilities, Lisa Watt - Natural Resources, Armand Mayhew-Natural Resources, Gayla Gross - AmeriCorps.

vegetation growth has completely hidden all evidence of the well locations. These sites may ultimately require more extensive investigation with backhoes and other excavating equipment though that is not planned as part of this effort. AmeriCorps members will record the exact location of the wells using global positioning satellite equipment. Where necessary, Seneca Nation survey crews will use more traditional surveying techniques to record even more accurate locations.

AmeriCorps members will be wearing blaze orange jackets, at least during the winter (and hunting seasons). They will be driving either a tan GMC Safari van or a cream colored Dodge Dakota pickup. Seneca Nation staff will always accompany AmeriCorps members working on the project.

It is imperative that the wells be located more precisely for the Nation to adequately plan for finding well closures. Environmental impacts of roadway construction and well closure procedures must also be considered. The latitude and longitude coordinates collected in the field will be downloaded to computer to generate refined location maps which can be combined with other Seneca Nation records like soils, archaeological sites, land use, transportation system, wetlands, streams, etc. to analyze and predict costs and impacts of well closure or gas field re-development.

WHAT IS AMERICORPS?

AmeriCorps is President Clinton's new national service program designed to provide opportunities for Americans of all ages to help local communities meet critical social and environmental needs. Members receive a modest living allowance and, upon completion of a minimum of 1700 hours of community service, a \$4700 educational award. The East Aurora based AmeriCorps team is under the direction of John Whitney of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). John, along with other NRCS staff, Earth Team volunteers, and last year's AmeriCorps members, has been working with Seneca Nation staff for many years to help develop geographic information system records to support the Nation's planning and environmental protection needs.

This year's AmeriCorps members are Lisa Matthews, Gayla Gross, Scott Barnwell, Chris Catiglione, and Joseph Glotzen. Lisa, a second year AmeriCorps member, is an Allied University graduate with a degree in environmental studies. She is from Allen, Ohio, originally from Ohio, has a master's degree in hydrology from the University of Akron (OH). Gayla lives in Hamburg. Scott is a Georgetown University graduate originally from South Carolina. Scott has taught English in Bulgaria and has also studied in Germany. Chris has a degree in Environmental Science and is from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, NY. Joseph is from New York. He has a degree in public administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He lives in Buffalo with his wife and young son. Joe is of Seneca descent and has family connections living on the Cattaraugus Reservation.

CALL FOR INFORMATION OR TO REPORT WELL LOCATIONS

Questions about the project can be directed to Judy Clark or call Jeff Twoguns at 532-4900 if you have specific information about well locations.

Wetlands Useful To Clean Water

The benefit of Wetlands are many it was reported at the Alden Kiwanis Club meeting held last Thursday at Good Time Charlie's Restaurant.

Speaking on Wetlands was Lisa Matthies of Alden and Scott Barnwell of Orchard Park who are with the AmeriCorps Team in East Aurora. They work in the National Resources Conservation Service to aid communities in development and planning.

They pointed out that Wetlands can hold water in times of floods, are a storage house for water, save soil and help prevent soil erosion. They are useful in wildlife management and save some plant species.

They benefit humans by filtering contaminated water that carries fertilizers, chemicals and pesticides to the wetland. Certain plant species that live in wetlands are suited to taking in nutrients and pollutants carried by the water and breaking down the dangerous molecules into harmless molecules, cleaning the water.

Today some industries are constructing shallow ponds and introducing this plant life so they can discharge their polluted water in the pond and the vegetation cleans the water.

The speakers were introduced by Kiwanian Dr. Matt Will.

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Celebrating Women's History Month

March 27, 1996

Cooperative Working Agreements -Reserve the date: April 18, 1996. In an effort to modernize the working relationship and show the commitment between USDA, NRCS, and Districts, the Secretary of Agriculture has developed, and now signed, a general Mutual Agreement for each of the 58 SWCDs in New York. They are awaiting signature by Governor George Pataki, after which they will be presented to each SWCD Chair for signature. The next step in the process is for New York a to develop a specific Cooperative Working Agreement (CWA) with each District. To emphasize the importance of this document to the partnership and provide guidance to states in creating these documents, NRCS, NACD, and NASCA have arranged for a live satellite broadcast on **April 18, 1996 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. EDT**. NRCS District Conservationists are encouraged to begin working with local partners to reserve a satellite downlink site. More specific information as to program content and downlink coordinates will be provided shortly.

Contact: Joe DelVecchio, ASTC

AmeriCorps - East Aurora AmeriCorps "GIS and Conservation Technology Team" members, Joe Ghosen, Chris Castiglione and Lisa Matthies, participated in a nationwide AmeriCorps satellite video conference with Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman and AmeriCorps/USDA National Program Director, Joel Berg. Each AmeriCorps team asked to briefly describe its community service objectives and accomplishments. Chris was spokesperson for the Aurora Team. The video conference was an excellent opportunity for AmeriCorps members across the country to find out more about other programs and highlight some of their own activities. A videotape of the conference is available if any would like to borrow it.

Contact: Chris Castiglione, East Aurora FO

New travel advance policy. The American Express (AMEX) card will now be used exclusively for obtaining all travel advances - both temporary duty and relocation. **Reminder:** \$300 per day maximum cash withdrawal and maximum \$1,000 per week withdrawal. Travelers may claim any charges for ATM use on the travel voucher; call AMEX 800-227-4669 for help with PIN's. If you do not have an AMEX card, please submit your request to Maria Maniscalco at the State Office as soon as possible.

Contact: Maria Maniscalco, Accounting Technician

NY Pasture Association's Annual Meeting. In Auburn, NY on March 16, 1996, this farmer-based organization combined a conference and trade show with its annual meeting to inform and educate those interested in advancing and adopting effective grazing technologies. Over ninety people attended sessions on dairy, beef and sheep production, and learned of the latest wares and services from agribusinesses and agencies. Displays on GRAZENY, the Grazing Land Conservation Initiative, and Cornell Cooperative Extension's PRO-DAIRY Management Intensive Grazing course were staffed by an assortment of NRCS, SWCD and CCE personnel. Referral contacts made at this event will be forwarded to the appropriate FO.

Contact: Robert DeClue, GRAZE NY

Emergency Conservation Program for FSA has received requests for assistance from 21 counties for a total of 2.4 million as a result of the January storm.

Contact: Steve Machovec, RPSL

Land Restoration wins top honors for central NY High School - Marcellus High School has taken first place honors in a national environmental competition sponsored by EPA. The prize is a \$10,000 check which will be presented by Sylvester Stallone sometime in May. Twenty students along the Heidi Busa, the school's environmental science teacher, designed the winning project which will convert a quarry owned by W.F. Saunders & Sons, a local

mining company, into wetlands, trails and a wildlife habitat. Joe Del Vecchio and Mike Townsend attended several of the meetings and offered expert advice. Restoration will begin shortly. **Contact: Joe DelVecchio, ASTC**

As of March 18, The New York CCA Program has joined forces with the New England program and is now the Northeast Region Certified Crop Advisor Program. This will allow for greater efficiency and coordination. The results of the February 2, 1996 exam are as follows:

National Exam - 2,944 took the exam; 52.1 percent passed the exam.

NY/NE Exam - 134 took the exam, 72 percent passed the exam.

Test results for individuals should be received within the next week. **The next exam date is August 2, 1996.** It will be the last opportunity for agency people to take the exam under the fee exemption policy adopted by the National Program. Examinees must register early. Registration must be received six (6) weeks prior to the exam date.

Contact: Fred Gaffney, Agronomist

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). On April 4, 1996, Steve Machovec, Rick Swenson and John Dickerson will meet with Bob Bathrick, Senior Forester for NYS DEC, to develop and sign a MOU for forestry activities in the state.

Contact: Steve Machovec, RSPL

Forestry Incentives Program (FIP). It appears that the farm bill may re-authorize FIP, so we may have another round of cost-share money to allocate. Site index will play a key role in prioritizing the requests, so make sure the DEC Foresters look at the soil survey for accurate site index information

Contact: John Dickerson, Plant Material Specialist

Thank You. John Dickerson thanks all those who sent a get well card and those get well wishes. John is fully recovered from his surgery and is back to work at the State Office

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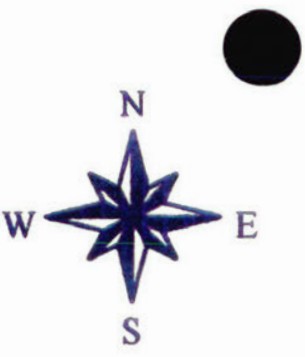
Page 12 - Binghamton FO - change telephone number to (607) 723-5099 effective April 1, 1996. The Fax number remains the same.

Calendar:

Apr 2	Satellite Broadcast -- Negotiation Skills: The Key to Managing your Career
Apr 2-3	Wetland Reserve Program Assessment Mtg. -, Syracuse SO
Apr 10	Civil Rights Committee Meeting, Syracuse SO
Apr 13	SoCNY RC&D/Tioga Co. CCE Goat/Sheep Tour, Tioga County, NY
Apr 16	SoCNY RC&D Annual Meeting/luncheon, Christopher's Restaurant, Oneonta, NY
Apr 18	CWA Satellite Broadcast - 1:30 - 4:40 p.m.
Apr 20	SoCNY RC&D/SUNY Delhi Sheep & Goat Field Day, SUNY Delhi, Delhi, NY
Apr 21-27	National Volunteer Week..."Volunteer. We Belong Together"
Apr 24	QST Meeting, Syracuse SO
Apr 25	Management Team Meeting, Syracuse SO
Apr 30	State Technical Team Meeting, Syracuse SO
May	Wetlands Month
May 5-11	Water Week
May 11	Making Connections II Trail systems Workshop, Guthrie Inn, Sayre, PA

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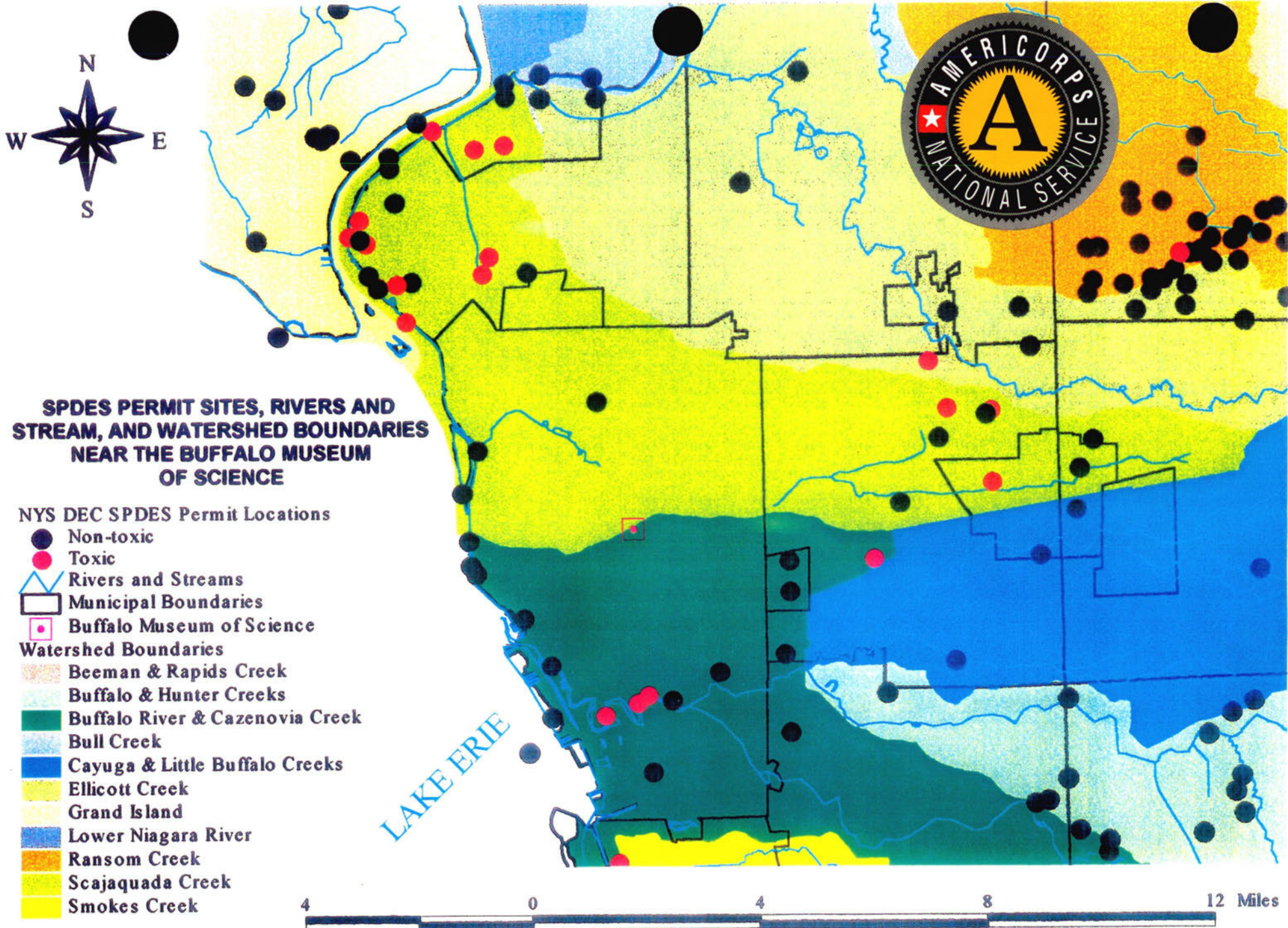
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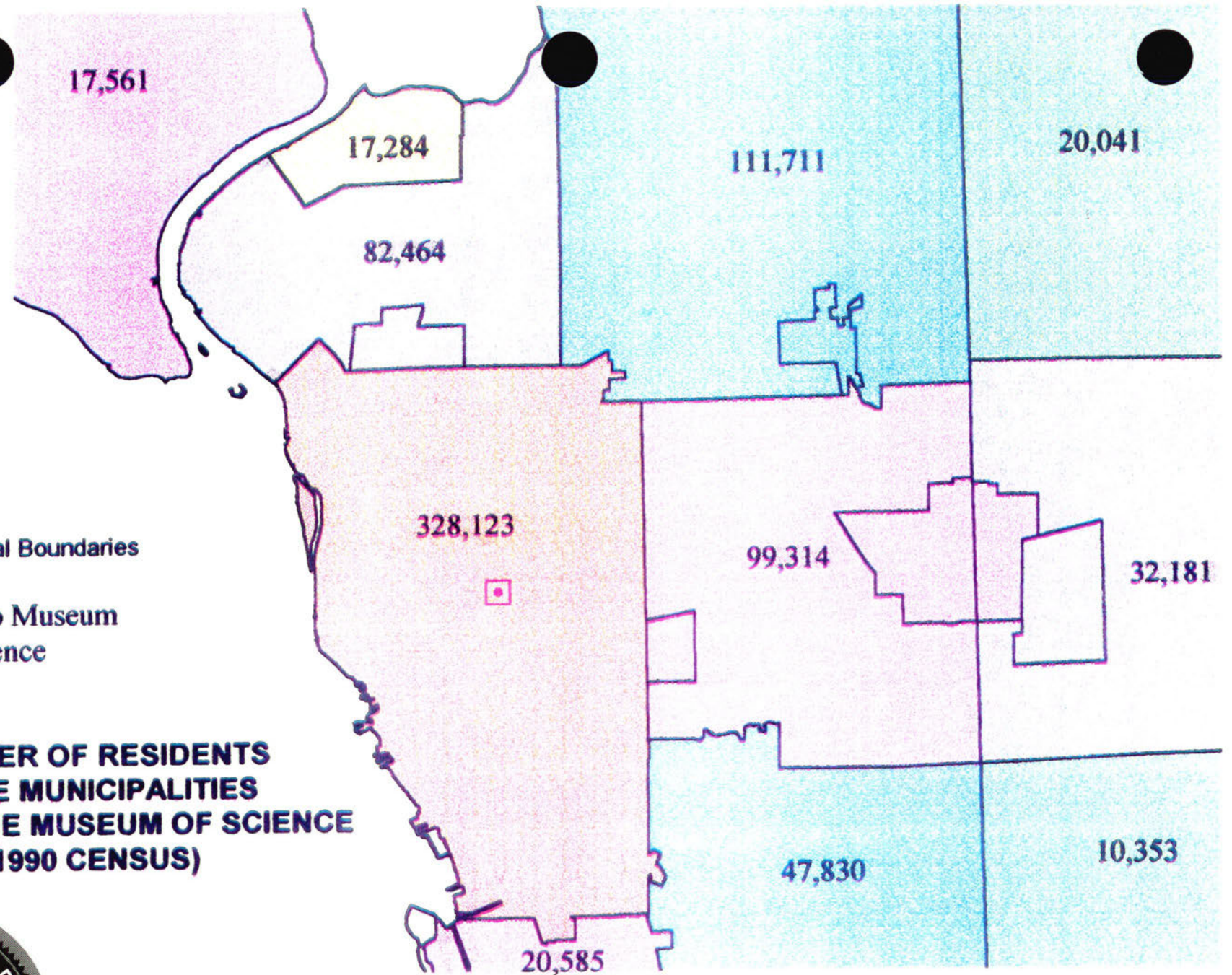
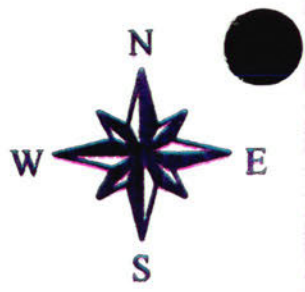


**NYS DEC
REGISTERED INACTIVE HAZARDOUS
WASTE DISPOSAL SITES
NEAR THE BUFFALO MUSEUM
OF SCIENCE**

- Municipal Boundaries
- Buffalo Museum of Science
- NYS DEC Waste Disposal Sites**
 - Significant threat to the public health or environment
 - Does not present a significant threat to the public health or environment
 - Site is properly closed - requires continued management
 - Site is properly closed
 - Temporary classification







 Municipal Boundaries

 Buffalo Museum of Science

**NUMBER OF RESIDENTS
IN THE MUNICIPALITIES
AROUND THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE
(1990 CENSUS)**



MINUTES 1/04/96

Presiding: Lisa
Minutes: Gayla

Present: All AmeriCorps members except Scott and Joe; John, Jeff

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Eight more City of Tonawanda tax parcel maps were digitized, bringing the total to 31 completed maps.
- Center lines of waterways on the Hamburg Quadrangle was initiated. Digitizing of the Langford Quadrangle continues.

WHERE WE'RE GOING:

Science Museum Meeting Thu, 01/04, 7pm
City Engineers & Surveyors' Association Joint Meeting 2/08 (tentative)

WHERE WE'VE BEEN:

12/28 & 12/29 Inteligis Corporation
1/02 & 1/03 Buffalo State

Seneca Nation of Indians Gas Well Project

John spoke with Jody Clark to clarify a few items in the SNI newsletter article. Gayla created a new map symbol for the working map - Evidence of Gas Well. This symbol will be used when gas well hardware or other evidence is found in the field but the actual gas well location is not. Evidence can include a ground depression, anomalous vegetation (e.g., apple trees), gas pipeline, or gas dryer. Be sure to flag the feature with surveying tape and describe in the field notebook.

Seneca Nation of Indians Eagle Nest Location Project

A day needs to be scheduled with Jody Clark. No new information.

Seneca Nation of Indians Cultural Resources Site Map

Chris and Lisa began tediously sorting through the project notebook and GRASS site files for Cattaraugus Reservation. Maps will also be made for Oil Spring and Allegany Reservations.

Seneca Nation of Indians Farm Tracts

Began making a map for the Cattaraugus Reservation last Thursday, but progress was hindered due to GI-GO syndrome. The farm tract database must be recompiled using improved procedural control. We can test digitizing farm tracts directly from air photo, but scale change from air photo to quadrangle may be preferred method.

Western New York Waterfall Survey

No progress since last weekly meeting.

Waterway Project at Buffalo State

Began putting data into the poly coverage and digitizing the center lines of water bodies in the Hamburg quadrangle. Work continues on the Langford quadrangle. Have been having problems when trying to show nodes, however. Will E-mail ESRI to try to solve. Received some information from Waxmonsky on exporting ArcInfo files to MapInfo.

Other Buffalo State Projects

Maryellen, a Buff State student, will be in today to work on the Strawberry Island project.

Watershed Boundaries

Watershed boundary map is finished and data needs to be shipped to Tony Esser. We should delay shipping back the quadrangles so we can use them to digitize the political boundaries in Orleans, Genessee, Wyoming and Allegany counties.

NYSDEC Wetland Delineations

Mark Kendal is designing a template for the wetland label form. He is starting to compile copies of the field delineations for us.

NYSDEC SPDES Sites

Joe successfully imported the SPDES data into PCArcView here, but needs TIC file to display them.

NYSDEC Hazardous Waste Sites

No progress since last weekly meeting.

City of Tonawanda Tax Parcels

Eight more parcel maps were digitized this week. Thirty-one maps are finished. Jason Zdrojewski called today. He and Tony Voell are interested in meeting us at Intelgis to learn about ArcInfo. They are available after 1/09.

Habitat for Humanity

No progress since last weekly meeting.

School Base Map

Chris received a data request for a base map of Niagara, Erie, Cattaraugus, Chautaugua, Allegany, Orleans, and Wyoming counties. Jerry Terapacki, General Mills(?), will use the base map to show schools serviced by his company's power plant. Chris will call Mr. Terapacki by COB Friday to report on map's status and get more information.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The computer is back.

Scott has left the country. He will return to us on 1/22.

Darlene Monds, regional GIS specialist, is another contact for getting TIGER data and can help with technical problems. She is in Amherst MA. May be able to get data from John Kick by inviting him to visit us.

Scanned soils data (for Niagara Frontier Wetland Survey) must be loaded. We need to learn to register the data. The data needs to be cleaned and patched.

We need to decide what we want to do for Martin Luther King Day.

We need to discuss what we want to do for the Science Museum program, "Our Weakening Web". Joe to fill us in after tonight's meeting. Ideas: GIS demonstration, American Chestnut Tree display, assist others with their displays..... Any display maps we make should have appropriate disclaimers on them!

MINUTES 1/11/96

Presiding: Gayla
Minutes: Joe

Present: All AmeriCorps members except Scott; John and Jeff

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Twenty nine more City of Tonawanda tax parcel maps were digitized, bringing the total to 60 completed maps.
- Digitized streams, rivers and lakes of the Langford Quadrangle continues at Buffalo State College.
- Base maps have been created for the SNI cultural resources maps.
- Waterfall maps with HI-LOW points finished for erie-chau-catt counties.
- Press release sent to Forestry Notes.
- Press release sent to USDA HQs.
- Most of the political boundaries digitized for Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties.
- Spdes data successfully reconverted to lat-long coordinated.
- School base map of WNY completed and waiting to be shipped out.
- BMS exhibit meeting attended and AmeriCorps committed to an exhibit, informal presentation, and to volunteer for the event.

WHERE WE'RE GOING:

WNYARC Meeting Tu 01/16 630-730pm
City Engineers & Surveyors' Association Joint Meeting 2/08 (tentative)

Seneca Nation of Indians Gas Well Project

Winter and the deep snow associated with it have brought this project to a halt. There are still some wells that Lief knows the location of and if there is a serious thaw we should call him to resume the project.

Seneca Nation of Indians Eagle Nest Location Project

A day needs to be scheduled with Jody Clark. No new information. Now would be a good time to visit the nest site because more than likely the eagles have moved and/or they are not as concerned about their nest site in deep winter.

Seneca Nation of Indians Cultural Resources Site Map

Chris and Lisa began tediously sorting through the project notebook and GRASS site files for Cattaraugus Reservation. Maps will also be made for Oil Spring and Allegany Reservations. Base maps and source maps have been set up. Progress is being made and the maps still need titles. These maps are not for public display or review.

Seneca Nation of Indians Farm Tracts ^{Catt Reg only}

All of the previous work done on this project is garbage. John has decided to redo the project (at some point in the future) by still drawing the tracts on topos from the air photos to avoid registration error. We need to be very careful the next time because these tracts are small and can be very confusing.

Western New York Waterfall Survey

Lisa sent a letter to Scott Emsinger inviting him in (1-10-96). Chris made a file of the high and low points for Chau-Catt-Niagara counties. Maps are done for Erie-Catt-Chau counties.

Waterway Project at Buffalo State

Lisa got Brent underway on a new project to be called The Buffalo River Bathymetric Project.

Maryellen continues to work on her project to be called The Strawberry Island Project. Digitizing continues on the waterways of erie county wıth one more quad digitized and work continues.

The Buffalo River Project - see above

The Strawberry Island Project - see above

Watershed Boundaries

Watershed boundary map is finished and data needs to be shipped to Tony Esser. This could be done asap when we get the files saved properly.

Political Boundary Digitizing

Boundries have been digitized from all available quads in Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties with 6 (genesee) and 3 (orleans) still need to be finished. Gayla will call genesee and orleans and get these needed quads.

We have also decided to redo allegeny county.

We want all boundries to be done from 1:24000 scale topo-quads

NYSDEC Wetland Delineations

Mark Kandell (please note proper spelling) is designing a template for the wetland label form. He is starting to compile copies of the field delineations for us. When we receive these maps we will be creating new overlay files of these DEC refined maps.

NYSDEC SPDES Sites

Joe has had several problems with the data converted from mapinfo. It appears that the lat-log coordinates were in % rather than minutes-seconds, so with a few mathematical calculations and careful checking and rechecking of the data for typos and flaws these have been changed to their proper lat-lon values which can then be converted to UTM and carefully checked and rechecked to make sure that they replace the old flawed UTM values first obtained.

A map should be out shortly and the data now exists in a new improved database form.

The quality of the data is intact after these changes have been implemented; I have the test files and copied to prove it. jg

NYSDEC Hazardous Waste Sites

No progress since last weekly meeting.

This is the project that will start to work with the ERIE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT on. We need to contact them and arrange a time to meet with them.

City of Tonawanda Tax Parcels

Only ~14 parcels maps left to digitize then the check-plotting can begin. We will be meeting with Tony Voell and his assistant today to show them our progress.

Habitat for Humanity

The data for this project is now in database form. This may be another project for Erie county planning if they can make large maps in MAPINFO or ARCVIEW. We will soon be able to use ARCVIEW here possibly to create this map.

School Base Map

Someone is calling Tues-Wens for info about this map.

this is to be one of our regional base maps in the future.

We also need to ask ourselves if we are addressing a critical community need for the work we do.

The Buffalo Museum of Science

Joe attended a meeting about the exhibit "our weakening web" on 1-4.

We decided to put together an exhibit on watersheds and their importance to local plants and animals. We will also have materials to hand-out, do an informal presentation, and volunteer to be docents during daytime exhibit hours and time permits.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Darlene Monds, regional GIS specialist, is another contact for getting TIGER data and can help with technical problems. She is in Amherst MA. May be able to get data from John Kick by inviting him to visit us.

Scanned soils data (for Niagara Frontier Wetland Survey) must be loaded. We need to learn to register the data. The data needs to be cleaned and patched.

Forestry Notes AmeriCorps press release finished.

USDA AmeriCorps press release finished.

Town of Amherst called about starting to digitize flood-plan data.
ther phone# is 631-7063.

We called and they are not yet ready to begin. - jg

Tony Esser sent us a NY Localities Disk which is in the AmeriCorps file drawer in a manilla envelope.

Strawberry Island folder found.

Digi-board oder cancelled because of back order time. New order put in to ESRI.

Still trying to get quotes for ney Windows terminal.

Need to update CRP maps and Wetland reserve program maps - could be on the same map.

~~Ken Whitmeyer.~~

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MINUTES 1/22/96

Presiding: Joe
Minutes: Chris

Present: All AmeriCorps members, John and Jeff

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 4 more City of Tonawanda tax parcel maps were digitized, bringing the total to 64 completed maps.
- Digitizing and editing of streams, rivers and lakes of the Hamburg and Langford Quadrangle is complete.
- Base maps have been created for the SNI cultural resources maps.
- Oil Spring reservation gas well map is complete (with contours)
- Waterfall maps with HI-LOW points finished for erie-chau-catt counties.
- All the political boundaries digitized for Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties are complete with labels.
- School base map of WNY completed and waiting to be shipped out.
- BMS exhibit meeting attended and AmeriCorps committed to an exhibit, informal presentation, and to volunteer for the event.
- All the Buffalo River bathymetric data (Brent-Butte State) is complete

WHERE WE'RE GOING:

Erie County Department of Environment and Planning Tues. 1/23/96
Cattaraugus Reservation (gas well project) Wed. 1/24/96
Buffalo Museum of Science training Jan. 25 & Feb. 1 9:30-12:30
United Way Niagara County demonstration Thur. 2/1/96
City Engineers & Surveyors' Association Joint Meeting 2/08 (tentative)
United Way demo (West Side agencies and legislatures) Fri. 2/16/96

Seneca Nation of Indians Gas Well Project

Gayla will be visiting Lief to hunt for more wells on Wednesday (weather permitting). The Oil Spring Reservation is digitized along with the contour lines. This may be useful for a DEM project.

Allegany has also been started.

Seneca Nation of Indians Eagle Nest Location Project

A day needs to be scheduled with Jody Clark. No new information. Now would be a good time to visit the nest site because more than likely the eagles have moved and/or they are not as concerned about their nest site in deep winter.

Seneca Nation of Indians Cultural Resources Site Map

Base maps and source maps have been set up. No progress was made this week and the maps still need titles and label editing. These maps are not for public display or review.

Seneca Nation of Indians Farm Tracts

All of the previous work done on this project is garbage. John has decided to redo the project (at some point in the future) by still drawing the tracts on topos from the air photos to avoid registration error. We need to be very careful the next time because these tracts are small and can be very confusing. We also need to take a look at the Allegany Reservation tracts and find out if the quality is alright.

Western New York Waterfall Survey

We recieved a letter from Scott and he is interested in stopping by. All three counties (erie, chaut, & catt) are complete w/ high-lows.

Waterway Project at Buffalo State

The Hamburg and Langford quads are complete and digitizing continues on the waterways of erie county. Lisa will be up there most of the week to get things rolling. There was a problem with the tics, but it is fine ynow. The sheet with the real tic id's will be in the box. It might be a good idea to do all the digitizing up at Buff state and all the editing in the office. We tried this with the Langford quad and it worked out fine.

The Buffalo River Bathymetric Project

Lisa and Brent are progressing. All the lines are digitized in the coverage and now the label points are next. Brent will be at Buff State on Tuesday.

The Strawberry Island Project

Maryellen needs to finish digitizing and she will be in on wednesday.

Watershed Boundaries

Watershed boundary map is finished and data needs to be shipped to Tony Esser. This could be done asap when we get the files saved properly.

Political Boundary Digitizing

All the boundaries of the counties have been digitized with labels for the municipality names (one little section of Wyoming county has been added from the counties coverage until we get the Nunda topo). They can be found in erie.allbou, niagara.allobu, ch.allbou, c.allbou, al.allbou, wyoming.allbou, orleans.allbou, and genesee.allbou

We have also decided to redo allegeny county to keep consistency with the 1:24000 topo maps. Allegany County has a GIS and might have it in digital form. If they do not then maybe we can go down there for a couple of days and digitize it there for them and bring back the data.

NYSDEC Wetland Delineations

Mark Kandell (please note proper spelling) is designing a template for the wetland label form. He is starting to compile copies of the field delineations for us. When we recieve these maps we will creating new overly files of these DEC refined maps. He was supposed to meet with us on Monday but cancelled and will reschedule.

NYSDEC SPDES Sites

The map is completed. Joe will take the data to Palumbo on Tuesday. All the info is fixed in ARC/INFO and GRASS. This can be added to the data list for Haz. waste sites.

NYSDEC Hazardous Waste Sites

We have an appointment with Dept. Env. Planning on Tuesday to discuss the start of our projects there.

City of Tonawanda Tax Parcels

8 more maps complete leaving the grand total left - 6. Mike Courneen talked about transferring the data over to ARCVIEW when it is complete. Also, he wants to start talking about our next project there.

Water Resources Gauge Station Project

The gauge station info on mean flow/month for 1988, high/low flow in 1988, and record high/low have been put into a ARCVIEW. We should check with USGS in Ithaca to see if it has been updated.

Albany - Andy Cohen

Habitat for Humanity

The data for this project is know in database form. This may be another project for Erie county planning if they can make large maps in MAPINFO or ARCVIEW. We need to plot this map.

School Base Map

Gerry Terapacki called on Tues. to see how it was progressing. The map should be done this week. This will also be used as our base map for all of WNY.

The Buffalo Museum of Science

Joe sent in the form and we will be doing an informal presentation with 1 screen and 1 table for 3 days. We will also be volunteering for this and need to attend 2 training seminars on Thur. Jan. 25 and

Thurs. Feb. 1 from 9:30 - 12:30. Rich Lee has offered to lend us his laptop and projector for our display. The Great Lakes United is also doing a watershed display. So, we don't want to have the same displays.

United Way Projects

We had a meeting with Rich Lee on Thursday to discuss future involvement with the United Way. This is going to be a very beneficial relationship for both the AmeriCorps and United Way. They will be setting up our own workstation there with a pc (with ARCVIEW), laptop, projector, and anything else we need (if he can get it). He also has connections around the area to obtain data and printing resources. Our first project for them is on Feb. 1 to give a demonstration to Niagara County parties about GIS and its use. Also, we will be doing a display for some West Side agencies and legislatures. This is also a good chance to get some publicity for the AmeriCorps program.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Darlene Monds, regional GIS specialist, is another contact for getting TIGER data and can help with technical problems. She is in Amherst MA. May be able to get data from John Kick by inviting him to visit us.

Scanned soils data (for Niagara Frontier Wetland Survey) must be loaded. We need to learn to register the data. The data needs to be cleaned and patched.

Letter to Shiela Key has been sent out

Town of Amherst called about starting to digitize flood-plan data. They are not ready yet and will call when they are.
(their phone# is 631-7063.)

Tony Esser sent us a NY Localities Disk which is in Arcview now.

A pen order needs to be put in.

Digi-board order cancelled because of back order time. New order put in to ESRI. Should get it this week or next week.

New windows terminal is in. .

Need to update CRP maps and Wetland reserve program maps - could be on the same map.

MINUTES 2/1/96

Presiding: Chris
Minutes: Scott
Presen: All AmeriCorp members, John and Jeff

WHERE WE'RE GOING:

Buffalo Museum of Science training, Feb. 1 9:30-12:30
City Engineers and Surveyors Association Meeting, Feb. 8
Alden Kiwanis Club Meeting, Feb. 8
United Way Demo (West Side agencies and legislatures), Feb. 16

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 50 check plots of Tonawanda tax parcel maps
- Seneca Nation of Indian Cultural Resource Site maps have been edited and labeled. 7 of 60 maps have been printed
- 4 additional gas wells were located on the Cattaraugus Reservation
- Waterways of 11 more topoquads have been digitized at Buff. State
- Watershed data sent to Tony Esser
- NYSDEC SPDES sites map completed and delivered to Jerry Palumbo
- NYSDEC Hazardous Waste Sites map delivered to Jack Hyden
- School base map completed and picked up by Gerry Terapacki

✓ Seneca Nation of Indians Gas Well Project

Gayla went on Wednesday. Some residents have called in response to the newspaper article about the project. Four additional wells have been located. We are using GPS to navigate as well as metal detectors and gas detectors once in the general area. We are using survey tape to mark off areas where we have been looking so that Leif and his buddies can return to look for the wells. We will go again as soon as the weather is bearable.

✓ Seneca Nation of Indians Eagle Nest Location Project

No new information. A day needs to be scheduled with Jody Clark.

✓ Seneca Nation of Indians Cultural Resources Site Maps

The maps have all been labeled and edited. 7 of 60 maps have been printed. These maps are not for public display or review.

✓ Senecal Nation of Indians Farm Tracts

This project needs to be redone at some point in the future by drawing the tracts on the topos from the air photos to avoid registration error. We need to check the quality of the Allegany Reservation tracts.

✓ WNY Waterfall Survey

Scott E. called to give the high and low points for Steuben County to complete the list of high and low points. The data is in the green waterfall notebook. He will try to stop by the office in the next few weeks.

✓ Waterway Project at Buff. State

13 quads have been digitized. We are ready to start editing here in our office and continue digitizing at Buff. State.

✓ The Buffalo River Bathymetric Project

Lisa and Brent are progressing. Brent is continuing to digitize the data at Buff. State after which we plan to create a 3D model using GRASS.

✓ The Strawberry Island Project

Maryellen digitized three more photos that she got from FWS.

✓ Watershed Boundaries

The data was sent to Tony Esser yesterday. All of the watersheds need to be labeled with their 11 digit hydrologic number, a total of 44 polygons. These numbers are on the map. Joe freed some space on the Grass computer's hard drive by erasing all of the wsb files and saving them on tape.

✓ **Political Boundary Digitizing**

All is done except Allegany County. We will call to see if it has already been done since Allegany County has a GIS and may have this information in digital form. If they do not, then maybe we can go down there for a couple of days and digitize it there for them and bring back the data.

✓ **NYSDEC Wetland Delineation**

Meeting with Mark Kandell has been postponed. He is designing a template for the wetland label form. He is starting to compile copies of the field delineations for us. When we receive these maps we will create new overlay files of these DEC refined maps. He was supposed to meet us on Monday but cancelled and will reschedule.

✓ **NYSDEC SPDES Sites**

Joe delivered the map with an updated database to Jerry Palumbo. We will leave it to them to see if they need more information.

✓ **NYSDEC Hazardous Waste Sites**

We delivered a copy of the map with the DEC sites to Jack Hyden. The Dept. of Planning has environmental concerns drawn directly on topos from which we can digitize.

✓ **City of Tonawanda Tax Parcels**

Approx. 50 checkplots have been done leaving only 24 to finish. A few lines are missing along with some other necessary edits. Mike Courneen wants to start talking about our next project there.

✓ **Water Resources Gauge Station Project**

Contact is Andy Cohen at USGS in Albany. They keep year to year data on stream flow. It could possibly be available online.

✓ **Habitat for Humanity**

We need to plot the map. Joe will try to plot it tomorrow at the Dept. of Planning.

✓ **School Base Map**

Finished. Gerry Terapacki picked it up last Friday.

✓ **The Buffalo Museum of Science**

Pt.2 of training is today. Rich Lee has offered to let us use his laptop and projector for our display. The Great Lakes United is also doing a watershed display. So, we don't want to have the same displays. They need the FWS wetland map.

✓ **United Way Projects**

We have not heard anything new from Rich Lee.

✓ **Dept. of Environment and Planning Soils Data**

We have pulled all of the soil maps and can make mylar copies. This appears to be a very labor intensive project with limited application and no long-term use. We need to consider priorities.

MISCELLANEOUS

Recent flooding - Allegany and Steuben counties have received federal funds for flood damage. We may be able to provide some labor help to the Belmont field office in terms of streambank restoration and planting. The Belmont field office is serving as emergency disaster headquarters. We may also be able to use GPS to help create a planning map. Belmont has a GIS system. The work will be described as '403' or 'emergency watershed protection.' Our participation could begin as early as next week.

Data Transfer - DLG brings data points over but not attributes. DLG doesn't work if you have points and lines; the labels won't work. CPIO is working well to pull data off to the tape drive / floppies.

Melanie Bethel, a new Earth Team Volunteer, began this week. She specializes in wetlands.

Darlene Monds, regional GIS specialist, is another contact for getting TIGER data and can help with technical problems. She is in Amherst, MA. We may be able to get data from John Kick by inviting him to visit us.

Scanned soils data (for Niagra Frontier Wetland Survey) must be loaded. We need to learn to register the data. The data needs to be cleaned and patched.

Town of Amherst called about starting to digitize flood plain data.
They are not ready yet and will call when they are.
(their phone # is 631-7063)

Digitizing board is here but we are still waiting for the stand.

Need to update CRP maps and Wetland reserve program maps - could be on the same map.

MINUTES 2/8/96

Presiding: Scott
Minutes: Lisa
Present: All AmeriCorps members, John, Jeff

WHERE WE'RE GOING

United Way Demo (West Side Agencies and Legislatures) FEB.16

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

60 of 60 Seneca Nation of Indian Cultural resource maps printed and sent out

Waterways on 3 topos digitized at Buff State

61 Section 403 flood damage sites in Allegany County transferred to topos

16 Army Corps of Engineer sites + 5 Private Land/Ag Land flood damage sites marked with GPS unit

13 Field sheets made for COE sites in Allegany County

1048 depth values entered on Buffalo River data

3 Strawberry Island air photos digitized

Presentations at Alden Kiwanis Club (approx. 30 people) and Niagara Frontier Land Surveyors Association (approx. 70 people)

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS GAS WELL PROJECT

No additional progress this week.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS EAGLE NEST LOCATION PROJECT

No additional progress this week. This project should be done before spring. Scott will call Jody Clark to schedule a day to GPS nest sites.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS CULTURAL RESOURCE SITE MAPS

60 of 60 maps have been plotted and boxed (Great job folks- they look good). They will be shipped confidentially to original data sources this week.

Think about contacting UB to digitize their CRI data for Erie County. - Ezra Zubrow - Anthony

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS FARM TRACTS

No progress was made this week

Other SNI News----- This week a presentation of the Intertribal Agriculture Council was held in Virginia. BIA Forest Management Maps and Oil Springs Reservation maps were approved for their use by Bruce Williams of the SNI Planning Department

WNY WATERFALL SURVEY

No new progress was made this week.

1:24000 WATERWAY PROJECT

Procedures for editing topo data was worked out by Scott. He will write SOPs for editing data.

Three more quads were digitized at Buff State.

Think about this: Is it possible for us to write a program to create centerlines between creek banks when necessary? Or is it easiest just to digitize in?

BATHYMETRIC DATA

Label points for six years (88-94) have been digitized. Depth values for each point need to be entered. All data is now in State Plane feet. SOPs were written up and log sheets updated.

Model was done in GRASS using d.3d with site data.

Problem: creating a hardcopy output larger than screen size. (p.map?)

STRAWBERRY ISLAND

Scale adjustments need to be made on additional photos from Ann Poole.
Four more maps need to be digitized.
Acreage and perimeter reports can be made.
Data can be exported for use in ArcView at Buff State
Log sheets updated.

Other Info: Both projects will be presented at the Regional Geological Society meeting on March 21st. The plan is to set up a computer to display images in 3-D.

WATERSHED BOUNDARIES

Labelling was finished on Wednesday. Quads should be checked for correct category numbers.

Note: Do not allow v.support to snap lines - may create small polygons causing problems when transferring data.

POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

Allegany County boundaries can be digitized off topos here or at the Belmont Office. We also have Steuben County topos and should digitize those boundaries.

NYSDEC WETLAND DELINEATION

Gayla will reschedule a meeting with Mark Kandel this week.

NYSDEC SPDES SITES

DEC has data, hopefully will aid in changing data collection procedure.

NYSDEC HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES

Information may be updated by the DEC

CITY OF TONAWANDA TAX PARCELS

All checkploty have been plotted. Edits have started to be made- approx. 4/5 complete.

WATER RESOURCES GAUGE STATION PROJECT

Flow information may be found on the Internet. Contact Andy Cohen at USGS in Albany-they keep year to year data on stream flow

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Project should be done at the DEP on MapInfo in order to make larger plots on their plotter.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Dosient training completed by Joe and Gayla.

Great Lakes United map of watersheds was plotted and sent to them. Training is complete. The theme of our presentation/display is 'Computerized Mapping and the Environment'

UNITED WAY

No new information from Rich Lee. Joe will work at United Way Friday.

DEP SOIL MAP DIGITIZING

Melanie Bethel, the Earth Team volunteer, is willing to work one day a week at the DEP digitizing the soils buffering Buffalo Creek. AmeriCorps involvement will be limited.

SOUTHERN TIER EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM

61 sites have been identified as potentially qualified for Section 403 government aid. These sites were transferred onto topos. Data from the GPS unit needs to be entered with labels to create an overlay map for the Allegany County map.

AmeriCorps Progress Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/22/96
Presiding: Lisa
Minutes: Gayla
Present: Everybody plus Bryan Paul (new volunteer)

WHERE WE'RE GOING

2/22 Erie County Dept of Environment and Planning Tax Parcel RFP
Information Meeting

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

2/20 Farmland Protection Strategy Meeting

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Allegany Co. - Located 13 private land sites using GPS unit. Assisted SWCD staff with field verification and dimensional measurement of five damaged areas.

Completed watershed boundary project. Digital data and supporting maps have been sent to Tony Esser.

Completed City of Tonawanda tax parcel project. Check plots, original maps, data sheets and magnetic tape were transmitted to City Engineer's office on 2/21.

Completed digitizing for the Strawberry Island project.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS GAS WELL PROJECT

Updated site files for wells. Added a new site file to track the wells that have been searched for but not found. The name of this site file is cattwell.look. Can work on this project again now that GPS unit is back from Allegany County. Gayla will call Lief to let him know what's been happening and schedule field days.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS EAGLE NEST PROJECT

Called Jody Clark to schedule a day to do this. She said, according to State Fish & Wildlife staff, it's less disturbing to visit the nests after the eagles return, not before. She will coordinate a day in May with us, SNI, and DEC Fish & Wildlife.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS FARM TRACTS

This project is on hold for now.

CULTURAL RESOURCES MAPS

We should try one more time to convince Ezra Zubrow that the cultural resources inventory for Erie County should be digitized. Elaine Herald is another contact. Kate Foster may have some influence in convincing them of the value of a digital database.

WNY WATERFALL SURVEY

Scott Ensminger called with a few more edits on the Erie County map. The edits are on a Post-It™ note stuck to the map. We need to start extracting ourselves from this project. What is a good quitting point?

1:24000 WATERWAY PROJECT

Finished digitizing one quadrangle and started on another. This project is about 1/3 complete for Erie Co, digitizing is about 1/2 complete. Scott is working on the SOPs for editing and coverage construction. We will print a checkplot of one quadrangle to overlay on the original. The checkplot will show us if our point mode digitizing is good quality (keep those index fingers hoppin!).

BATHYMETRIC DATA

3-D modelling will occur at Buffalo State on Surfer software.

STRAWBERRY ISLAND

Digitizing is done. The data was exported from GRASS for use at Buffalo State.

WATERSHED BOUNDARIES

This project is complete.

POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

This project is complete for now unless someone has a burning desire to digitize the boundaries from the Allegany Co. topos.

NYSDEC WETLAND DELINEATIONS

Met with Mark Kandel to talk about "the state of DEC data" and verify what we can actually do with it. Decided we can start on this project soon. Mark will loan us his files one quadrangle at a time. He will need to reconsider exactly what he wants on the data table and okay the prototype table we create. Agreed that most data entry can be done by DEC staff or interns. Gave him a demonstration of PCArcView and showed him the data layers we have already. Discussed potential data sharing opportunities with him.

NYSDEC SPDES SITES

This project is complete for now.

NYSDEC HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES

This project is complete for now. Has potential to be updated when more recent DEC data and DEP data become available.

CITY OF TONAWANDA TAX PARCELS

This project is complete. Editing was completed and all paper, original, and digital data have been transmitted to City Engineer office.

WATER GAUGE STATION PROJECT

We can go ahead and order the CD Rom of gauge data. The USGS data on the World Wide Web was not readily understandable or useful.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

No progress since last week.

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Better start working on display. Display should be accompanied by literature/pamphlets on AmeriCorps and GIS. Keep the display at a grade-school level and stress what GIS is and what it can be used for. The display can always be perfected after it is set up. Gayla and Joe will be docents in "Our Weakening Web" every Thursday afternoon for the month of March.

UNITED WAY

Joe began working at United Way. They need to collect data and input it in databases before we can really get them started. ArcView is installed on a laptop computer. We will start by helping to geocode the Children's Resources Directory. John suggested using parcel centroid data from Graham Hayes and Co. as a potential alternative to geocoding. Joe thinks he can hotlink locations to WordPerfect text that explains what is offered at a particular social service agency. The February 16 demonstration planned by Rich Lee had to be postponed. Other layers of interest to United Way may be congressional, legislative, and councilmatic districts.

DEP SOIL MAP DIGITIZING

This project is on hold for now. Digital data is available from USEPA.

SOUTHERN TIER EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM

Got GPS locations of 12 damaged private sites and helped SWCD staff take measurements of about 5 damaged sites. Fred Sinclair will begin faxing us the locations of all the rest of the private and agricultural damaged sites (PL- and AG- sites). We can transfer the points to our set of topos and digitize. Fred wants us to make up a list of all the sites. There is still a press opportunity down there for us -- a public meeting with elected officials. Entered the registration points for all the quadrangles in Allegany County.

MISCELLANEOUS

We've been given the opportunity to become involved with the Governance Project sponsored by UB. Look for updates in future meeting minutes.

Start thinking about sponsoring the Chris Kennedy send-off. St. Patrick's Day has potential.

AmeriCorps Night Owl Bowlers Association launched. Team name is "The Digitizers".

GRASS scuzzy drive is down and recuperating in Minnesota. Should be back in a few days.

Think about exploring ArcView Ver. 1 in PC #2. We could provide it to towns so they can look at their own data layers.

Did anyone write to MapInfo to see if they'll donate software? It's worth a try.

New volunteer named Kathy. She'll be working at Buff State. New volunteer named Bryan Paul started yesterday.

Pen orders have been placed and should be arriving soon.

Joe is working on getting NWI wetland database from DEP.

Bergman & Assoc. have everything they need except the NWI data layer mentioned above. E&E will be contacting us for data, too. NFG wants tax parcel data from us.

AmeriCorps Progress Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/29/96
Presiding: Gayla
Minutes: Chris
Present: Everybody

WHERE WE'RE GOING

Tues. 3/5 WNY ARCVINFO User Group Meeting, CADSCAN 910 Main St. 6:00-7:30pm
Tues. 3/5 AmeriCorps group meeting at Mohawk Place, 10:00pm
Fri. 3/8 Niagara Frontier Transportation Committee, Central Meeting Room, 2nd floor, Buff. & Erie County Public Library, 1:00pm
Tues. 3/12 Erie County Assessors Association, Shetlers on Transit Rd., 12:00 noon
Sat. 3/16 Tree Summit, Buffalo Museum of Science, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Sat. 4/20 Garden Information Day, Botanical Gardens, 9:30am - 4:00pm
Reservations need to be in by March 22!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Digitizing and Editing of waterways is progressing. The Buffalo Creek watershed is almost completely digitized.

6 checkplots have been made for the waterway project. They look good!

ArcView has been added to the other computer at Buff State.

ArcEdit shell has been downloaded on pc1 which supports a menu driven ArcEdit application.

Brent is almost completely independent of our help. Our training has educated him enough that he is beginning to train others.

FWS national wetland inventory is now in ARC under fws1-fws5.

Scuzzie drive is almost cured of illness. We are in the midst of transferring our data back onto the grass system.

Another Volunteer, Kathy Collier, will be helping out with the waterway project.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT

This has top priority for the week.

Ron Talboys called regarding the maps that are to be plotted. We are still trying to find a place to plot them out. GIS Resource Group seems to be too busy for us to get in on thier system. We need to find a good street file for address matching.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS GAS WELL PROJECT

Gayla has made a spreadsheet with gaswell location, reservation, quadrangle, name, number, and other info. She will be going down to the reservation on Friday with Scott and some time next week with Lisa.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS EAGLE NEST PROJECT

Called Jody Clark to schedule a day to do this. She said, according to State Fish & Wildlife staff, it's less disturbing to visit the nests after the eagles return, not before. She will coordinate a day in May with us, SNI, and DEC Fish & Wildlife.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS FARM TRACTS

This project is on hold for now.

CULTURAL RESOURCES MAPS

We should try one more time to convince Ezra Zubrow that the cultural resources inventory for Erie County should be digitized. Elaine Herald is another contact. Kate Foster may have some influence in convincing them of the value of a digital database.

WNY WATERFALL SURVEY

Scott Ensminger called with a few more edits on the Erie County map. The edits are on a Post-It™ note stuck to the map. We need to start extracting ourselves from this project. What is an good quitting point?

1:24000 WATERWAY PROJECT

Digitizing and Editing are still progressing. Cowlesville and 3/4 of Eden are done being digitized. There has been checkplots made of 6 of the topo quads. These are being used to check the quality of our digitizing efforts. The Buffalo Creek Watershed is close to being completed. Our life has gotten a little bit easier with the discovery of arcedit shell by Scott and Joe. This is a menu driven arcedit application. It can be started by getting into arc and then typing *arceditw aeshell*

BATHYMETRIC DATA

Brent seems to be independent of our help now. His project is coming along very well with surfer up at Buff State. Sidenote: he is also creating potentiometric coverages for the DEC.

STRAWBERRY ISLAND

MaryEllen needs to come to the office and redigitized some of the lines. Besides that her data is in ArcView up at Buff State.

POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

This project is complete for now unless someone has a burning desire to digitize the boundaries from the Allegany Co. tops.

NYSDEC WETLAND DELINEATIONS

Met with Mark Kandel to talk about "the state of DEC data" and verify what we can actually do with it. Decided we can start on this project soon. Mark will loan us his files one quadrangle at a time. He will need to reconsider exactly what he wants on the data table and okay the prototype table we create. Agreed that most data entry can be done by DEC staff or interns. Gave him a demonstration of PC ArcView and showed him the data layers we have already. Discussed potential data sharing opportunities with him.

CITY OF TONAWANDA TAX PARCELS

This project is complete. Editing was completed and all paper, original, and digital data have been transmitted to City Engineer office. We should call to see if they need help with anything.

WATER GAUGE STATION PROJECT

We need to order the gauge station data from the USGS for 90-94 data.

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Better start working on display. We will be setting up next week. Display should be accompanied by literature/pamphlets on AmeriCorps and GIS. Keep the display at a grade-school level and stress what GIS is and what it can be used for. The display can always be perfected after it is set up. Our presentation is in APRIL. Gayla has started the presentation script but we need to pull out brochures and pamphlets.

Gayla and Joe will be docents in "Our Weakening Web" every Thursday afternoon for the month of March.

UNITED WAY

Thier system is still not fully operational. They need to collect data and input it in databases before we can really get them started. ArcView is installed on a laptop computer. We will start by helping to geocode the Children's Resources Directory. John suggested using parcel centroid data from Graham Hayes and Co. as a potential alternative to geocoding. Joe thinks he can hotlink locations to WordPerfect text that explains what is offered at a particular social service agency. The February 16 demonstration planned by Rich Lee had to be postponed. Other layers of interest to United Way may be congressional, legislative, and councilmatic districts.

DEP SOIL MAP DIGITIZING

We need to capture this data for quality control purposes. Digital and hard copy data should be sent to SISL for this quality control.

SOUTHERN TIER EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM

Scott has sent Fred a list of the ewp sites with the labels we had attached to each. We are still waiting for Fred to fax us photocopies of some more sites off of the topo quads. We should also contact Wyoming, Ontario, and Yates Counties and have them send us photocopies of thier sites for digitizing.

GOVERNANCE PROJECT

We recieved a copy of the *Governance in Erie County: A Foundation for Understanding and Action* report. Our involvement in this project should revolve around the natural resources aspect. Also, check the report for reference to drainage districts as another special district.

MISCELLANEOUS

Check with Mike Gangemi to see if he has done any work on the Erie County Ag Districts. If not we can use parcel data at Intelligis to overlay the districts and edit them.

Aerial Photograph Computer Index should be completed.

Wetland Reserve Program sites can be added to the Soil and Water Conservation Reserve program sites.

Start compiling a METADATA project file to keep track of all our data. An example of last years metadata standards is available.

Joe has ordered two maps of bedrock and surface geology to obtain the legends.

Start thinking about sponsoring the Chris Kennedy send-off. St. Patrick's Day has potential.

GRASS scuzzy drive is almost cured of its illness.

Did anyone write to MapInfo to see if they'll donate software? It's worth a try.

Bergman & Assoc. have everything they need except the NWI data layer mentioned above. E&E will be contacting us for data, too. NFG wants tax parcel data from us.

If we are interested in having more volunteers we can contact Lou Rozanski and East Aurora High School seniors about Earth Team Volunteers.



NYSDEC WETLAND DELINEATION

Project groundwork laid out
 Mark will organize the data and when he has it laid out we will start to make the required changes
 We need to call Mark and see how he is progressing



WATER GAUGE STATION PROJECT

joe will someday order the CD-ROM

BMS

Also of top-priority is getting our exhibit setup
 The docent work and the presentation are going well

Amherst floodplains



UNITED WAY PROJECT

this project is almost fully underway
 we need to get everyone up to speed in geocoding in ArcView
 This is what the bulk of this project will contain
 They have three people who will be receiving ArcView training March 18th
 They have ordered and received a very nice plotter to use with there system
 We will be assisting with a lot of data collection and data organization as well
 joe will be writing up SOPs for this project site very soon



DEP SOILS

Still waiting to test the quality of the soils data found out-of-town



SOUTHERN TIER EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM

we have received no data recently and scott we call Fred to see what's going on.



GOVERNANCE PROJECT

we need to call Kate Foster to establish a data sharing link with the University.



METADATA — *Exporting data*

Keep working to make digital metadata file for all of our coverage's
 Where are the metadata file being kept?

AERIAL PHOTO PROJECT

A great volunteer project to keep to digitizing going. Start if opportunity presents its self

MISC....

BE AWARE OF ALL PROJECTS

Copies of the minutes will be made for everyone

Find meaningful work for Byran Paul and keep him going
 Kathy - Earth Team Volunteer - would like to work in the Buffalo area - she will need supervision
 Keep in touch with Mike Gangemi and DEP
 Amherst Flood Plains Project may be starting
 NYS MUSEUM bedrock & surfical geology maps have arrived and can be used for their legend data
 WNYARC meeting info - needs to be distributed
 State wide Americorps map may need to be updated

Chris will call East Aurora Schools to find out about volunteers
 Chris will call Mike Gangemi to find out what he has digitized
 Need to send disk info to National Fuel Gas
 Need to sent Hamburg data

AMERICORPS PROGRESS - Meeting Minutes

Date 3/7/96

Presiding - Chris

Minutes - Joe

Present - All except Jeff

~~Where were going...~~

~~March 8 - NUTC meeting~~

~~March 8 - Valerie coming in to get tax parcel info~~

~~March 11 - Town of Amherst - flood plains Digitizing?~~

~~March 12 - Erie County Assessors Meeting - Topics - Tax parcels, GIS, Soils~~

~~March 12 - American Chestnut Foundation~~

~~March 12 - SNI - Canceled~~

~~March 12-14 - Plant cuttings~~

~~March 16 - Tree Summit @ BMS 10-1 PM~~

~~March 21 - State of the Environment~~

~~March 21-23 GSA Conference & Meeting~~

~~April 20 - Garden Information Day~~

~~April 23 - BMS Presentation~~

~~May - SNI Eagle nest location project~~

April 17th Buffalo
Ass of Prof
Geologists

ACCOMPLISHMENTS...

AmeriCorps internet homepage begun

10 gas wells located for SNI

4 topoquads digitized for waterways project

United Way plotter setup and running

Data sent out to several institutions

Four databases established for social service agencies (UNITED WAY)

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disturbs

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Still has top priority. United way is getting a nice plotter to use with ArcView. Map should be ready by end of next week.

X SNI GAS-WELL PROJECT

10 More well located, 3 on Allegheny and 7 on Cattarugus

Encountered problems with GPS on cold days

Moving forward now that weather is getting better

SNI FARM TRACTS

no progress

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CULTURAL RESOURCE MAPS

Need to contact Ezra Zubrow or Elaine Herald about digitizing

May use Kate Foster to help influence these people as well

WNY WATERFALL SURVEY

no progress - project winding down Scott will have to make future maps. !!

X 1:24000 WATERWAY PROJECT

Digitizing and editing in progress.

Joe ripped out puck from board but was able to fix it so digitizing continues

Americorps homepage is under construction

BATHYMETRIC DATA - BUFFALO RIVER PROJECT

Brent is on his own. Data is not suitable for full 3-d analysis so he is reworking the project

STRAWBERRY ISLAND

MaryEllen has almost completed the project and is working independently (almost)

AmeriCorps Progress Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/14/96
Presiding: Joe
Minutes: Scott
Present: Chris, Gayla, Joe, Lisa, and Scott

WHERE WE'RE GOING

Sat. 3/16 Tree Summit, Buffalo Museum of Science, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Wed. 3/20 Group trip to the United Way
Thurs. 3/21 State of the Environment
Thurs.- 3/21- GSA Conference and Meeting
Sat. 3/23
Wed. 3/27 NFTC Bicycle Subcommittee Meeting, 4:30pm
Wed. 4/17 Buffalo Assoc. of Prof. Geologists meeting about Strawberry Island, 6pm
Sat. 4/20 Garden Information Day, Botanical Gardens, 9:30am - 4:00pm
Reservations need to be in by March 22!
Tues. 4/23 BMS Presentation
May SNI Eagle nest location project

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Digitizing and Editing of waterways is progressing. Digitizing of Erie County waterways is nearly complete.

Cut, pruned, hauled, and bundled (mostly bundled) seven large truckloads of willow branches to be used for streambank restoration. Resisted temptation to use government vehicle for bar hopping after waddling willows.

One additional gas well measured with the GPS.

Draft of the Habitat for Humanity map finally produced.

Gayla addressed 40 people at the Tax Assessors Meeting

Gas well maps have been updated

Provided data to Lana Watts about the Allegany Reservation

Provided tax parcel and wetland data to National Fuel Gas

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT

Draft copy of the map was printed at the United Way. Joe will add councilmatic districts to produce the final draft.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS GAS WELL PROJECT

The search continues. One additional well was measured with the GPS this week. Gayla searched for five others and unsuccessfully tried to take a measurement on one well. The large and small gas well maps have been updated.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS EAGLE NEST PROJECT

This project is on hold until May.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS FARM TRACTS

This project is on hold for now.

CULTURAL RESOURCES MAPS

John talked to Hugh Cawkins at the UB Geography Dept. He thought that they were digitizing in-house. Lana Watt made an emergency request for data sets of Allegany Reservation.

WNY WATERFALL SURVEY

no progress

1:24000 WATERWAY PROJECT

Digitizing and Editing are still progressing. Erie County is almost completely digitized while about half the county has been edited. We hope to finish this project within the next two weeks. We need to find out if we can get DEC stream classifications in file form.

BATHYMETRIC DATA

Brent's project is complete and ready for the GSA Conference next week.

STRAWBERRY ISLAND

Maryellen is finishing off the final bits of her project in time for next week's GSA conference.

NYSDEC WETLAND DELINEATIONS

Project groundwork laid out. Mark will organize the data and when he has it laid out we will start to make the required changes. Gayla will call Mark next week.

WATER GAUGE STATION PROJECT

Joe has been slack about ordering the CD-ROM but promises to do so by the next meeting.

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

The display is going up today! We are still preparing for the presentation. Gayla and Joe will be docents in "Our Weakening Web" every Thursday afternoon for the month of March.

UNITED WAY

We are all going with Joe next Wednesday morning so that we can be introduced to the work being done at the United Way. There is a lot of data manipulation and geocoding which needs to be done. Three people from the United Way are being trained in ArcView next week. The plotter is up and running. We will take ink and a roll of paper so that we can have free access to the plotter.

DEP SOIL MAP DIGITIZING

Still waiting to test the quality of the soils data found out-of-town.

SOUTHERN TIER EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM

Scott contacted Allegany, Wyoming, Yates, and Ontario counties to get ewp sites. Yates and Ontario responded by sending maps with the ewp sites marked. Fred Sinclair called on Wednesday saying requesting a map of all Allegany sites on a map by Friday.

GOVERNANCE PROJECT

We need to call Kate Foster to establish a data sharing link with the Univ. of Buffalo.

METADATA

Keep working to make digital metadata files for all of our coverages. The metadata files are located in AmiPro on PC-2.

EXPORTING DATA

This is a new place to record progress on efforts to export data.

POTENTIAL VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

AERIAL PHOTO PROJECT

MISCELLANEOUS

Mike Gangemi is digitizing solid waste sites. He has completed flood plains for Erie County. We should visit occasionally before he leaves to familiarize ourselves with the DEP.

Wetland Reserve Program sites can be added to the Soil and Water Conservation Reserve program sites.

Chris Kennedy send-off on St. Patrick's Day around 7pm at Breckenridge Brew Pub.

Chris contacted Lou Rozanski about bringing in Earth Team Volunteers from East Aurora High School.

Need to send data to Hamburg.

AMERICORPS MEETING MINUTES

Date: 3/21/96

Presiding: Scott

Minutes: Lisa

Present: Chris, Gayla, Joe, Scott, Lisa, Jeff, John

WHERE WE'RE GOING

Mon. 3/25	AmeriCorps Video Satellite Conference, 11am-noon
Wed. 3/27	NFTC Bicycle Subcommittee Meeting, 4:30pm
Thurs. 3/28	Career Fair (and FREE dinner) ECC North 5:30pm
Wed. 4/17	Buffalo Assoc. of Prof Geologists Strawberry Island 6pm
Sat. 4/20	Garden Information Day 9:30am-4pm
Tues. 4/23	BMS Presentation National Day of Service
May	SNI Eagle Nest Location Project

Also- March 27-April 3 Lisa will be in Florida.

March 27-March 31 Chris will be in Virginia Beach

April 7-April 15 Scott will be in California

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Three more quads digitized at Buff State. At this pace, Erie County should

be completed by the end of the week

Three additional gas wells located and measured with GPS

Provided City of Tonawanda with hardcopy parcel map for Tonawanda Harbor

Canal Restoration

Began digitizing work with Town of Amherst

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Joe will add Councilmatic Districts and plans to have the map completed by the end of the week. The MERGE strategy did not yield optimal results.

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS GAS WELL PROJECT

Three additional gas wells measured Monday and Tuesday. Gayla searched for four others.

The gas well search will take place on all three SNI reservations.

Gayla plans to well hunt with Leif 2-3x/week when the weather clears.

1:24000 WATERWAY PROJECT

Digitizing efforts were increased this week- Five more quads digitized. Three are left to complete Erie County.

We need to identify quads outside of Erie County that need to be digitized.

BATHYMETRIC DATA

Poster session at the Geological Society of America, Northeast Conference, is today.

AmeriCorps involvement with the project is complete.

STRAWBERRY ISLAND

Poster session at the Geological Society of America, Northeast Conference, is today.

AmeriCorps involvement with the project is complete.

NYSDEC WETLAND DELINEATIONS

Mark called this week needing info on Niagara County quads. When he has data organized we will begin to make required changes.

WATER GAUGE STATION PROJECT

Joe stuck by his word and yrafted a letter to order the CD-ROM this week.

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Display is up! Additions or changes can be made as necessary. Priority now is to work on the April 23rd presentation.

UNITED WAY

The Wednesday meeting didn't happen. We should reschedule so all of us are familiar with work being done at United Way.

Three United Way employees completed training in ArcView this week.

United Way has the data dictionary for Census Data.

Joe created a map for the Westside Demo Project displaying service and support organizations and should make us a copy of the map.

DEP SOIL MAP DIGITIZNG

DEP received data from EPA- its incomplete. Spencer is now having Mike do the soil digitizing.

SOUTHERNTIER EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM

Map of Allegany County was sent to Fred Sinclair. Maps of Yates, Wyoming, and Ontario Counties have not been completed.

John will be working in the Southern Tier a couple days/week for the next month supervising ewp work.

METADATA

Needs to be completed! Files are on PC2. We need to create a checklist of data coverages we've written metadata for.

EXPORTING DATA

Problems exporting erie.allbou due to areas of poor digitizing. The coverag
e should be redigitized.

Floodplain data for Erie County was imported onto PC1.

Requests for data from the TOWN OF HAMBURG and the TOWN OF COLLINS need to be filled.

New to the project list-

TOWN OF AMHERST FLOODPLAINS

Chris has started digitizing floodways and floodplains off FIRM maps at the Town of Amherst Computer Services office in ArcInfo.

NO NEW PROGRESS ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS-

GOVERNANCE PROJECT

SENECA NATION OF INDIAN FARM TRACTS

WNY WATERFALL PROJECT

CULTURAL RESOURCES MAP

EARTH TEAM NEWS

Chris Kennedy is leaving for Colorado this week.

Cathy will be at Buff State Monday to work

Matt, a new volunteer started this week.

No word from Bryan Paul.

Potential Volunteer Projects-

AERIAL PHOTO INDEXING

Miscellaneous

PRESS RELEASES- write some!

*Progress on Gas Well Project for Seneca Nation Indian Newspaper

*AmeriCorps use of ArcView, ArcInfo for ESRI's ArcNews

Chris sent a letter and Earth Team info to Lou Rozanski, East Aurora HS
Lisa spent two days at ArcView training- has notes, intro to ArcView
training disks, and CD-ROM.

Mike Gangemi is taking the job offer at Planigraphics in Kentucky.
at the DEP for only the next week or two.

book,

He'll be